

# OCR Level 3 National in ICT



## Entry Requirements

Students must achieve 5 A\* - C grades at GCSE level. (Please note that subjects can only be counted once). National data shows that this course is not suitable for students with an average GCSE points score of less than 39.

## Course description

The OCR Nationals suite of qualifications provides candidates with high quality, industry-relevant qualifications geared to the specific requirements of business and industry. They are vocationally-related qualifications that provide valuable opportunities for individuals to develop skills and gain a range of knowledge and understanding which will support entry into work or progression to further studies through Further Education or Higher Education.

## Learning Style

There is no final examination all units being coursework based.

## Assessment

All units are centre-assessed and externally moderated by OCR. There are no timetabled exams for this qualification; candidates may complete units at a time that suits the centre. The full award and units from this qualification are graded as Pass, Merit or Distinction. OCR does not specify how work should be presented, however it must be suitable for the task and assessment criteria.

### OCR Level 3 Nationals

OCR Level 3 Nationals	Number of units	Number of mandatory units	Guided Learning Hours	Qualifications of same size and level
Certificate	6	4	360	1 A level
Diploma	12	4	720	2 A levels
Extended Diploma	18	4	1080	3 A levels

Currently we are offering the six units over two years.

## Career Opportunities and Pathways

The course aims to develop candidates' knowledge and understanding of the ICT sector and the chosen specialist pathway if selected and the candidates' skills, knowledge and understanding in contexts that are directly relevant to employment situations, thereby enhancing their employability within the ICT sector. In the past, many students who have completed this type of course have gone on to higher education to study courses in Business IT and Administration, Software Design, Architecture, Graphic Design, Forensic Computing, Multimedia products and many more.

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