



Additional information

Vocational training in the international trade field at The Manchester College (UK)

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Vocational Training in International at the Manchester College

This vocational training is designed to complement post-compulsory education and is intended for trainees in or intending to be in careers in the international trade field. Most trainees will be 16 years old or older (in the UK, a minimum age of 18 is required).

On completion of this training there are various possibilities for progression into further education routes via Colleges, Distance Learning programmes and taught courses run by specialist professional Institutes such as the Institute of Export, the Institute of Freight Professionals etc. in addition to more general business studies routes, including university degree programmes.

Generally, any trainee can participate in the programme, subject to an assessment of suitability.

This programme will allow students to develop a number of skills and competences in the field of international trade which will assist entry into careers in importing, exporting, and numerous disciplines in the field of international trade support. Fields are widely ranged and cover areas such as shipping, freight forwarding, and logistics providers, international trade advisors, international specialists in insurance and banking etc.

Having completed the Programme – what happens to students

Most students will undertake vocational work in their preferred field, often undertaking further training and studies to enhance this. European statistics suggest that around 60% of trainees remain in their chosen field having completed vocational training. The figure for female trainees is consistently higher than this average.

Qualifications or experience needed to do this programme

Generally, there are few restrictions, but candidates should have at least level 2 qualifications (GCSE or equivalent) and level 3 is preferable (A level or equivalent).

Attendance and Duration

The programme length is 3 years long. In UK it will be possible to reduce this to 2 years, subject to assessment on an individual basis taking into account age, education and experience.

Course length is normally 1 day per week in college for the learning activities and the programme runs throughout the academic year (September to June) for 32 weeks. Candidates will also be employed overseas in internships for approximately 8 weeks per year developing a portfolio of competence achievement. During internships,



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candidates will be employed at a sponsoring company for 4 days per week, with 1 day per week attendance in a partner college.

Cost of programme

The programme is free. Trainees on overseas placements will have flights and accommodation provided for them, and will receive an allowance for living expenses. Expenses beyond the allowance limits have to be funded by the trainees themselves.

Application to the Programme

Apply online

You can apply for a course using our course finder.

Once you've decided which course is for you, it's best to apply as soon as you can. If you leave it until close to the start date there may be a waiting list for places.

Initial assessment

We'll ask you to take two short tests on a computer to find out your level of English and maths. Depending on which course you apply for, we may also ask you to take an ICT test.

Initial assessment is nothing to worry about. It helps us plan the best support for you

Useful Web addresses

- www.themanchestercollege.ac.uk/coursefinder
- www.themanchestercollege.ac.uk/contact/enquiry