

Welcome

Firstly, welcome to Colchester Institute and in particular the Multi Skills department.



My name is John Watkins and I am the Assistant Area Head for Trowel Occupations and associated Trades. I hope this PowerPoint is informative and helps to put you at ease regarding your upcoming course with us. Enjoy and I look forward to seeing you as soon as is possible.

Meet the team

Shane Steward

I am the Area Head of Engineering, Manufacturing & Construction here at the college and come primarily from an Engineering background. I have several years of industrial and educational background where I have had the pleasure to see many of the students I teach gain successful careers in the industry.

Here at the college, we have completed various projects where I have had the recent pleasure of designing and manufacturing an artistic structure with students to commemorate and mark 100 years since the end of the First World War.



Welcome

John Watkins

Hello again, as previously stated I am the Assistant Area Head for Trowel Occupations and Associated Trades. I am also a course Tutor for Brickwork and have taught over all three levels of the course since first teaching in 2003. I am qualified to NVQ Level 3 standard in Brickwork and also hold a Foundation Degree in Construction Management. I am also in charge of all Internal Verification for the area.

Before taking up teaching I completed a 3 year apprenticeship with Rose Builders, after which I stayed with the company and gained several years experience as a Bricklayer.



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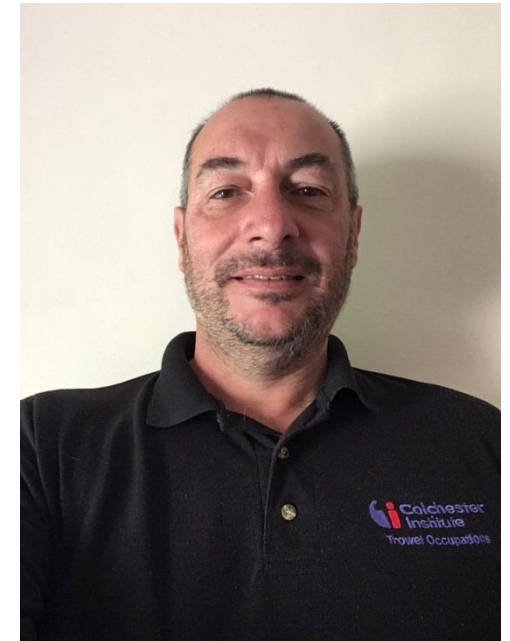
Mick Swain – Multi Skills course tutor

I commenced work as a Bricklaying Apprentice in 1980 and have worked in the construction Industry since, working mainly in London on significant contracts such as Shaftesbury Avenue fire station, Devonshire House Piccadilly, and the Barbican.

I then moved into property maintenance with a local authority, carrying out tiling, brickwork, painting, carpentry and plastering repairs in occupied properties.

I have a real passion for the industry and gain great pleasure in seeing a new learner develop construction skills that will be of use for the rest of their lives.

I look forward to meeting and working with you on the new multi-skills course.



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Andy Headworth - Carpentry

After leaving School I attended Colchester Institute where I attained a Level 4 Construction Diploma; the qualification was beneficial to me in an industry that I feel has many opportunities. Prior to becoming a member of staff at Colchester Institute I spent a great deal of my working life in construction, this included; estimating, construction drawing, accounts, site, plant and materials management. I have also had experience within the retail sector, managing a shop for several years.

My previous work experience also entailed several different industries where I regularly had to train other staff with various skills as well as furthering my knowledge base. I worked within the audio visual industry which regularly involved the construction and manufacturing of timber or steel fittings; an experience which took me from small local clubs to large commercial events such as The World Snooker events.

Before taking up teaching I had my own Property Maintenance Company employing and working alongside, sub-contractors.

I have been teaching at Colchester Institute for 4 years in the Construction and Engineering Department teaching Carpentry, Painting & Decorating, tiling and Health & Safety. This aspect of my working life has given me an opportunity to motivate and assist young people to achieve their goals and move into the world of work.



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Charles Phillips P&D

My name is Charles Phillips, and I have been in the building trade for most of my working life. I spent several years teaching painting and decorating in a prison environment, and have spent the last 6 years teaching at Colchester Institute.



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Melanie Johnson - PDT

This will be my 4th year as a Progression and Destination Tutor within the Construction area, which involves mentoring and supporting students, and advising future progression. I also keep close tabs on student attendance and liaise with parents and guardians.

I have a BA (Hons) in Special Education Studies, and have also worked in Recruitment and as a teacher of English as a foreign language.

I look forward to meeting my new students in the near future.



Where will you be learning?

We offer Multi Skills at our:

Colchester campus

You will be based mainly in our workshops. We have three different workshops. One where you will carry out all of your Bricklaying activities, one for Carpentry and one for Painting and Decorating. You will rotate from workshop to workshop depending on your timetable on a fortnightly basis.

For theory classes you will be situated in our base room of W04 classroom. It has PCs, a brick library, a tools board and full size sectional example of a house.

The Colchester site is well equipped with 3 refectories and lots of student social areas.

What will you be learning

This course is dedicated to learning the very important hand skills required to become a professional builder. This includes;

- Beginners course of City and Guilds 6219-05 qualification (1 theory assessment/4 practical assessments)
- In year progression (based on ability and attitude to work) to City and Guilds 6219-07 (1 theory assessment/12 practical assessments)
- British Values qualification (1 assessment)
- English and Maths retakes (if grade 4 not attained already)

Successful completion of these elements will then lead to a smooth progression in year 2 to a specific trade route. i.e. Brick, Carpentry or P&D Full Time

What students do after the course

- The vast majority of student progress onto one of our trade areas full time
- Some learners look for an apprenticeship in their chosen trade with a building company

We have taught many learners over the years and some choose not to progress into the construction industry for various reasons but the vast majority have made great strides into the industry, running their own companies or working very successfully earning a good wage.

What you need to do before you start

- Take a look at our YouTube channel for some informative videos shot by some of the staff.
- <https://www.youtube.com/user/CIBrickwork>
- Purchase a pair of Safety Boots (these are mandatory)
- Purchase a Padlock to be able to use the lockers in the workshop
- Wear older clothes to work in the workshop or purchase some overalls.

Our virtual Q&A Session:

If you have any questions regarding your course then I will be available to answer any questions via email on Monday 29th June 9am-5pm on the link below;

John.watkins@colchester.ac.uk

Thank you for your time!

We look forward to seeing you as soon as possible.

John Watkins

Assistant Area Head for Trowel Occupations and Associated Trades