



Music Technology

(NCFE Level 2 Technical Award)



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Why study Music Technology?

NCFE Level 2 First Certificate in Music Technology is aimed at students who perform and/or produce music and are looking to further their musical experiences in a variety of ways. It offers the opportunity to gain experience in music production including Studio Recording and Music Sequencing.



What key knowledge, concepts and skills will I learn?

Students will study four compulsory components during the course:

- Unit 1 – Using a Digital Audio Workstation (DAW)
- Unit 2 – Creating Music
- Unit 3 – Sound Recording
- Unit 4 – Sound Creation

Unit 1 – Using a Digital Audio Workstation (DAW)

This unit will allow learners to develop skills in operating a Digital Audio Workstation (DAW) creatively using audio, MIDI, hardware and editing tools. Learners will create a musical project in response to a brief, reflecting industry skills.

Unit 2 – Creating Music

Learners will develop skills to analyse stylistic elements of music and develop a piece of music based on a specific style. Learners will engage in a review of technical and creative processes.

Unit 3 – Sound Recording

Learners will plan and undertake a recording session for a given scenario. Learners will create a mix down of their recording and review the final product.

Unit 4 – Sound Creation

Learners will explore sound creation and apply their knowledge to a given brief. They will create and review their own original sound creation project.

What attitudes and qualities are required to do well?

Although there are no specific recommended prior learning requirements for this qualification, to succeed in Music Technology it is essential that students have had good track record in KS3 Music. Previous experience using music and recording software would be really beneficial as well as good ICT skills. Students must be well organised, work towards strict deadlines and must adopt a “can-do” attitude. It is essential that students have excellent time management skills. They must be able to work independently and as part of a group. They will need to develop their research, written and oral presentation skills and demonstrate their musical skills.

How will I be assessed?

An internally assessed and externally quality assured portfolio of evidence, and externally set and assessed question paper and practical assessment.

What other subjects link into this course?

Other subjects such as ICT and Creative and Digital Media.

What career options are open to me?

- Learning about Music Technology can start to prepare students for a variety of jobs including: road and stage management crew, performers, music producers, studio engineer, music publishers, composers and sound engineers.
- This course prepares students for further qualifications such as NCFE Level 3 Applied General Certificate in Music Technology, BTEC Level 3 Music and A Level Music Technology.



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