



the future sounds good.

Working in music technology is often driven by a passion for the pleasures that music can bring. Performing is not the only way to get into music; the role of technology is central to most performances and a wide variety of jobs exist as part of the technical team behind a track. Musicians and Music Technicians are often required to multi-task and need to understand different aspects of a performance, a recording or an event.

Roles to explore

An understanding of music technology can help you progress in a variety of different roles within the music industry. Here are just a few to get you started:

Production

Working in sound production, you'll need a creative flair and to enjoy working with others. You'll work with recording artists and record labels to create songs and albums for release. Producers are often Musicians with lots of performance experience as well as technical knowledge of recording equipment, engineering and acoustics.

Recording Engineer

You'll need well-trained ears, advanced technical knowledge of recording and mixing tools, along with a great understanding of studio etiquette. Recording engineers generally run recording sessions and have additional responsibilities such as equipment and studio set up.

Studio Manager

As a Studio Manager you'd be running a recording studio – you might even own it! Studio Managers are responsible for making sure things run smoothly and efficiently. For example, booking acts to record at the studio, scheduling engineers, marketing the studio and looking after costs and finances could be all part of your role.

Sound Technician

Sound Technicians are responsible for high-quality sound and equipment and instrument set up alongside the road crew. They may even work a soundboard during the actual performance as well as supervising the set-up.

V Certs and other qualifications to consider include:

At school

- **NCFE Level 1 Technical Award** in Music Technology
- **NCFE Level 2 Technical Award** in Music Technology

At Sixth form or college

- **NCFE Level 3 Applied General** in Music Technology

Routes to success

If you choose to study music technology, there are a number of routes you can take to further your career such as:

• Further study at university or college

There are a wide range of music degrees out there. You can study a variety of musical styles including classical, jazz, popular music and electronic music.

• Apprenticeships

You'll be working to a set programme of learning whilst earning money as an apprentice. This will provide you with a structured training period with a solid foundation of knowledge from which to progress in this sector.

Where next?

We understand the amount of information out there can be daunting. To help, we've included a small collection of useful websites for you to visit:

The National Careers Service website offers an overview of many different careers. It's a great starting point to help you take your first step towards planning your career.

www.nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk

All About Careers includes really useful information about specific career opportunities. You can also take a career 'test' which will give you ideas about industries you might want to explore further based on your answers.

www.allaboutcareers.com

The National Apprenticeship Service offers information about what apprenticeships are and how they work. It's particularly useful as a general introduction and to help you and your parents understand the opportunities an apprenticeship offers. www.getingofar.gov.uk

Not Going to Uni is a website that aims to offer a full range of options and choices if you feel that university is not the route for you. www.notgoingtouni.co.uk

Which University? is a website that can help you decide what to study, where to study and how to get there.

www.university.which.co.uk

REED Salary Checker can help if you're curious about what your earning potential could be in your chosen career.

www.reed.co.uk/average-salary