OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Certificate in IT (600/4228/X)

About this qualification

This is an Applied General qualification that is designed for learners aged 16-19 who want to study IT where they can learn and be assessed in ways that are practical and relevant to the use of IT in the workplace. It will give learners the transferable knowledge and skills to progress to higher education, an apprenticeship or to enter into employment.

What skills and knowledge will be covered?

Learners will take three units, made up of two core and one optional unit and this will enable them to develop a core awareness of the skills and knowledge needed for study or work in the IT sector. The core units are Communication and Employability Skills for IT, and Information Systems. Learners then choose one other unit from a range of around 40 options units. There are optional units to appeal to the creative, business, technical and development-minded learner. Whatever the choice, all learners will develop other desirable skills, such as primary research, using IT to communicate effectively, producing management information, understanding legal and ethical implications for organisations in using IT, planning or leading a group.

Where could this qualification lead to?

1. In combination with other qualifications, the qualification could lead to a higher education course. Learners could:
    a. choose to undertake an IT related degree from options including BSc Computer Science or BSc IT Practitioner.
    b. choose from non-IT related degree programmes. This qualification has between 20 and 70 UCAS points, depending on the grade achieved, so it would be accepted by universities as meeting requirements for entry to a range of degree programmes.
2. In combination with other qualifications, it will enable access to an IT, Software, Web or Telecoms Apprenticeship.
3. In combination with other qualifications, it will enable access to a wide range of IT related careers either in the IT sector or in other sectors, for example a game designer or network technician.