

14-16 Purpose Statement

NCFE Level 2 Technical Award in Music Technology (601/6774/9)

Who is this qualification for?

The NCFE Level 2 Technical Award in Music Technology enables learners to develop skills, knowledge and understanding of the music technology industry. It is suitable for learners who are motivated and challenged by learning through hands-on experiences. The qualification will allow learners to gain practical skills in creating music using technology.

The Level 2 Technical Award is aimed at 14-16 year olds with an interest in music production and recording and is designed to sit alongside GCSEs in the Key Stage 4 curriculum. It is a vocational qualification equivalent to GCSE at grades A*-C.

The qualification provides an introduction to the music technology industry and enables learners to acquire, develop and apply skills and knowledge required for further academic and/or vocational study.

What will the learner study as part of this qualification?

This qualification shows learners how to:

- set up and use a Digital Audio Workstation (DAW)
- create a musical project to a specified brief, using audio and MIDI editing tools
- understand and experiment with musical elements in a chosen style
- plan and undertake a studio recording session
- use mixing techniques to make a multi-track recording
- explore sound creation.

What knowledge and skills will the learner develop as part of this qualification and how might these be of use and value in further studies?

Learners will know about:

- hardware components and software functions
- musical elements of a chosen style
- cultural developments that have influenced their chosen style
- planning a recording session
- sound creation.

They will develop skills in:

- creating music using MIDI and audio in a particular style
- using different software and equipment to create music
- planning and undertaking a studio recording session
- mixing of multi-track recording
- planning and undertaking sound creation
- reviewing their own and others' work
- communication
- planning and experimentation.

Successful completion of this qualification will enable learners to progress onto NCFE Level 3 Applied General Certificate in Music Technology or other relevant academic and/or vocational study at post-16.

The knowledge and skills gained will provide a secure foundation for a career in the music technology industry.

Which subjects will complement this course?

The following subject areas will complement this course:

- film studies
- media studies
- music
- computing
- economics and business
- science
- maths

Further Information

For more information about the NCFE Level 2 Technical Award in Music Technology, please contact NCFE on 0191 240 8822 or email us at schools@ncfe.org.uk.