

Army Work Based Learning - Wiltshire and Somerset Colleges' Partnership

The Colleges' Partnership is a not for profit organisation owned by Wiltshire College and Somerset College of Arts and Technology.

We fulfil a number of major Work Based Learning contracts with the British Army to deliver Apprenticeships, Advanced Apprenticeships and NVQs to:

- The Royal Armoured Corps (Engineering Maintenance, Horse Care)
- The Royal Corps of Signals (Telecommunications)
- The Infantry (Engineering)



Our relationship with the MOD began back in 1998. Today, we have approximately 2,500 soldiers enrolled on Apprenticeship schemes and over 100 staff delivering these programmes throughout the UK and Europe, many of whom have served in HM Armed Forces. These schemes are funded through a national contract between the Army and the Learning and Skills Council, with The Colleges' Partnership being contracted as deliverer.

Our team enrolls young soldiers onto the schemes as they pass through trade training. When the soldiers reach their Regiments / Battalions they are met by a Team Leader who arranges for the soldiers to complete their learning plans, which are negotiated in close conjunction with Army personnel in light of the soldiers' service commitments.

Our current Apprenticeship schemes include:

- Telecommunications
- Engineering Maintenance and Installation (Mechanical)
- Engineering Maintenance and Installation (Electrical)
- Distribution, Warehousing and Storage
- Horse Care
- Advanced Distribution, Warehousing and Storage
- Advanced Telecommunications
- Advanced Horse Care

We also deliver a highly effective All Arms BTEC Level 5 course in Professional Management Studies and we will shortly be announcing the launch of a number of unique Foundation Degrees that enable Leadership and Management studies to complement a range of sector competencies.



There are sections of our website which are aimed at providing both Employers and Learners an insight into how our schemes are delivered and the benefit offered to both.

Our Learning area gives advice and guidance to Learners on the schemes they are enrolled. We provide a Virtual Learning area for Key Skills which enables Learners to access and continue their work without having to be on site. All learning using this method is overseen by a dedicated team of assessors who are there to help and guide Learners through their scheme of work, offering on line diagnostic testing and relevant learning resources derived from this diagnostic.

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