



Craft Apprenticeship – 48 month programme

What is a Craft Apprenticeship?

A Craft Apprentice trains to become a highly skilled craftsperson in the nuclear industry. You will be trained as a Mechanical Maintenance Fitter or a combined Electrical/ Instrumentation Craftsperson.

What will I be doing?

You will be training to undertake routine maintenance and fault finding on plant and equipment where you will use hand tools, test equipment and documentation to undertake these maintenance tasks.

You may at times need to wear personal protective equipment, necessary for work in active areas (such as full PVC suiting, gloves and respirators) and work in confined spaces or at heights. Unfortunately we are unable to take individuals on to the electrical/instrumentation apprenticeship who are colour blind due to the electrical safety implications.

What do I need to consider?

This is a four year scheme and for the first year you will learn the basics of hands-on engineering at our off-site training centre. The second year will be spent in the Site Skills Centre on our

site ready programme, where you will further enhance the skills learned in the first year and learn additional technical skills. In your first two years you will also undertake a Level 3 Technical Certificate that will be delivered on a one day per week basis at our off-site training centre.

You will work days for the first two years, and may have the opportunity to work shifts when you move into your on-plant placement in your third and fourth year. It is important that you are a self-starter who is able to manage your own time and work independently, as well as in a team; you will also have a keen interest in learning an engineering trade within the nuclear industry.

As an integral part of your apprenticeship your progress will be monitored and assessed against government standard requirements. You will compile an evidence folder, demonstrating your areas of learning with accredited certificates of completion for elements of your training. Within the last six months of your apprenticeship you will undertake an assessment by an independently appointed organisation, where you will be expected to clearly demonstrate your capability to perform as a Craft apprentice.

Where will my training be delivered?

1st Year – training is delivered at the Energus facility, Lillyhall, Workington.

2nd year – Sellafield Skills Centre at Sellafield and 1 day theory training at Energus facility.

3rd and 4th Years – Site placements at Sellafield, in different operating units throughout the business.

What qualifications will I obtain?

 Level 3 Apprenticeship aligned to the Maintenance & Operations Engineering Technician Standard.

What are the entry requirements?

 Minimum of 3 GCSEs Grade C (Step 4) in Mathematics, English Language & one Science subject (Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Science or similar).

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