Railway Training Network
Rail (PTS) SWAP Programme

Course Information Sheet



This programme is delivered under the Sector-based Work Academy Programme (SWAP).

This programme has 3 main components:

1. Pre-employment training
    a. Technical skills
    b. Employment skills
2. Employer insight experience
3. A guaranteed job interview

Subject covered as part of pre-employment and technical skills training aspect include:

- Rail Track Safety
- Drug and Alcohol Awareness
- Small Tools

***Candidates must fully complete each element of the programme to qualify for a guaranteed interview.**

Entry criteria	*Good written and spoken English skills are required. The minimum English Language skills equivalent required are:* ▪ *B1 level qualification (Home Office's list of recognised English tests)* ▪ *Functional Skills Level E3-L1 in English and maths* *Students will complete an English, Maths and Digital Skills initial assessment as part of the enrolment and registration process to assess suitability for the programme.* ***We will support students with any English, maths and Digital Skills needs as part of their programme. Available courses include Bridging the Gap programme and Functional Skills for those who would benefit from English, maths or Digital Skills training.***
Course duration and start dates	**Programme duration:** 5 Weeks **Programme start dates:** 16/10/24, 04/12/24
Attendance details	Mon - Thurs: Classroom **Homework and self-study:** Students will need to commit 8-10 hours a week for homework (assignments) and for self-study (reading, research and e-learning). **Attendance special requirements:** In addition to classroom study, you will be offered work experience on a voluntary basis, these opportunities will be offered by industry employers linked to the SWAP programme.
Assessment/exam arrangements	The method of assessment for the qualification is through a portfolio of evidence.
Resources or equipment required for your course	Notebook, ruler, pen, pencil and a device (laptop) for online learning.

	*If you do not have access to a PC or laptop, access to PC or laptop is available at the centre.
Certification and Accreditation details	• OCN Level 1 Award in Skill For Professions In Construction and Engineering
Industry Skills	In addition to the formal qualifications offered on this programme, a range of industry skills and qualifications required or desired by employers are offered to students to enhance their employment success and career prospects. These include: • Drug and Alcohol Awareness • Small Tools • Construction Gateway: Rail Track Safety (leading to PTS certification)
Personal and Professional Development	Students on this programme will benefit from dedicated Personal and Professional Development. These are skills that will enhance student's learning both personally and professionally.
Progression options	**Further learning and courses at LSDN:** ▪ ETCAL Level 2 Certificate in Rail Engineering (Knowledge) ▪ Highfield Level 3 Award in Emergency First Aid at Work ▪ Level 3 NVQ Certificate in Occupational Health & Safety **Further learning and courses outside of LSDN:** ▪ Level 3 Diploma in Railway Engineering Track Maintenance ▪ Level 3 Certificates/Diplomas in Health and Safety, Site Management and/or Supervisory Management ▪ Advanced Rail Engineering Apprenticeships ▪ Foundation Degree/Bachelor's Degree/Master's Degree in Railway Engineering or related subject
Career opportunities	Track maintenance operative, Skilled track operative, Signalling Technician, Protection Master, Traction and Rolling Stock Technician, Skilled and Leading Track Operative, Track Maintenance Supervisor. To find out more: https://www.networkrail.co.uk/careers/ https://www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/job-sectors/transport-and-logistics/road-and-railway-careers
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