



# Trades

Prospectus | Career Guide



**We're here to help you  
get to where you want to be.  
We'll inspire you, increase your  
opportunities and raise  
your ambitions so you're ready  
to take the next step.  
Start here, go anywhere**

**together**

**we are Ayrshire College**



# Why choose College?

Help with first steps towards your career

Change your career

Access further study at University

Start an apprenticeship

Help to start your own business

Study locally

Excellent facilities

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“ Sometimes the smallest step in the right direction ends up being the biggest step of your life. ”

# Build your future at Ayrshire College.

Our campuses offer modern facilities with exciting learning spaces, to help you learn in a way that suits you. There are social spaces on each campus, including refectories and coffee shops, where you can relax and catch up with friends.



**Modern Learning  
Resource Centres**

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**Coffee Shops  
and Refectories**

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**Training  
Restaurants**

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**Training Hair and  
Beauty Salons**

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**Motor Vehicle  
Garage**

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**Gym and  
Multi-Sport Pitches**

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**Horticulture  
Centre**

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**Aeronautical and  
Engineering Centre**

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**Science Labs**

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**Construction and  
Trades Centre**

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**Training Hospital  
Ward**

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**Training Nursery**

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**Recording  
Studio**

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**Photography and  
Broadcasting Studio**

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## Get yourself a Trade!

A good tradesperson is worth their weight in gold.  
Invest in yourself now and you'll have a  
bright future ahead of you.

Find your trade with us.

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# Did you know?

We are recognised as a Centre of Excellence by the Construction Industry Training Board, so there really is no better place for men and women to come and learn a trade.

All our trades staff are highly skilled and experienced, and fully committed to sharing their expertise and knowledge with you. All of our trades courses are delivered in bespoke workshops with industry-standard equipment, and you'll be working on a great variety of projects during your time at college.

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# Why choose Trades?

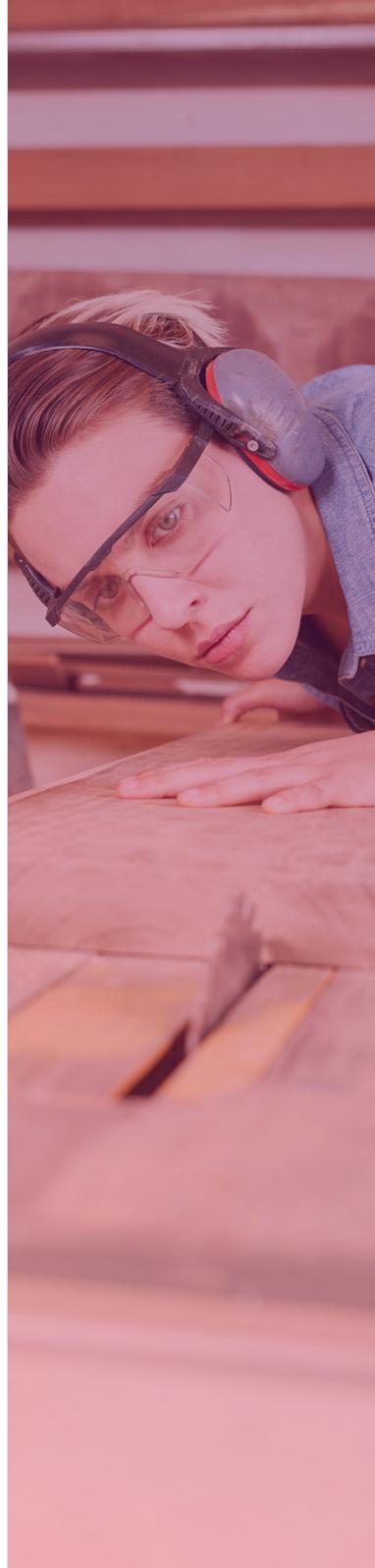
**Earn a decent living.** You'll be earning while you're learning if you get an apprenticeship, and when you're time served you'll see your wage increase significantly. You can set your own hours and pick what jobs you want to do if you become self-employed, which many of our students go on to do.

**Tradespeople are in demand.** The construction industry is facing a skills shortage because of an ageing workforce. Good news for you – this is the best time to learn a trade and reap the rewards.

**You'll always be important.** The skills you learn will never become obsolete – people will always need a qualified bricklayer, joiner or painter. Automation is not likely to have a major impact on job roles in the future.

**“ A construction trade will provide you with the skills and tools to build a meaningful career. The sky is the limit with a trade qualification, you can advance into management positions or even start up a company. We have a board of directors that has three from a trade background and two from a professional background, proof that there is no restriction for talented and ambitious people. ”**

David Smith  
Managing Director, Ashleigh (Scotland) Limited



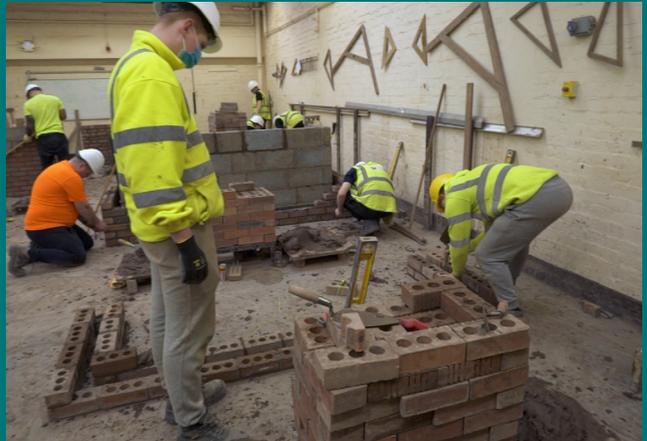
# Careers

- Bricklayer
- Painter and Decorator
- Bench Joiner
- Site Carpenter
- Project Manager
- Trades Supervisor
- Clerk of Works
- Trainee Surveyor
- Dry Liner
- Assistant Site Manager
- Estates Manager
- Bonus Surveyor
- Architectural Technician
- Estimator
- Health and Safety Manager



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For a tradesperson, work can vary in type and size from small jobs such as building a garden wall, hanging a door or decorating a ceiling, to being part of the team constructing a large complex building, such as a school or shopping centre. There's always a new project starting somewhere which needs qualified tradespeople to work on it!



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# What are employers looking for?

Over 2 million people work in the construction industry in the UK with many working in manual crafts or trades. Here are just some skills and qualities the industry is looking for in its new starts.

## Willingness to learn

There is so much to learn when you're working towards a trade. Even when you're fully qualified, you'll be expected to keep up with new techniques and always be looking to improve.

## Good hand skills

You'll be working with your hands throughout your working day. Many people come to college having enjoyed technical subjects at school, but if you don't have good hand skills when you come to college, we'll teach you them.

## High standards

Each project you work on will require your very best efforts. If you do a good job for someone, they'll tell one person. Do a bad job and they'll tell 10. It's important to keep your work at a high standard.

## Reliable

Being able to show up to work on time is an important attribute, especially when you're working a busy diary.

## Flexible

You may be required to work on a range of projects in different locations, at short notice.

## Numeracy

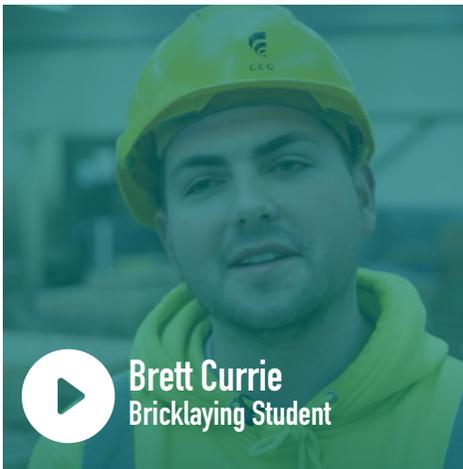
Basic numeracy skills are required to accurately price up jobs, take measurements and understand how much paint or how many bricks to buy, for example.

## Listening skills

In order to do a good job for someone, it's important to listen to what they actually want!

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Enterprising  
Students

# Could you be one of our **Enterprising Students?**



The Ayrshire College Foundation provides funding of grants up to £5,000 for students of Ayrshire College who are interested in developing ideas to start up their own business.

To help us inspire more students to be enterprising, we are working in partnership with Bridge 2 Business to support idea development.

You could join the many students we have supported so far, including former engineering student Greig Allan.

Visit our [Entrepreneurs Blog](#) to learn more.

[Click here  
to visit our  
blog](#)



**“ The knowledge and skills I’m learning on my engineering course help me understand how things work and how to solve problems. This will help me in the manufacturing side of our business. ”**

Former engineering student, Greig Allan

# Start here...

If you'd like to learn a trade, then our courses are a great place to start. If you're unsure which trade is right for you, then get in touch to discuss your options.

Some of our courses require no formal qualifications, while others require three National 4s or relevant Standard Grades at general level. However we may consider you for a place if you don't have any formal qualifications, but have life experience and are really keen. You can progress to a more advanced level of study during your course



## Courses available in:

- Bench Joinery
- Bricklaying
- Painting and Decorating
- Site Carpentry

**Click here**  
to see all  
courses



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# Go anywhere...

There's a clear progression route from SCQF Level 4 courses to Advanced Craft (PDA) in each trade for students who have completed their apprenticeship.

In addition, you could look to learn new skills to become a Construction Manager or go into a technician role through further study at HNC level leading to a degree programme.

Please check with each University for their articulation requirements prior to your UCAS application. Entry is subject to availability of places and meeting entry requirements, other options may also be available.



## Still unsure?

Contact our Student Services team and speak to one of our advisors who will be happy to help you.

You can book an appointment to see the Advisor for your curriculum area either in person, over the phone or by email:

[studentservices@ayrshire.ac.uk](mailto:studentservices@ayrshire.ac.uk)

Tel no. 01294 555 333



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# Go for it!

You're just two steps away from starting your career in Trades...

## Step 1...

**Click here** to see our full list of courses at [www.ayrshire.ac.uk](http://www.ayrshire.ac.uk)

## Step 2...

**Apply online now** or download our Application Guide **here**



Full-time courses start in January and August. Apply as soon as you can because our courses fill up quickly!



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