# LEVEL 4 DIPLOMA IN COMPUTING

- **LEVEL 4 DIPLOMA IN COMPUTING**
- **LEVEL 4 DIPLOMA IN COMPUTING (with Business Management)**

**Equivalent**

The **Level 4 Diploma in Computing** is the first year of the NCC Education degree journey. The qualification is equivalent to the first year of a Computing degree qualification in the UK university system.

## OVERVIEW

The **NCC Education Level 4 Diploma in Computing** is an Ofqual regulated qualification. The qualification makes up the first year of the NCC Education degree journey. It offers students two specialist pathways designed to suit each student's preference and support progression into relevant occupational areas or on to further study. Therefore, helping to meet the needs of students, as well as the local skills and training needs.

- **Level 4 Diploma in Computing (L4DC):** equivalent to the first year of an IT degree in the UK university system.
- **Level 4 Diploma in Computing (with Business Management) (L4DC BM):** equivalent to the first year of a Business IT degree qualification in the UK university system.

The qualification will allow students to understand and enter the IT and Business professions with the necessary knowledge expected within the industry and the ability to apply the skills to a range of computing-related functions.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

For each specialist pathway, the entry requirements are as follows

| | Level 4 Diploma in Computing | Level 4 Diploma in Computing (with Business Management) |
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| **Qualifications accepted for entry on to the pathways** | NCC Education Level 3 International Foundation Diploma for Higher Education Studies (L3IFDHES) | |
| | NCC Education Level 3 Diploma in Computing (L3DC) | |
| | NCC Education Level 3 Diploma in Business (L3DB) can progress on to Level 4 Diploma in Computing (with Business Management) | |
| | An international qualification which is deemed to be of a similar level to the NCC Education L3IFDHES This shall be agreed with NCC Education in advance | |
| | One GCE 'A' Level or equivalent, or an appropriate School Leavers' certificate deemed to be of a similar level | |

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If the students' first language is not English, they must also reach the English Language requirements of either:

- International English Language Testing System (IELTS) minimum score of 5.5

  OR

- GCE 'O' Level English C6

Alternatively, students can take the free NCC Education Higher English Placement Test which is administered at MPTC.

Mature applicants will be considered for entry if they are able to demonstrate over two years of relevant work experience;
AND have a GCE 'O' Level / IGCSE English and Maths or equivalent.

## QUALIFICATION STRUCTURE

Students must pass the following five core units in addition to the three indicated for the specific pathways.

| Level 4 Diploma in Computing (L4DC) Pathways | Level 4 Diploma in Computing | Level 4 Diploma in Computing (with Business Management) |
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| **Core Units** | • Skills for Computing<br>• Computer Networks<br>• Computer Systems<br>• Designing and Developing a Website<br>• Databases | |
| **Specialist Units (Mandatory)** | • Designing and Developing Object-Oriented Computer programs<br>• Software Development Techniques<br>• Office Solutions Development | • eBusiness<br>• Essentials of Management<br>• Understanding Business Organisations |

## PROGRESSION

Students who have successfully completed the following programmes can progress as follows:

**NCC Education Level 4 Diploma in Computing can progress on to:**

- *Level 5 Diploma in Computing*
- *Level 5 Diploma in Computing (with Business Management)*
- *Level 5 Diploma in Computing (with Cyber Security)*

**NCC Education Level 4 Diploma in Computing (with Business Management) can progress on to:**

- *Level 5 Diploma in Computing (with Business Management)*
- *Level 5 Diploma in Computing (with Cyber Security)*

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NCC Education has recognition with over 70 universities in the UK, Ireland, Canada, USA and Australia, for students who want to complete their degree overseas at an international university campus.

## COURSE FEATURES

- **Delivery Method:** Face-to-face classes attended at MPTC
- **Duration**: Full-time: 1 year
- **8 Units**
- **120 Credits:** Diploma completed full-time in one academic year
- **Assessment:** Assessment through examination and coursework assignments
- **Next intakes**: October 2025 and January 2026