

North Charnwood Diplomas

The Advanced Diploma in Hospitality



Brief Course description

The Advanced Diploma in Hospitality introduces the key themes of Hospitality and Catering. You will learn what Hospitality is all about and examine the different opportunities it has to offer. As well as understanding the theory behind Hospitality you will learn practical skills and develop an ability to solve problems and work as part of a team. The course is relevant to the modern Hospitality industry and will open up a wide range of educational, training and career opportunities. You will also develop your English, Maths and ICT skills to a high standard.

You should consider this course if you would like:

- An alternative to an A Level programme
- A large qualification with a variety of units
- A course with practical and theoretical applications
- A broad understanding of the Hospitality Industry
- A good progression route to higher level courses, including degrees
- A course supported by industry and Higher Education
- A course with good employment prospects
- Experience of Further Education
- A significant amount of work experience



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What will I learn?

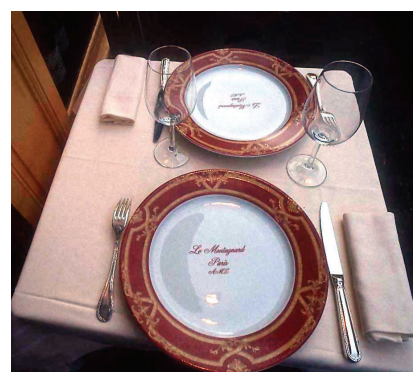
The Advanced Diploma in Hospitality has three main aspects:

Principal Learning – You will study 10 units which cover aspects such as:

- Understanding the Hospitality Industry, including customer service and legislation
- Working effectively as a Hospitality team and managing people
- Understanding business aspects of the Hospitality industry, including financial planning, budgets, sales and marketing
- Managing a food operation, eg a restaurant

Generic Learning – Here you will develop your skills in English, Maths and ICT (Functional skills), you will also develop your personal learning and thinking skills (PLTS) and complete a project which demonstrates your skills and knowledge of the subject, for example, organising a themed event as part of a team.

Additional/or specialist learning – You can choose to study an additional qualification related to Hospitality and Catering, eg., a Food Safety qualification, a Health & Safety qualification, or a Wines & Spirits qualification. You may also be able to undertake an A Level subject.



Where will I learn?

You will study both at school and at Loughborough College. You will also take part in visits to Hotels, Restaurants etc and Universities who offer degrees in Hospitality and Catering. You will be required to take part in a significant amount of work experience, which may include supervisory experience, in the Futures Restaurant and kitchen at Loughborough College and/or with a company who specialises in an aspect of Hospitality relevant to your course.

How will I be taught?

You will have opportunities to experience different styles of learning in different environments and with an emphasis on work related learning. Employers will set challenging projects and exercises that you will be able to complete individually or by working in a team.

How will I be assessed?

Most units will be assessed by your teachers and will be based on your practical, assignment and project work. Employers will also help to assess your work, particularly if they have set a project for you to complete. There will be one or 2 units where you will need to take an external test but the emphasis for the whole course is on continuous assessment by your teachers.

What can I do after this course?

The advanced level diploma is designed to broaden your horizons and give you a wide range of next step options. You may wish to take a Higher National Diploma or Foundation or First Degree course in Hospitality. Alternatively, you may wish to seek employment at supervisory level in the Hospitality and Catering industry within the UK or abroad.

The Hospitality Diploma has been carefully designed to give you relevant transferable skills that will be welcomed by colleges, universities and employers.

What is this course "worth"?

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Entry requirements/skills needed

To be successful on the course, it is recommended you have GCSE's in 5 subjects, including Maths and English, at grade C or above. Of course, successful achievement of the Higher Level Diploma in Hospitality or equivalent qualification will be acceptable.

It is also very important that you have:

- A good attendance and punctuality record
- A good behaviour record
- Good literacy and numeracy skills
- Good team working, communication and research skills
- An aptitude for Hospitality and Customer Care

Employer links?

You will have the opportunity to visit, and/or attend work placement at a number of local employers, including:

Futures Restaurant, Loughborough
Sundial Group, Hotels and Leisure
Holiday Inn, Leicester
The Observatory Restaurant
Stoke City Football Club
Loughborough University