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Could your next career move

be into teaching?

Turn your industry experience into skills that could inspire the next generation.

Skills Bootcamp in Trade to Ready to Teach in Further Education

10 weeks | Online workshops + practical experience | FREE for eligible learners

Starts **November 2026**

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Your experience could be

exactly what FE needs

You know your trade.
Could you teach it?

Years spent working in industry give you something incredibly valuable: real-world knowledge, practical experience and skills worth passing on. Further Education colleges need people with industry experience who can bring vocational subjects to life for the next generation. But knowing your trade and knowing how to teach it are two different things.

That's where Trade to Ready to Teach comes in. This 10-week Skills Bootcamp has been designed specifically for people from trade and vocational backgrounds who are interested in moving into Further Education teaching.

You don't need to already know how to teach. We'll help you develop the skills, knowledge and confidence to take those first steps.

YOUR INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE ▶ **LEARN HOW TO TEACH IT** ▶ **EXPLORE A CAREER IN FE**

What will I learn?

From industry professional to confident educator

Over 10 weeks, you'll discover what it takes to
plan, deliver and manage effective learning.

You'll explore:

- *How people learn and how to support different learners*
- *Planning and structuring lessons*
- *Practical teaching methods*
- *Inclusive teaching*
- *Managing behaviour and the classroom*
- *Assessing learners and giving useful feedback*
- *Micro-teaching and teaching practice*
- *Preparing for employment and interviews*

You'll put what you learn into practice through workshops, coaching, observation and teaching activities.

No previous teaching experience?

That's the point. The Bootcamp is designed to help experienced industry professionals explore the transition into teaching.

How does the

Bootcamp work?

Designed to fit around working life

The programme runs for 10 weeks, with 60 guided learning hours in total.

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ONLINE WORKSHOPS

Two three-hour online workshops each week, running 5pm–8pm.

Learn from wherever works for you, with live sessions designed to develop your teaching knowledge and skills.

PRACTISE

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

You'll also take part in observation and teaching activity within a college.

These sessions will be organised individually, taking your availability into account.

DEVELOP

SUPPORT ALONG THE WAY

You'll receive mentoring, coaching and feedback throughout the programme, helping you build confidence as you develop.

Your 10-week journey

What will the programme cover?

WEEK 1 Introduction to FE Teaching

WEEK 2 *How People Learn + Inclusive Practice*

WEEK 3 Planning & Structuring Learning

WEEK 4 *Teaching Methods – Practicals*

WEEK 5 Behaviour & Classroom Management

WEEK 6 *Assessment & Progress*

WEEK 7 Micro-Teaching Preparation

WEEK 8 *Observation & Micro-Teaching*

WEEK 9 In-Person Teaching & Development

WEEK 10 *Employment, Interview & Progression*

Where could it take you?

This could be the start of something new.

Completing the Bootcamp

doesn't commit you to changing career.

Instead, it gives you the opportunity to experience teaching, develop practical skills and decide whether Further Education is right for you.

If you decide to take the next step, you'll also receive support with your progression. This includes:

- *Individual coaching and feedback*
- *Career guidance and help identifying your next steps*
- *Employability coaching for up to six months after the course*
- *Access to Hyphae's digital learning platform for 12 months after completion*
- *Support to explore opportunities in Further Education*
- *Progression routes into Level 3 or Level 5 teaching qualifications*

Imagine taking everything you've learnt in industry...

and using it to help someone else start their career.

Is this for me?

you could be a great fit if...

You're an experienced tradesperson or vocational professional

who is curious about teaching and would like a supported way to explore it.

To be eligible, you'll need to:

- *Be aged 19 or over*
- *Have the right to work in the UK*
- *Live in an eligible Surrey postcode, or work for a business operating in an eligible Surrey postcode*
- *Come from a trade or vocational background*
- *Have access to a laptop, camera and microphone*
- *Be available to complete an observation visit during the Bootcamp*
- *Not have participated in another Wave 7 Skills Bootcamp*

How much does it cost?

FREE for eligible individual learners

For learners referred by their employer, a small employer contribution may apply.

You've mastered your trade.

Could you teach it?

The Skills Bootcamp in Trade to Ready to Teach in Further Education gives you the chance to develop teaching skills, gain practical experience and discover whether a career in Further Education could be right for you.

Course dates

Starts: Week commencing 16 November 2026
Ends: Week ending 12 February 2027
Duration: 10 weeks

Interested?

Register your interest today and we'll talk you through the programme, eligibility and what happens next.

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