



Business Skills. SORTED:

Welcome

Welcome to this edition of the **Business Skills. SORTED!** directory.

The organisation producing this directory are the Dorset and Somerset Training Provider Network (DSTPN), a not-for-profit company limited by guarantee with a membership consisting of members who are training organisations, colleges, employers, and stakeholder bodies delivering skills and education solutions to young people and adults who are over 16 years old.

These organisations can work with you as a business to explore and grow your talent pool and business sustainability through skills development, education and training

I hope you find the directory useful.



Rod Davis
Managing Director
DSTPN

The Directory aims to:

To offer guidance to Businesses on the skills development, education and training routes available to you, your business and your staff.

Provide information and demystify what training opportunities are available to you and your business.

Provide your business with information and contact details on the organisations who manage and deliver them.



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Qualification Levels Explained

Levels are used to determine the complexity of the skills educational training pathway. Here is a quick guide on skill levels and equivalent theoretical learning and vocational learning pathways.

Level	Qualification / educational route							
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6		Bachelor	Degree apprenticeship / NVQ 6, 7					
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4				Higher National Certificate (HNC)				
3	A Levels	International Baccalaureate	T Levels	BTEC diploma BTEC certificate	Advanced apprenticeship / NVQ 3			
2	GCSE Grades 4-9 (C, B, A or A*)			BTEC first diploma	Intermediate apprenticeship / NVQ 2			
1	GCSE Grades 1-3 (D, E, F or G)			Foundation diploma / entry level qualifications	NVQ 1			
	Acaden	nic route	Vo	cational route	Applied / work route			



Skills Options

The options shared in this directory will provide information to help employers understand the routes young people can use to enter their business sector.



There are a variety of progression pathways that an individual can take to progress their career aspirations with you. Different pathways suit different people because of their location, content or learning style.

An example of this, is you may wish to upskill staff through a short Skills Bootcamps, where they learn skills to take on additional responsibilities, or you may wish them to do a much longer degree apprenticeship.

This is just one example.

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Foundation Apprenticeships

NEW!

Foundation apprenticeships are entry-level, employed positions that offer a blend of practical workplace experience and focused off-the-job training. Unlike traditional apprenticeships that focus on a specific occupational specialism, foundation apprenticeships offer a wider perspective on a field

Benefits for your business

 Introduction of new talent and idea to your business through recruiting new staff

• Training to meet your business needs

 Increased staff loyalty and motivation

Cost

You must pay at least the apprentice minimum wage and you may need to contribute to training costs depending on the size of your business

Time

Duration is currently 8 months but can be extended.

- Access new talent
- ✓ Shape your future workforce
- Streamlined recruitment
- Financial incentives

- ✓ Cost-effective training
- Address skills gaps
- Increased flexibility

Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships are available to anyone over the age of 16 (meeting eligibility criteria). They combine on the job training with study to provide the knowledge, skills and behaviours required to fulfil the job role. You can offer an apprenticeship opportunity to new or existing staff. They are available from Level 2 up to degree level and can be undertaken in a range of business sectors.

Benefits for your business

- Introduction of new talent and ideas to your business through recruiting new staff and upskilling existing staff
- Training to meet your business needs
- Increased staff loyalty and motivation

Cost

You must pay at least the apprentice minimum wage and you may need to contribute to training costs

Time

Duration can vary between 8 months and 5 years

- Reduced staff turnover
- Upskill your existing staff
- Improved productivity
- Improved staff loyalty
- Funded training

- √ 700+ Apprenticeship standards
- **✓** Enhanced business reputation
- Creating own talent pipeline
- Business incentives for taking on young apprentices



Supported Apprenticeships

The same as an apprenticeship, with added support given to the apprentice and you by your training provider if there are additional special needs required by the apprentice. This may include education or ability needs. They are available from Level 2 up to degree level and can be undertaken in a range of business sectors.

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- Introduction of new talent and ideas to your business through recruiting new staff
- Training to meet your business needs
- Increased staff loyalty and motivation

Cost

You must pay at least the apprentice minimum wage and you may need to contribute to training costs

Time

Duration can vary between 12 months and 5 years

- Reduced staff turnover
- Upskill your existing staff
- Improved productivity
- Improved staff loyalty
- Funded training

- √ 700+ Apprenticeship standards
- Enhanced business reputation
- Creating own talent pipeline
- Business incentives for taking on young apprentices

Supported Internships

Supported internships combine studying with a work placement. They are available for young people, aged 16 to 24, with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), who have an education health and care (EHC) plan.

Benefits for your business

If you host a work placement, you can:

- Shape a job role for the needs of your business and the supported inter.n
- Save on recruitment costs and improve recruitment prospects.
- Hiring your intern at the end of the programme increases your confidence of employing individuals with additional needs and diversifies your workforce.

Cost

A supported internship is a free government scheme, but you may have your own business costs, for example time spent training.

Time

A work placement can range from 6 to 12 months.

- Enhanced staff diversity
- Corporate social responsibility
- Motivates whole workforce
- Raises awareness of peoples' true abilities
- Giving opportunities to those who would normally struggle
- Reliable and dependable
- Strong friendships formed
- Cements a team



Continuous Professional Development Courses

CPD Short for Continuous Professional Development Course. They can either be nationally recognised qualifications or bespoke courses designed and tailored to your business need. These are, in the main, funded by you the employer.

Benefits for your business

You decide which courses your people need and can work closely with your training provider to get the course and content you want.

Cost

The cost of courses varies and is agreed between you and the Training Provider.

Time

Course durations can vary widely depending on what you have commissioned your Training Provider to deliver.

- Delivered when you want
- Delivered how you want
- ✓ You can drive the course content
- Bespoke to your business
- Improved staff efficiency

- ✓ Good staff interaction
- Reduced staff turnover
- Improved job skills
- Promotes your business learning culture

T Levels

Short for Technical Levels, T-Levels are for learners aged 16 to 19 in England who have finished their GCSEs. T-Levels combine classroom learning with an industry placement.

Benefits for your business

If you host an industry placement, you can:

- Build a talent pipeline for junior positions, apprenticeships and internships.
- Give your existing staff the opportunity to gain management and mentoring skills.
- Train a young person with the skills your business needs.

Cost

This is a free government scheme, but you may have costs depending on the industry placement you host. Some costs may be reimbursed through the employer support fund.

Time

Every T Level student must complete an industry placement that lasts a minimum of 315 hours. You can work with another employer to host industry placements.

- Getting young people work ready
- 24 different courses available
- Level 2 Maths and English
- ✓ 80% study, 20% work
- Alternative to A-Levels

- 1T-Level is equivalent to 3 A-Levels
- Designed by employers
- 45 day industry placement
- ✓ Progression into work

Free Courses & Training

There are a range of free courses available, including:

- Essential digital skills (up to and including level 1)
- English and/or maths (up to and including level 2)
- English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) (up to, and including level 2)
- Level 3 courses for jobs, ranging from engineering to health and social care

Benefits for your business

By offering your staff free courses or additional free training, you can:

- Promote learning culture and upskill your employees in their current role or support them to progress into higher skilled roles.
- Improve numeracy, language and digital skills in the workplace.
- Increase productivity and workforce development

Cost

Essential digital skills (up to and including level 1) and English and/or maths (up to and including level 2) is fully government funded and there is no cost for you.

ESOL or Level 3 courses can be fully or co-funded by the provider or the learner.

There is no expectation for you to pay towards

ESOL or Level 3 courses qualifications for your employees. However, you can voluntarily choose to pay towards them.

Time

The duration can vary depending on the course subject, level or type.

- ✓ Job ready people
- English & Maths prepared
- Eager to do well
- Previous skills and experience
- Cost effective recruitment of new staff
- + Business Reputation



Skills Bootcamps

Skills Bootcamps are flexible training courses for adults aged 19 or over, and are available in a range of sectors such as digital, engineering or green skills. They can help you upskill your existing workforce or recruit new talent. Skills Bootcamps are developed and delivered in partnership with your business and can be offered full or part-time.

Benefits for your business

- Quickly recruit and upskill existing staff with the right knowledge, skills and behaviours.
- Reduced costs associated with traditional recruitment processes.
- Boost productivity with motivated attendees who can introduce fresh ideas and perspectives to your business.

Cost

You can recruit potential new staff at no cost to your business. If you are training your existing staff, you will need to make a training cost contribution of 10% or 30%, depending on your business size.

Time

Skills Bootcamps can last up to 16 weeks

- Create your own talent pipeline
- ✓ Have your say in the course design
- ✓ Level 3 training
- Flexible delivery options

- ✓ 60 hours 16 weeks
- Recruitment tool
- Upskill existing staff
- √ 70 90% co-funded

Multiply (Maths Courses)

Multiply is a free maths course available for your staff who are aged 19 and over. It is available from pre-entrylevel to Level 2 (GCSE equivalent) and is delivered by local Multiply providers.

Benefits for your business

Multiply courses can:

- Increase employee confidence with numbers and help them address their numeracy skills.
- Reduce numeracy related mistakes at work, boost productivity, increase profits and improve employee retention.
- Motivate employees to pursue different forms of training that may benefit the business in the future.

Cost

Free through government funding.

Time

Courses range from hourly sessions to full certification programs. They can be delivered flexibly in person, online, in the workplace, in the evening, part time or intensively.

- Maths qualifications
- Improve workforce skills
- Increase chances of staff retention
- Internal staff promotions
- 19+ year-olds

Sector-based Work Academy Programme (SWAP)

A sector-based work academy programme (SWAP) offers jobseekers the opportunity to train and work with your business. You can offer a SWAP to individuals 16 and over who are claiming benefits. The programme includes pre-employment training, a short work placement, and a job interview or help with the application

Benefits for your business

If you offer a SWAP, you can:

- Recruit staff with the right skills.
- Meet immediate and future recruitment needs.
- Access a large pool of candidates.

Cost

process.

Free through government funding, but you may have business costs, such as time spent training.

Time

A SWAP can last up to 6 weeks.

- Practical aptitude
- Progress to Apprenticeship
- Have real time experience
- Meet your recruitment needs
- ✓ Have sector skills & knowledge
- Meet the skills needs of your business

Higher Technical Qualifications

Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs) are high-quality and job focused level 4 and level 5 qualifications, such as Foundation Degrees, Higher National Certificates and Higher National Diplomas that have been tested against standards

Benefits for your business

By offering a HTQ to your existing employees, you can:

- Support your employees to upskill, retrain and improve their skills.
- Create an environment that promotes learning and development.
- Make your business more competitive

You can also recruit specialist and skilled individuals that already have HTQs.

Cost

HTQs are eligible for the same student finance offer as a degree, but you can choose to pay for HTQs for your current employees.

Time

Range from 1 to 2 years full-time study, with part-time and distance learning options also available. Most HTQs do not require a work placement except when this is mandated by the professional and statutory regulatory requirement.

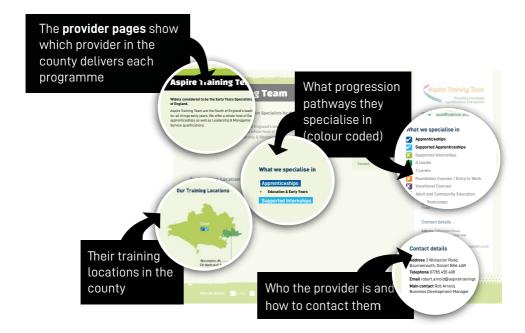


Look out for the HTQ logo or banner which will always show on approved qualifications

- Upskill existing workforce
- ✓ Gain practical experience
- 1 year to 2 years
- Full-time or part-time
- ✓ Level 4 and 5 qualifications
- Make your business more competitive

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How to use this directory



Please be aware that listing all of the Apprenticeships or courses available is not possible in this directory, there are so many of them.

The titles used in the provider pages offeran idea of the sector areas supported,

For example: Health and Science includes all Health-related Apprenticeships including Health & Social Care, Nursing, Midwife, Pharmacist, Clinical Assistant and many more.

Contact the provider or college for more information

Apprenticeship Provider and Apprenticeships information

The information provided is a general overview of apprenticeships offered. Not all have been included in this grid. Full lists will be on the providers' pages.	Agricultural, Environmental & Animal Care	Business & Administration	Care Services	Catering & Hospitality	Construction	Creative & Design
Be Astute			~			
Bournemouth University		•	~			
HIT Training		•	~	~		
Health Sciences University	•					
Lynwood School of Veterinary Nursing	~					
Paragon Skills		•	~			
Professional Apprenticeships		•				~
Shoots Training		•				
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t2 group			•			
Train4All Construction & Engineering Academy					~	
UCS College Group	~	~	~	~	~	~
Weston College	~	~	~	~	~	~
Yeovil College		~	~	~	~	~

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Provider by Location

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Be Astute

At Be Astute, we combine sector expertise with a supportive, learner-focused approach. Our programmes are delivered by experienced practitioners who bring real-world insight, ensuring learning is relevant and practical.

We offer flexible, blended delivery, one-to-one guidance, and strong employer engagement—helping learners gain skills, confidence, and professional credibility to excel in their roles and make real impact.

Why train with us

Be Astute specialises in training for the domestic abuse support sector.

Our programmes are led by experienced practitioners with deep knowledge of the challenges, best practice, and legislation shaping the field. We combine this expertise with flexible, blended delivery and personalised support—ensuring learners gain the practical skills, confidence, and professional credibility to excel in their roles and deliver lasting impact.

What we specialise in

Apprenticeships

Domestic Abuse Support Worker









What we specialise in

- Foundation Apprenticeships
- Apprenticeships
- Supported Apprenticeships
- Internships
- Supported Internships
- Continuous Professional Development Courses
- X T Levels
- Free Courses & Training
- X Skills Bootcamps
- Multiply (Maths Courses)
- Sector-based Work Academy Programme (SWAP)
- Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQ's)

Our training locations

Sedgemoor Mendip Somerset West & Taunton South Somerset

Contact details

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Main contact Julia Stock,

Director



Bournemouth University

Bournemouth University, ranking in the top 100 of the THE World Young University Rankings 2024, prepares graduates for success.

Strong industry connections ensure our degree apprenticeships meet employer needs and develop highly skilled professionals.

Apprentices benefit from a blend of academic study and real-world experience, helping them apply learning in professional settings. With expertise in health and allied professions, science and technology, media and creative industries, finance, business, and management, our collaboration with key regional employers provides valuable industry experience.

Why train with us

We aim to be the region's degree apprenticeship provider of choice. strengthening the regional workforce to meet their challenges.

We deliver apprenticeships in a range of sectors to meet employer need and are rated Outstanding by Ofsted for our apprenticeship delivery. All staff delivering on the apprenticeships are experts in their fields and apprentices are trained in a high quality and up to date learning environment. In our 2025 employer survey, 100% of the employers we work with would recommend us to other apprenticeship employers.

We also deliver excellent apprenticeship outcomes (100% achievement rate at end point assessment).

What we specialise in

Apprenticeships

- **Business & Administration**
- Care Services
- Digital
- **Engineering & Manufacturing**
- **Health & Science**
- Legal, Finance & Accounting

Continuous Professional **Development Courses**

Skills Bootcamps









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Our training locations

Bournemouth

(We accept apprentices from - Sedgemoor, Mendip, Somerset West, Taunton & South Somerset)

Contact details

Address Bournemouth University Talbot Campus, Fern Barrow Poole BH12 5BB

Telephone 01202 961916

Email Business@bournemouth.ac.uk

Main contact Professor Philip Sewell, Head of Apprenticeships



Discovery



We deliver Access to Work guidance, recruitment support, CPD-accredited disability and neurodiversity training, and CPD-accredited Job Coach training at a special rate for our partners

Why train with us

Discovery has 20 years of experience in supported employment.

We have a diverse team of trainers who are experts with lived experience. We work with national and SME employers to match motivated candidates, deliver workplace job coaching, and upskill staff through our CPD-accredited Disability & Neurodiversity and Job Coach training.

Partnering with us helps businesses build diverse, confident teams and improve retention. CPD-accredited and BASE SEQF-accredited, with a strong track record of supporting inclusive recruitment.

What we specialise in

Supported Apprenticeships

Supported Internships

Continuous Professional Development Courses

Free Courses & Training



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Our training locations

Sedgemoor Mendip Somerset West & Taunton South Somerset

Contact details

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Supported Employment Training Manager



Dorset County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

Dorset County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (DCH) is a vital part of the healthcare system in Dorset, providing high-quality acute hospital services to a population of over 250,000 people. Located in the heart of Dorchester, DCH is known for its strong community focus, excellent patient care, and commitment to innovation and education.

As a large employer in the region, the hospital plays a central role in developing the local health and care workforce.

Mentorship and Support: Learners are supported by experienced NHS professionals who provide guidance, encouragement, and real-world insight.

We are committed to widening participation, offering tailored support and flexible options to ensure everyone has the opportunity to succeed.

Our programmes are co-designed with NHS departments and local partners, ensuring training is relevant, practical, and aligned with real job opportunities.

Why train with us

Dorset County Hospital (DCH) offers a unique and enriching environment for Skills Bootcamps participants. combining high-quality training with real-world healthcare experience. Here's why DCH stands out:

Hands-On Learning in a Live NHS Setting

Gain practical skills in a dynamic hospital environment, working alongside experienced professionals who are passionate about patient care and innovation.

Supportive and Inclusive Culture

DCH is committed to widening participation and fostering a diverse workforce. Trainees are welcomed. into a culture that values growth. inclusion, and wellbeing.

Pathways to Employment

Skills Bootcamps graduates will benefit from clear progression routes into NHS roles, with opportunities to transition into direct employment.







Expert-Led Training

Learn from skilled clinicians, educators, and support staff who bring a wealth of knowledge and a commitment to mentoring the next generation of healthcare professionals.

Community Impact

Be part of a hospital that plays a vital role in the local community, offering care, support, and inspiration to people across Dorset.

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Skills Bootcamps

Health & Social Care



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Our training locations

Sedgemoor Mendip Somerset West & Taunton South Somerset

Contact details

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Email widening.participation@dchft.nhs.uk

Main contact Tom Gordon, Widening Participation Lead



Health Sciences University

Health Sciences University is a specialist institution delivering high-quality education, research, and clinical services across allied health professions.

Our unique model integrates multidisciplinary clinical practice with education and research, benefiting students and patients alike. As a trusted system partner, we collaborate across the Integrated Care System to grow and develop the health workforce.

Why train with us

Health Sciences University has a strong reputation for excellence in health sciences education.

Students benefit from state-of-the-art facilities, on-site clinical training, and a supportive learning environment.

With access to advanced diagnostic tools and purpose-built clinics, they gain hands-on experience.

We work closely with NHS England regional partners, professional bodies, NHS trusts, primary care networks, local authorities, and the Private. Voluntary and Independent (PVI) sector.

Be part of a vibrant community made up exclusively of Health Sciences students-immersed, focused, and surrounded by peers who share your passion.

What we specialise in

Apprenticeships

Health & Science



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Our training locations

Sedgemoor Mendip Somerset West & Taunton South Somerset

Contact details

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Main contact Dr Claire Nadaf, Head of Engagement and Partnerships



HIT Training

HIT Training Ltd, a national provider of apprenticeships and vocational training. Across our three specialist training divisions our expert trainers offer professional training ranging from levels 2 to 7, ensuring that everyone can better themselves and their careers through learning.

With a proven track record, we deliver quality people-led training, enabling frontline staff, managers, leaders, and business owners to reach their full potential. Our teams offer personalised support, expert advice, creativity, and passion throughout the learning journey.

We offer a blended delivery model of face to face and online learning, and some programmes also provide innovative cutting edge workshops

HIT Training - A leading provider in hospitality, catering and retail Connect2Care - Experts in adult care, healthcare, early years and funeral services Executive Development Network - Specialists in Management, Leadership and **Business Services**

Why train with us

ll trainers at HIT training have come from a proven industry background and are passionate about giving back.

Our business ethos revolves around people and their growth.

We are dedicated to transforming lives, shaping futures, and creating better income opportunities for our employees, employer partners and learners alike.

Our moral purpose lies in helping everyone we work with to grow and develop, empowering them to reach their full potential in their careers and lives. At HIT, we prioritise environmental sustainability to preserve the planet's future.

We embed these principles in our curriculum and business operations. instilling learners with responsible practices and fostering a culture of environmental stewardship among our staff.





This approach ensures that we play an active role in safeguarding the well-being and opportunities for the next generation.

We are a multiple award-winning organisation including British Training Awards, Apprenticeship Training Provider of the Year 2024 & 2025 Excellence in English & Maths Skills Development 2025 as well as being OFSTED Grade 2 over multiple inspections.

What we specialise in

Foundation Apprenticeships

Health & Social Care

Apprenticeships

- Business & Administration
- Care Services
- Catering & Hospitality
- Education & Childcare
- Funeral Care



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Contact details

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Main contact Esther Bulmer, Area Manager



Lynwood School of **Veterinary Nursing**



Lynwood School of Veterinary Nursing is an independent provider that provides high quality L2 & L3 apprenticeships in Veterinary Nursing & Animal Care. Graded Good by Ofsted we achieve high passes in all courses, exceeding national standards. LSVN trains and supports veterinary nurses, animal care assistants and training practices. We offer personalised, individualised teaching via face to face, distance & blended learning and have been training veterinary nurses since 1996

Our team of qualified tutors are either Registered Veterinary Nurses or Veterinary Surgeons with years of clinical experience. We deliver all our face to face theoretical and practical teaching at our centre located in Higher Bockhampton near Dorchester. LSVN supports students from Dorset, Hampshire, Wiltshire, Somerset, Bristol and Devon and nationally through distance learning courses at Level 2.

Why train with us

Our aim is to deliver outstanding veterinary nursing and animal care training that inspires our learners to reach both their career and personal aspirations.

We believe in empowering student veterinary nurses and nursing assistants to reach their full potential and equipping them with the foundation to have a progressive, successful and rewarding career.

Through a commitment to education. mentorship, and lifelong learning, we aim to elevate standards of patient care by fostering excellence in veterinary nursing and animal care education.

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Health & Science

Continuous Professional **Development Courses**

Skills Bootcamps

Advanced Veterinary Care Assistant Skills Bootcamps



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- Skills Bootcamps
- Multiply (Maths Courses)
- Sector-based Work Academy Programme (SWAP)
- Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQ's)

Our training locations

Somerset West & Taunton South Somerset

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MM Services for Education (MMSE)



MMSE are specialists in SEND training, education and support. We help to engage students with additional educational needs by supplying bespoke support and/or training, augmenting and underpinning work experience or placements, and provide specialist advice.

We also train and educate businesses and organisations on how to support employees with learning disabilities, advise what help is available and put in place training on how to navigate support schemes and funding choices.

Why train with us

We work with local authorities, colleges, iob centres and employers to advocate for those who are the hardest to reach. or furthest from employment.

We specialise in supporting learning difficulties and neurodiversity across all sectors but our learning provision also focuses on the creative arts.

What we specialise in

Supported Apprenticeships

Supported Internships

Continuous Professional **Development Courses**

Skills Bootcamps







- Foundation Apprenticeships
- **X** Apprenticeships
- Supported Apprenticeships
- Internships
- Supported Internships
- Continuous Professional Development Courses
- X T Levels
- Free Courses & Training
- Skills Bootcamps
- Multiply (Maths Courses)
- Sector-based Work Academy Programme (SWAP)
- Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQ's)

Our training locations

Sedgemoor Mendip Somerset West & Taunton South Somerset

Contact details

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Paragon Skills

Paragon Skills is an award winning, Ofsted-rated 'Good' national apprenticeship provider specialising in adult care. We deliver high quality, flexible apprenticeships from Level 2 to Level 5, supporting roles such as Care Workers, Lead Practitioners and Managers.

Why train with us

Paragon Skills is an Ofsted-rated 'Good' provider, Rated 'Excellent' on Trustpilot with a 4.9/5 rating. We specialise in adult care apprenticeships from Level 2 to 5, offering flexible, high-quality training that fits around your business.

Our expert tutors provide one-to-one support, and our Elevate courses help build confidence, digital skills and knowledge.

With longstanding and successful sector links, we prepare your staff for a rewarding, long-term career in care.

What we specialise in

Apprenticeships

- **Business & Administration**
- **Care Services**





- Foundation Apprenticeships
- Apprenticeships
- Supported Apprenticeships
- Internships
- Supported Internships
- Continuous Professional Development
- X T Levels
- Free Courses & Training
- X Skills Bootcamps
- Multiply (Maths Courses)
- Sector-based Work Academy Programme (SWAP)
- Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQ's)

Our training locations

Sedgemoor Mendip Somerset West & Taunton South Somerset

Contact details

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Professional Apprenticeships

Our apprenticeship experts are trained in matching the course to the person. From Software Development to Marketing to Hairdressing, we have the right fit for you.

We offer high quality, flexible training to suit the needs to a business and apprentice. This can be either face to face, online or blended learning.

We offer:

- School Business Professional
- Teaching Assistant
- Multi-Channel Marketer
- Marketing Executive
- Cyber Security Technician
- Software Development Technician
- Data Analyst
- **Business Administrator**
- **Events Assistant**
- Associate Project Management

- **Customer Service Specialist**
- Team Leader
- Software Developer
- Operations Manager
- Information Communication Technician
- Data Technician
- Customer Service Practitioner
- Content Creator
- Hairdressing Professional
- Advanced and Creative Hair Professional

Why train with us

If you are looking for the very highest level of apprenticeship training and support. you are in the right place. Pro Apprenticeships (Professional Apprenticeships Ltd) has been known for the high level of training and support it offers apprentices and businesses, recognised by our Ofsted Outstanding Provider rating.

We offer hands-on training with learning, practical experience and education.

For applicants, it is a pathway to a career with earnings from day one.

For employers, it is a strategic investment to cultivate a skilled, loyal workforce.

Apprenticeships offer so much more now than they did and here at Pro Apprenticeships, we've packed them full of quality.





Here's just some of the reasons you should choose us as your apprentice-ship provider.

- Multi-award-winning Apprenticeship Provider
- We're an Ofsted Outstanding Provider
- Industry Recognised Skills
- Trusted Professional Standards
- 87% Distinction Rate
- 100% First Time Pass Rate
- Leaders in Safeguarding

What we specialise in

Apprenticeships

- Business & Administration
- Creative & Design
- Digital
- Education & Childcare
- Hair & Beauty
- Sales, Marketing & Procurement

Skills Bootcamps



What we specialise in

- Foundation Apprenticeships
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- Skills Bootcamps
- Multiply (Maths Courses)
- Sector-based Work Academy Programme (SWAP)
- Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQ's)

Our training locations

Sedgemoor Mendip Somerset West & Taunton South Somerset

Contact details

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Shoots Training

We offer a whole host of Business Skills Courses including Business Administration, Customer Service and Leadership in management.

We are flexible in our approach whilst we can deliver these across any business sector we are also able to adapt to fit the needs of your early years setting as well.

Why train with us

Shoots Training are registered OFSTED Good and are Matrix accredited.

We have recently won a 'Sustainability in Apprenticeships Award' and are B Corp Certified.

Shoots Training have over 30 years experience of delivering apprenticeships across various sectors and have trainers available to deliver Business Skills Apprenticeships across the whole country.

What we specialise in

Apprenticeships

- **Business & Administration**
- **Education & Childcare**

Skills Bootcamps





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- Multiply (Maths Courses)
- Sector-based Work Academy Programme (SWAP)
- Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQ's)

Our training locations

Sedgemoor Mendip Somerset West & Taunton South Somerset

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South West Association of Training Providers Ltd (Swatpro)

At Swatpro we offer high-quality education, teaching and information, advice, and guidance (CEIAG) to students, adults, businesses, and communities.

Our services create opportunities for employment and skill development through apprenticeships. Bootcamps and adult education programs.

As a not-for-profit and Ofsted-rated GOOD training provider, we are committed to delivering high-quality education, training and support.

Our focus is on helping each individual achieve their personal goals. With a wide range of subjects and qualifications, we offer tailored opportunities to meet your learning needs.

Why train with us

At Swatpro, we help businesses develop skilled, confident teams through high-quality, flexible training.

As an Ofsted-rated GOOD provider with Matrix Standard Accreditation. we deliver programmes that combine industry relevance, practical skills, and measurable impact.

Our training spans Business Management, Construction, Hospitality, Health & Social Care. Early Years Education, and Live Arts & Events. From team leadership to childcare and chef training, each programme is designed to meet sector standards and equip learners with workplace-ready skills.

We work with both levy and non-levy employers to create apprenticeship solutions aligned with your strategic goals and operational needs.

Our delivery is flexible, workplacefocused, and tailored - because we know one size doesn't fit all.

Our trainers bring real-world expertise, ensuring learning reflects current practices and regulations.

Whether delivered in the workplace. online, or in person, our programmes are accessible, engaging, and results-driven.





Partner with Swatpro to upskill your workforce, boost performance, and achieve a strong return on investment – while helping your people thrive in their careers.



Foundation Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships

- Business & Administration
- Care Services
- Catering & Hospitality
- Construction
- Creative & Design
- Live Arts & Events

Skills Bootcamps



What we specialise in

- Foundation Apprenticeships
- Apprenticeships
- Supported Apprenticeships
- Internships
- Supported Internships
- Continuous Professional Development Courses
- X T Levels
- Free Courses & Training
- Skills Bootcamps
- Multiply (Maths Courses)
- Sector-based Work Academy Programme (SWAP)
- Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQ's)

Our training locations

Sedgemoor Mendip Somerset West & Taunton South Somerset

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SS&L

At SS&L, we help businesses grow through learning. We're a not-for-profit Community Interest Company working across Somerset and online.

We offer Apprenticeships, Skills Bootcamps, and free* Level 3 qualifications to upskill your workforce, plus 16–19** programmes like Future Ready and Supported Internships to develop future talent. All profits are reinvested into skills and our local economy.

- *Subject to eligibility
- **Up to 24 with an EHCP

Why train with us

We're rated Good by Ofsted and hold the Matrix Standard. We work in partnership with local employers to deliver flexible training that meets real business needs.

Our industry-experienced tutors develop the skills, confidence, and productivity of your people. Whether you're bringing in new talent, upskilling staff, or supporting career changes, we help build a stronger, more capable workforce.

What we specialise in

Apprenticeships

- **Business & Administration**
- **Education & Childcare**

Internships

Supported Internships

Skills Bootcamps



- Foundation Apprenticeships
- Apprenticeships
- Supported Apprenticeships
- Internships
- Supported Internships
- Continuous Professional Development
- X T Levels
- Free Courses & Training
- Skills Bootcamps
- Multiply (Maths Courses)
- Sector-based Work Academy Programme (SWAP)
- Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQ's)

Our training locations

Sedgemoor Mendip Somerset West & Taunton South Somerset

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t2 group

t2 group are a leading UK provider of Apprenticeships in Adult Care and Management.

With over 25 years' experience, we design and deliver programmes that build skills, improve performance, and drive careers forward. Working with employers and learners across Somerset and nationwide, our training is tailored, flexible, and focused on making a measurable difference.

Why train with us

t2 group are rated Good by Ofsted.

With over 25 years' experience, we specialise in Adult Care and Management Apprenticeships, helping learners develop practical skills valued by employers.

Our strong links with care providers and managers mean training is relevant, flexible, and designed to support career progression while improving workplace performance.

What we specialise in

Foundation Apprenticeships

Health & Social Care

Apprenticeships

Care Services







- Foundation Apprenticeships
- Apprenticeships
- **X** Supported Apprenticeships
- Internships
- **Supported Internships**
- Continuous Professional Development Courses
- X T Levels
- Free Courses & Training
- X Skills Bootcamps
- Multiply (Maths Courses)
- Sector-based Work Academy Programme (SWAP)
- Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQ's)

Our training locations

Sedgemoor Mendip Somerset West & Taunton South Somerset

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Train4All Construction & Engineering Academy

A unique private training provider based in Somerton, just off the A303, offering programmes within solely construction and engineering.

Train4All offer apprenticeships in Bricklaying, Property Maintenance, Welding and Metal Fabrication via day and block release, and a full-time paid ECTIB Welding Scholarship is also available with potential to progress onto an apprenticeship.

Training is also available for the nuclear sector including health and safety competency qualifications, skills courses for those leaving the Armed Forces and bespoke training options for local, regional and national employers.

Why train with us

Train4All is a small provider offering employers advice and quidance on how to qualify and grow their workforce. Apprenticeships, Skills Bootcamps and employer-led training programmes offer fantastic development opportunities for new and existing staff.

Through collaborative working, quality training can be delivered to provide employers with a skilled workforce that complies with site requirements for example Health and Safety competency tickets and NVQs. Current projects include qualifying staff and apprentices working with EDF Energy at Hinkley Point C, Cavendish Nuclear, Bylor, Framatome, Enka and many regional employers.

What we specialise in

Apprenticeships

- Construction
- **Engineering & Manufacturing**

Continuous Professional **Development Courses**

Skills Bootcamps







- Foundation Apprenticeships
- Apprenticeships
- Supported Apprenticeships
- Internships
- Supported Internships
- Continuous Professional Development Courses
- X T Levels
- Free Courses & Training
- Skills Bootcamps
- Multiply (Maths Courses)
- Sector-based Work Academy Programme (SWAP)
- Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQ's)

Our training locations

South Somerset

Contact details

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UCS College Group

The formation of UCS College Group marks a pivotal moment for Somerset. We are creating a stronger, united force for education, driven by one vision; to transform the lives and communities through learning and partnerships.

As one of the largest college groups in England, UCS College Group is ideally placed to influence and shape educational and economic policies benefitting Somerset; playing a pivotal role in driving initiatives that deliver inward investment, enhance local infrastructures and ensure educational advancements translate into broad-scale economic benefits.

Each College - Bridgwater, Cannington, Strode and Taunton - along with the award-winning University Centre Somerset, will remain embedded in its local community, ensuring that decisions and delivery remain locally informed and responsive whilst leveraging the group's resources and initiatives.

Why train with us

We envision a future where every learner, regardless of their starting point, has access to world-class education and training that opens doors to meaningful careers and fulfilling lives. Through our collective strength and individual expertise, we will drive economic growth, foster innovation, and create lasting positive impact across Somerset and beyond.

Why partner with us?

Access to a Larger Talent Pool: Benefit from the group's extensive training programmes and talent pools, whilst collaborating with local colleges to tailor training that meets specific local industry needs.

Enhanced Partnership Opportunities: Engage in partnerships with a college group that has a significant track record of influencing national education and skills policies that unlock opportunities to deliver skills locally.

Innovation and Growth: Be part of an ambitious, collaborative network that is at the forefront of advancing regional economic interests. The College Group's proven track record in spearheading major regional initiatives showcases its capacity to pilot and scale cutting-edge projects that adapt seamlessly to local needs, fostering sustainable growth and transformation

What we specialise in

Foundation Apprenticeships

- Construction
- **Engineering**
- Digital
- **Health & Social Care**

Apprenticeships

- Agriculture, Environmental & Animal Care
- **Business & Administration**







- Care Services
- Catering & Hospitality
- Construction
- Creative & Design
- Digital
- Education & Childcare
- Engineering & Manufacturing
- Hair & Beauty
- Health & Science
- Legal, Finance & Accounting
- Protective Services
- Sales, Marketing & Procurement
- Transport and Logistics

Supported Apprenticeships

Internships

Supported Internships

Continuous Professional Development Courses

T Levels

- Agriculture, Environment & Animal Care
- Business & Administration
- Construction
- Creative & Design
- Digital
- Education & Childcare
- Engineering & Manufacturing
- Health & Science
- Legal, Finance & Accounting

Free Courses & Training

Skills Bootcamps

Multiply (Maths Courses)

Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQ's)



What we specialise in

- Foundation Apprenticeships
- Apprenticeships
- Supported Apprenticeships
- Internships
- Supported Internships
- Continuous Professional Development Courses
- **T** Levels
- Free Courses & Training
- Skills Bootcamps
- Multiply (Maths Courses)
- Sector-based Work Academy Programme (SWAP)
- Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQ's)

Our training locations

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Weston College



Our tutor-supported programmes include tailored recruitment pathways; short, intensive training to create job-ready hires, and award-winning apprenticeships from Level 2 to degree level.

Delivered nationwide, our bespoke training ensures the right skills, knowledge, and cultural fit for your business.

Why train with us

Weston College is an award-winning provider passionate about creating brighter futures. We put learners first, with innovative. tailored training to meet your business needs.

From funded and co-funded programmes to bespoke solutions, we help you recruit talent and upskill staff. Our expert team delivers high-quality training aligned with your goals, supporting growth across your workforce.

What we specialise in

Foundation Apprenticeships

- Construction
- Engineering
- Digital
- **Health & Social Care**

Apprenticeships

- Agriculture, Environmental & Animal Care
- **Business & Administration**
- Care Services
- Catering & Hospitality
- Construction
- Creative & Design
- Digital
- **Education & Childcare**
- **Engineering & Manufacturing**
- Hair & Beauty
- **Health & Science**
- Leadership & Project Management
- Legal, Finance & Accounting
- Professional Services
- **Protective Services**
- Sport







Supported Apprenticeships

Internships

Supported Internships

Continuous Professional Development Courses

T Levels

- Agriculture, Environment & Animal Care
- Business & Administration
- Construction
- Creative & Design
- Digital
- Education & Childcare
- Engineering & Manufacturing
- Health & Science
- Legal, Finance & Accounting

Free Courses & Training

Skills Bootcamps

Sector-based Work Academy Programme (SWAP)

Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQ's)

- Mechanical Engineering HNC
- Electical & Electronic Engineering HNC
- Quantity Surveying BT



What we specialise in

- Foundation Apprenticeships
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- Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQ's)

Our training locations

Sedgemoor Mendip Somerset West & Taunton South Somerset

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Yeovil College

Yeovil College partners with 500+ employers, including major regional businesses, to deliver flexible, industry-led training across key sectors.

We offer apprenticeships (Levels 2 to Degree), T-Levels, Skills Bootcamps, CPD, and bespoke workforce development programmes. Training is delivered online, faceto-face, and blended, tailored to meet business needs. We help employers upskill staff, recruit talent, and shape the future workforce with high-impact, cost-effective solutions.

Why train with us

Yeovil College delivers flexible. results-driven training across key sectors including Construction. Engineering, Digital, Health & Social Care, Business, Education, Hospitality, Hair & Beauty, and Creative Industries.

Apprenticeships are a core strength, with around 1,200 apprentices in training and achievement rates well above the national average.

We offer tailored workforce solutions and hold whole-organisation Matrix accreditation for outstanding advice and guidance.

What we specialise in

Apprenticeships

- **Business & Administration**
- Care Services
- Catering & Hospitality
- Construction
- Creative & Design
- Digital
- **Education & Childcare**
- **Engineering & Manufacturing**
- Hair & Beauty
- **Health & Science**
- Legal, Finance & Accounting
- **Transport & Logistics**

Supported Apprenticeships

Supported Internships

Continuous Professional **Development Courses**











- Foundation Apprenticeships
- Apprenticeships
- Supported Apprenticeships
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- Continuous Professional Development
 Courses
- T Levels
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- Multiply (Maths Courses)
- Sector-based Work Academy Programme (SWAP)
- Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQ's)

Our training locations

Sedgemoor Mendip Somerset West & Taunton South Somerset

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 $\textbf{Email} \ employerengagement@yeovil.ac.uk$

Main contact Employer Engagement

T Levels

- Business & Administration
- Construction
- · Creative & Design
- Digital
- Education & Childcare
- Engineering & Manufacturing
- Health & Science

Free Courses & Training

Skills Bootcamps

Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQ's)



The Network for Inspired Learning

Dorset and Somerset Training Providers Network Ltd (DSTPN) is a company limited by guarantee with a membership consisting of fee paying members consisting of independent training providers, colleges, universities, employers and stakeholder bodies working in the post-16 education and training sector.

The network vision is to encourage and support providers to operate in a culture of collaborative working for the benefit of memberorganisations, whilst continually enhancing the experience, learningand achievement of learners and meeting employer and community needs.

If you are interested in obtaining further information about DSTPN, are interested in becoming a member or would like to be included in the 2026/27 edition of the Provider Directory, please contact us:



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Dorset and Somerset Training Provider Network

