



Music

BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate

Awarding Body: Pearson

Course Length: 2 years BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate

Entry Requirements: 32 – 35 Points



This course will cover:

- Professional Practice in the Music Industry
- Ensemble Music Performance
- Practical Music Theory and Harmony
- Music Performance Session Styles

The course focuses on working as part of a musical ensemble to develop skills and techniques in rehearsal and performance, enabling learners to develop knowledge and understanding of music theory and harmony, and apply their understanding in practical scenarios. Learners will explore what it is that makes someone a professional in the music industry and how to put forward a bid.

You will start by performing straight away. Working with peers, you will develop a set of songs, and learn to organise and market your own gigs with the aim of getting your ensemble heard!

You will learn about the variety and stylistic elements of popular music. Discussing and performing these stylistic characteristics is essential to any aspiring musician and will be used on a regular basis. This will include listening to iconic albums and identifying why they were so prolific. You will comment critically on the development of the musical elements, format and technological/production changes, making links between the factors, giving a comprehensive picture of how music has evolved.

Assessment Method:

4 units, of which 3 are mandatory and 2 are external. Mandatory content (83%). External assessment (58%).

Each assessment is taken under specified conditions, then marked by Pearson and a grade awarded. Learners are permitted to resit external assessments during their programme.

Units are assessed using a grading scale of Distinction (D), Merit (M), Pass (P).

This course is ideally suited to...

...learners who wish to develop practical performance skills on their instrument, as well as learning about music industry practices, and key skills needed to succeed as a professional in the sector. Study will include audio and visual recording as well as industry talks, trips and interaction with industry professionals.

The programme gives a broad overview of the sector, with a focus on performance, including musical skills development and professional practice.

What our students say:

"I took music because I played Guitar and wanted to learn more about the wider subject. I have learnt so much and enjoyed it all, from composing to industry practice and performing. The teacher's expertise helped me to dramatically improve on my own instrument"

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