



Awarding  
Great British  
Qualifications

# Level 4 Diploma in Computing with Business Management

**Level 4  
(L4DC BM)**

Regulated  
Qualifications  
Framework (RQF)

Equivalent to  
the first year  
of a  
bachelor's  
degree in  
the UK

## Overview

The Level 4 Diploma in Computing (with Business Management) is the first year of the NCC Education degree journey. The qualification is equivalent to the first year of a Business IT degree qualification in the UK university system.

This course is designed to develop essential thinking and study skills in IT and Business through a balance of academic and vocational subjects. Students can contribute to the development of computer systems and networks, databases and websites in a business context, whilst also developing an awareness of business needs.

The programme will allow students to enter the IT and Business professions with the necessary knowledge expected within the industry and will be able to apply these skills to a range of IT-related functions.

## Entry Requirements

For entry onto the L4DC BM course, students must have at least one of the following:

- NCC Education Level 3 International Foundation Diploma for Higher Education Studies (L3IFDHES)

OR

- NCC Education Level 3 Diploma in Computing (L3DC)

OR

- NCC Education Level 3 Diploma in Business (L3DB)

OR

- A local or international qualification that is deemed to be of a similar level to the NCC Education L3IFDHES or L3DC/L3DB. This shall be agreed with NCC Education in advance

OR

- One A' Level or equivalent, or an appropriate School Leavers' certificate deemed to be of a similar level
- Mature students, able to demonstrate over two years' relevant work experience and have an 'O' Level/iGCSE/iGCSE English and Maths or equivalent.

For candidates whose first language is not English:

- IELTS 5.5 or equivalent.

OR

- GCSE/iGCSE 'O' Level English 'C' '4' or equivalent\*

OR

- Alternatively, students can take and pass the free NCC Education Higher English Placement Test, at one of our Accredited Partner Centres.

## Delivery Method

Accredited Partner Centre

## Duration

Full-time: 1 year

Part-time: 2-3 years

## 8 Units

## 120 Credits

Diploma completed full-time in one academic year

## Assessment

Through examination and coursework assignments

## Registration Dates

Throughout the year

## Guided Learning Hours

407

## Total Qualification Time

1200 hours

Qualification number 600/0624/9



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## Qualification Structure

Students must complete the 4 core units, 3 specialist units and 1 elective unit

### 4 CORE UNITS

- Computer Networks
- Computer Systems
- Databases
- Front End Web Development **NEW**

### 3 MANDATORY SPECIALIST UNITS

- eBusiness
- Essentials of Management
- Understanding Business Organisations

### 1 ELECTIVE UNITS - CHOOSE ONE

- Algorithms and Mathematical Concepts for Computing **NEW**
- Designing and Developing Object-Oriented Computer Programmes
- Software Engineering **NEW**

## Progression

Students who complete the NCC Education Level 4 Diploma in Computing (with Business Management) (L4DC BM) can:

- Enrol onto the NCC Education Level 5 Diploma in Computing (with Business Management) (L5DC BM) or the NCC Education Level 5 Diploma in Computing (with Cyber Security) (L5DC CS), equivalent to Year 2 of a UK bachelor's degree.

- Or apply to Year 2 of a university degree programme.

Alternatively, contact the NCC Education Customer Service [customer.service@nccedu.com](mailto:customer.service@nccedu.com) or **+44 (0)161 438 6200** for advice on articulation options.

For further details see the **What Next? University Progression brochure here:**



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