

# Digital Media Computing at SCQF level 5 (National Certificate)

## Course Description

This dynamic and interactive full time course covers units in the areas of computing, multimedia, networking, gaming, imaging and business IT. This is aimed at school leavers and young people who want to develop their skills in technology.

The practical nature of all units, combined with the use of modern technology, makes this an engaging and hands on course. Students will develop competences in the use of computer systems and applications software that are consistent with the tenor of the National Occupational Standards. As a result, students completing the National Certificate in Digital Media Computing award will be well placed to demonstrate good levels of IT user skills on entering the workplace. The course contains the following units:

- ★ Internet and On-line Communications, Weblogs, Social Networking
- ★ Office and Personal Productivity Systems, Computer Hardware and Systems, Digital Media Elements for Applications
- ★ Web Page Creation, Web Design Fundamentals, Web Design and Development, Weblogs
- ★ Numeracy and Communications

In addition, students may study English up to Higher level.

A number of the units are already offered on a standalone basis which might attract students who only wish to study on a part-time basis.

## Entry requirements

Entry to this course is by application. An Application Form can be downloaded from our website, obtained from the nearest college learning centre or by telephoning Admissions on 01599 566770.

Students should have 3 Standard Grades at General Level, ideally including Intermediate 1 English and Mathematics/Numeracy. All applicants must be able to demonstrate a strong desire to study or work in the area of information technology. This could be aiming to work in a small business; an office environment; to become self employed or to progress onto higher SCQF level courses in the fields of computing, Web Technologies, IT, Multimedia or Computer Networking.

## Qualifications

Following successful completion of the required number of units, students will be awarded the SQA Scottish Group Award NC in Digital Media Computing SCQF level 5. In addition, students will gain the appropriate Certificate for all other units at the level achieved.

## Attendance

This full time course requires minimum attendance of 21 hours per week for the full year starting in August. Timetable details are given at the beginning of the course. Classes are generally scheduled between the hours of 9am and 6pm but some classes may finish after this time. This course will be based at our Portree campus.

## Progression

This course also provides well articulated progression routes (please see over the page). The suite of Digital Media Computing awards provide an entry point to qualifications in computing and IT and a pathway towards Higher National units and courses, such as HNC/D Computing.

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at SCQF level 5

**Group Award Code: G8JK 45**

This full time course will consist of a minimum of 18 credits. Students must achieve 12 units from the Digital Media Computing framework to gain this award.

## Progression Routes:

