

FLEETWOOD NAUTICAL CAMPUS



FURTHERING NAUTICAL CAREERS

Train for a rich, rewarding future at sea or ashore at one of the UK's leading nautical colleges for the maritime industry - Fleetwood Nautical Campus.



HIGH QUALITY
MARITIME
TRAINING

REWARDING
CAREERS
AT SEA

DEDICATED
CAMPUS FOR
MARITIME

£1.3M MARINE
ENGINEERING
CENTRE

HIGH-TECH
FACILITIES

FIRST-RATE
SKILLS AND
EXPERIENCE

WELCOME TO FLEETWOOD

NAUTICAL CAMPUS

Do you see yourself as a future Captain, Senior Electro Technical Officer or Chief Engineer at sea, or working ashore, perhaps as a Ship's Pilot or an Accident Investigator?

With potential tax-free earnings and a generous leave allowance once you qualify, a career at sea really is an exciting and challenging option for you.

The UK sea trade is expected to double in the next 20 years and there is a clear need for a highly skilled workforce across navigation and engineering disciplines.

Fleetwood Nautical Campus (FNC) has over 130 years' experience of providing first-rate maritime training and we're proud to be shaping the next generation of seafarers.

This brochure outlines the excellent career opportunities available and the different progression routes open to you at FNC, on our dedicated, purpose-built campus.

You can also discover more online at www.fleetwoodnautical.blackpool.ac.uk or www.careersatsea.org

I look forward to meeting you on campus.

Captain Neil Atkinson
Chartered Master Mariner
Head of Fleetwood Nautical Campus

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“With their excellent new facilities and their experienced staff, Fleetwood Nautical Campus support and provide our cadets with the knowledge and skills required for the maritime industry.”

Carnival UK
ONE OF THE WORLD'S LEADING CRUISE OPERATORS

WHY CHOOSE FLEETWOOD

NAUTICAL CAMPUS?

HIGH QUALITY

- Dedicated campus for all Maritime training
- In the top 3% of colleges in England for school leaver success¹
- Commendations from The Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA)
- Degrees awarded by Lancaster University – ranked in the UK's top 20 institutions²
- STEM Foundation approved
- Regular investment in and upgrade of the learning environment

EMPLOYMENT-FOCUSED

- Providing first-rate maritime training for over 130 years
- Highly qualified, expert tutors with lots of industry experience
- Excellent relationships with employers and industry bodies
- Hands-on and class-based training

SUCCESS

- The Maritime and Coastguard Agency Cadet of the Year - 9 times out of 15 years
- 100% of direct entry students who sought sponsorship were successful
- External exam pass rate significantly higher than national average, year on year
- Highest percentage achievement for Certificate of Competency at end of studies – 90%, compared to national average of 60%

SUPPORTIVE

- An inspiring residential induction, away from the campus in the beautiful Lake District
- High levels of ongoing support through our personal tutors
- Fun enrichment activities, developing team building and leadership skills
- Weekly activity-based training, including various sporting activities

AFFORDABLE

- Lower cost of living in North West England
- No course fees for under 19s direct entry students who have not previously attended a funded FE programme
- FREE or discounted travel, FREE breakfast, help with childcare costs if needed³, FREE lunch⁴ and up to £1200 Guaranteed Bursary and FREE meals if you're in care or receiving certain benefits⁴
- Help with accommodation costs if you need to move away to study⁵
- FREE parking

Please note: Support with travel, subsistence, childcare and accommodation is only available to eligible 16-18 year-old students on the non-sponsored Level 3 course.



“GETTING PAID TO TRAVEL THE WORLD”

Since setting sail as a cadet in 2006, Karley Smith has travelled the world, picked up the MCA Officer of the Year Award and qualified at the industry's highest level - as Master Mariner. She now works for Stena Drilling and part-time for FNC, supporting the next generation of Merchant Navy officers.

“I've had great experiences working in Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, Brazil and the Mediterranean but I've also experienced winters in the North Sea! Getting paid to travel the world is something most people only dream of, but for a seafarer it's just a regular day at the office.”

Karley Smith

¹National Achievement Rate Tables (NARTS) from the Department for Education & Education and Skills Funding Agency 2018/19 ²The Complete University Guide league tables 2022 ³Get more information and apply online at www.gov.uk/care-to-learn ⁴Eligibility applies – go to <https://www.blackpool.ac.uk/support/financial-support-16-18s> for details ⁵Get more information and apply online at <https://www.gov.uk/residential-support-scheme>

ALL ABOUT

THE MARITIME INDUSTRY

If you want an exciting, rewarding career with great opportunities for progression you should definitely consider the maritime industry.

WHAT'S THE MARITIME INDUSTRY?

The maritime industry is anything related to the ocean, sea, ships, navigation of ships, seafarers, ship owning and other related activities.¹ Maritime companies cover everything from shipbuilding to maritime law, and there's a huge range of job opportunities – both at sea and ashore.

WHAT'S THE MERCHANT NAVY?

The Merchant Navy is the collective name for the UK's commercial shipping industry – basically the transportation by sea of goods (cargo) and people (passengers). It's made up of shipping companies who are responsible for the recruitment and training of their own Merchant Navy officers.

THE UK'S SEA TRADE IS SET TO DOUBLE BY 2040

MEANING INCREASED DEMAND FOR HIGHLY SKILLED WORKERS IN NAVIGATION, ENGINEERING AND ELECTRO-TECHNICAL.

OVER 95%

OF ALL THE UK'S IMPORTS AND EXPORTS ARE BY SEA, MAKING THE MARITIME INDUSTRY THE THIRD LARGEST REVENUE GENERATOR IN THE UK.

UK MARITIME INDUSTRY TOP FACTS

185,700 UK MARITIME SECTOR EMPLOYEES²

23,060 UK SEAFARERS ACTIVE AT SEA²

484 MILLION TONNES TOTAL UK PORT FREIGHT TONNAGE²

MERCHANT NAVY OFFICER STARTING SALARY OVER £30,000

£46.1 BILLION ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE UK ECONOMY²

¹Centre for Economics and Business Research 2016 ²Shipping and freight resource

WHY IT PAYS TO BE IN THE MERCHANT NAVY

BROADEN YOUR HORIZONS

Meeting people from different cultures is not just fascinating but makes you more adaptable and a good team player.

GOOD SALARY POTENTIAL

Merchant Navy starting salaries (once qualified) are higher than most other industries and often exempt from tax.

LONG LEAVE

Merchant Navy working patterns mean long leave periods, for example for 2 months at sea you get 2 months off.

LIFE SKILLS

Along with technical and practical seafaring skills, you will also learn valuable skills such as team building, resilience and dedication.

FANTASTIC CAREER PROSPECTS

This is a growing industry, with well-trained officers in big demand, so there are plenty of opportunities once qualified.

UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCES

A career at sea is like no other and you will gain so many unforgettable experiences along the way.

ADVENTUROUS LIFESTYLE

Working at sea provides an exciting work environment with no two days the same (very different to the normal '9 to 5' office job).

TRAVEL THE WORLD

Many sea placements include the chance to visit some amazing destinations you may not have even thought of, while getting paid.

JOB SATISFACTION

A career at sea is rewarding in so many ways. You're part of a close-knit team who become like family.

WORLDWIDE EMPLOYMENT

You will gain an internationally recognised qualification, which means you can literally work anywhere in the world.

CONTINUOUS DEVELOPMENT

This is a highly skilled profession with ongoing training opportunities to develop you personally and professionally.

TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

You will gain many high level, transferable skills that are very relevant to a wide range of industries.

SPONSORSHIP AND EARNINGS

As a Merchant Navy cadet, your training will be paid for by the shipping company which takes you on – your sponsoring company. During training the company usually pays you an allowance, which covers your accommodation while at College.

Once qualified your starting salary could be anything over £30,000. Chief Officers and Second Engineers can earn up to around £55,000 a year and Masters (Captains) and Chief Engineers can earn up to £75,000 or more a year.

While at sea, your food and accommodation is provided by the company as well as your travel costs, which are paid for by your shipping company. On foreign-going ships, your earnings may be tax free.

DECK, ENGINEERING OR ELECTRO-TECHNICAL?

CHOOSE YOUR ROUTE

DECK OFFICER

WHAT DO THEY DO?

Deck Officers are responsible for the safety of crew, passengers and cargo. Once you've berthed the ship in port you would oversee the cargo operations, while maintaining the safety and security of the ship. You would be central to the navigation of the vessels at sea, using the latest technology and computer-based systems.

QUALITIES AND SKILLS NEEDED

A Deck Officer is a vital member of the ship's management team – responsible for making decisions on navigation and communications. So it's important to be a good team member, decisive, calm and someone who inspires confidence in others. You'll be interested in technology and have good mathematical, written and verbal skills. Overall – confidence, enthusiasm and self-reliance are essential.

ENGINEER OFFICER

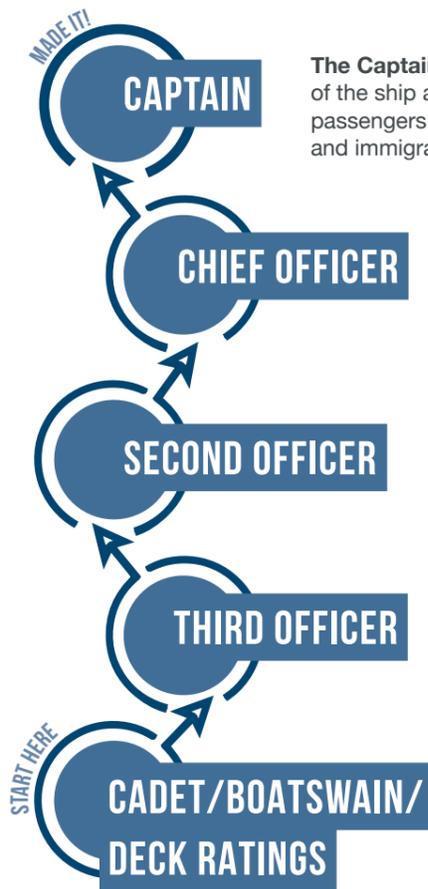
WHAT DO THEY DO?

Engineer Officers are responsible for the safe running of the ship's engine, cooling systems, control systems and all mechanical and electrical systems on board. On larger vessels there will be a separate branch headed up by the Technical Officer, which will consist of the Electro-Technical Officers (ETOs).

QUALITIES AND SKILLS NEEDED

Engineering Officers operate and maintain all the propulsion, power generation and distribution systems throughout the ship. So you'll need to be practical, resourceful and have a real interest in mechanical and electrical systems. Good problem-solving ability is key, along with good maths and communication skills. You'll be decisive, calm and able to inspire confidence in others. Overall, you'll always be prepared to learn about new technology and adapt your skills to using it.

CREW RANKINGS



The Captain (Master) holds the highest position on the vessel and has command of the ship and crew. They have overall responsibility for the ship, her cargo, passengers and all crew, and are responsible for the ship to comply with any custom and immigration regulations.

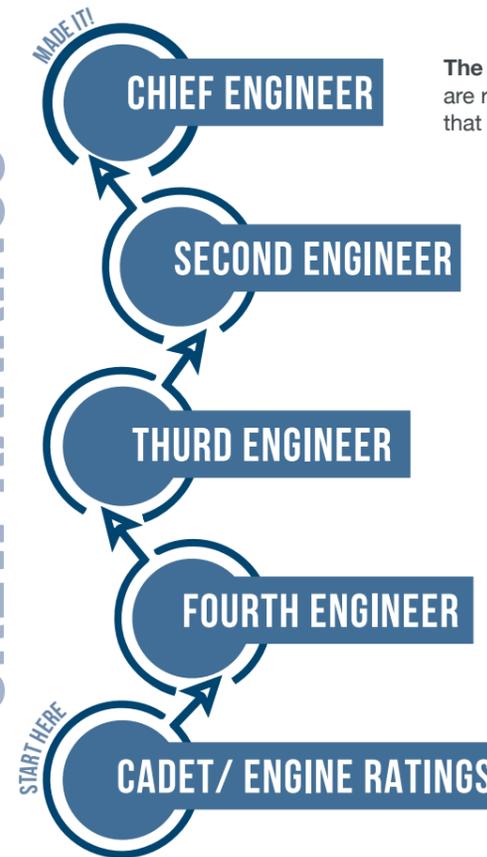
The Chief Officer (Chief Mate) is the next in rank after Master. They are in charge of vessel navigation, cargo operations, deck machinery and maintenance of deck equipment, and safety of the vessel. The Chief Officer also manages other officers on deck.

The Second Officer is the next in rank after the Chief Officer and is the ship's navigator. Their main duty is to prepare the passage plan and upkeep the chart folio and navigational publications. The Second Officer may also train cadets or fulfil the rank of a safety, environmental or medical officer.

The Third Officer is usually the Ship's Safety Officer, undertaking watchkeeping duties and also ensuring the functionality of lifesaving appliances.

A Cadet on board a merchant vessel receives structured training and experience, and learns how to become a Deck Officer. Apart from the officers, the deck crew also consists of ratings, such as Seafarer (Deck Rating), OS (Ordinary Seaman) and Boatswain.

CREW RANKINGS



The Chief Engineer is the head of the ship's Engineering Department. They are responsible for the safety of crew working in the engine room and ensure that the engine room machinery works properly for a safe voyage.

The Second Engineer assists the Chief Engineer in the safe and efficient management of the Engineering Department. This involves looking after the entire operation of the engine room and other technical aspects of the ship.

The Third Engineer will perform engine watchkeeping duty as well as monitor and maintain equipment as directed by the Second Engineer. They are usually responsible for the charge of boilers, fuel, auxiliary engines, condensate and feed systems.

The Fourth Engineer is the most junior Engineering officer, who has duties assigned by the Second Engineer, and typically is responsible for engine watch, air compressors, purifiers and other auxiliary machinery.

A Cadet on board a merchant vessel receives structured training and experience and learns how to become an Engine or Electrical Officer. Apart from the officers, the Engineering crew consists of ratings, such as Motorman, Fitter, Electrician, Pumpman and Oiler/Wiper.

ELECTRO-TECHNICAL OFFICER

The ETO looks after all the highly advanced electronic and electrical equipment on board the ship. You would be responsible for maintenance and monitoring of all electrical equipment on board (ie engine rooms, communication devices, navigation aids like echo sounders, weather fax, radar system etc). The ETO also assists the Chief Engineer in handling routine electrical works and also coordinates work with onshore technicians.

EXCITING SHORE-BASED OPPORTUNITIES EXIST TOO!



WHAT THE SHIPPING COMPANIES SAY

“FLEETWOOD NAUTICAL COLLEGE IS ONE OF THE DISTINGUISHED COLLEGES THAT WE DEAL WITH, AND WE ARE PLEASED WITH THEIR ADMINISTRATION AND EXPERTISE. WE ARE GLAD TO HAVE OUR MARINE SCHOLARSHIP CADETS STUDYING AT FLEETWOOD.”

**KUWAIT
OIL
TANKER
COMPANY**

“FLEETWOOD NAUTICAL CAMPUS HAS EXCELLENT INFRASTRUCTURE AND STAFF, RISING TO THE CHALLENGE OF DELIVERING SKILLED SEAFARERS, WHILE STRIVING TO IMPROVE AND REMAIN AT THE FOREFRONT OF MARINE TRAINING AND DELIVER WORLD CLASS TRAINING.”

**ROYAL
FLEET
AUXILIARY**

“FLEETWOOD NAUTICAL CAMPUS PROVIDES OUR CADETS WITH A POSITIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT WHICH LEADS TO SUCCESS. THE COLLEGE STAFF WORK COLLABORATIVELY WITH US TO ENSURE OUR CADETS ARE GIVEN THE BEST POSSIBLE EDUCATION AND PASTORAL CARE DURING THEIR TIME AT THE CAMPUS.”

**PRINCESS
CRUISES**

“HAVING WORKED WITH FLEETWOOD NAUTICAL CAMPUS WE ARE CONTINUALLY IMPRESSED WITH THEIR HIGH STANDARDS, THE QUALITY OF OFFICER CADET PRODUCED AND PERSONAL SERVICE THEY PROVIDE TO EACH CLIENT.”

**CLYDE
MARINE
TRAINING**



YOUR ROUTE TO A MERCHANT NAVY

CAREER AT FLEETWOOD NAUTICAL CAMPUS

At FNC, you can start your Merchant Navy training with sponsorship (i.e. after successfully passing an interview with a shipping company) or without sponsorship (with successful students having an opportunity to gain sponsorship further down the line).

WHAT IS CADET SPONSORSHIP?

We work in partnership with shipping companies and training companies, which sponsor cadetships. You apply to the company and, if successful, are recruited by them for the duration of your cadetship. As well as providing sponsorship during your course, they also arrange your sea time (time aboard ship) as part of your cadetship.

WHAT IF I DON'T HAVE A SPONSORSHIP?

If you don't have a sponsorship, you can still undertake the Level 3 Diploma in Shipping and Maritime Operations (in Deck or Engineering) with us as a direct entry student. If you are under 19 and haven't previously completed a funded Further Education programme, you may be eligible to have your course fees waived.

WITHOUT SPONSORSHIP

If you don't have sponsorship, you can still undertake the Level 3 Diploma, as mentioned above, as a Fleetwood Nautical Campus direct entry student. During your course, will support you to apply to one of our partner companies for sponsorship for the rest of your cadetship.



I have always been excited about a life at sea, and the course helps you to see more of what it would really be like, especially through the College simulators. The ratio of practical to theory work is about 50/50, which I think is the perfect balance.

William Clarke
Level 3 Diploma in Shipping and Maritime Operations



I'm excited to be doing the Engineering course at Fleetwood Nautical College. I chose this course as I was told how good it was by a family member that had done it a few years ago. I'm hoping to find a sponsor and then proceed to go to sea with my company. After I finish my course I hope to get a job as an engineer on an oil tanker.

Charlie Gellatly Level 3 Engineering, Shipping and Maritime Operations



SCHOOL LEAVERS:

WITHOUT SPONSORSHIP

Level 3 Diploma in Shipping and Maritime Operations – Deck or Engineering (Direct Entry)

Provides an overview of the maritime industry, how it's regulated and the different functions at sea and ashore. Delivered over two College terms (around 25 weeks).

Academic entry requirements:

4 GCSEs grades 9-4, including English, maths and science.

Next steps:

We will support you to gain an interview for sponsorship with one of our sponsoring shipping companies. On successfully achieving a sponsorship you would then be able to progress to either Advanced Certificate/Advanced Diploma or the Foundation Degree.

LEADS TO

ADVANCED CERTIFICATE/ ADVANCED DIPLOMA

The **Advanced Certificate (AdC)** qualification is roughly equivalent to the first year of university and fulfils the academic requirements needed to become a Merchant Navy officer at operational level. Delivered over two College terms (around 33 weeks).

Available in three pathways:

- Nautical Science
- Marine Engineering
- Electro-Technical

Academic entry requirements:

Level 3 Diploma in Shipping and Maritime Operations.

Next steps: With further study you could top up your AdC to a **Advanced Diploma (AdD)**. The AdD fulfils the academic requirements for managerial level (but to progress through the ranks you will still need to undertake vocational assessments).

OR

FOUNDATION DEGREE

The **Foundation Degree** is roughly equivalent to the first two years of university and fulfils the academic requirements needed to become a Merchant Navy officer at managerial level. It requires a more self-disciplined approach to learning than the AdD but gives you a broader range of graduate skills.

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- Nautical Science
- Marine Engineering
- Electro-Technical

Academic entry requirements:

48 UCAS points (including at least one module in a relevant subject) or the Level 3 Diploma in Shipping and Maritime Operations.

Next steps: Progression through the ranks and higher level study, for example, BSc top up in Maritime Operations Management.

CAN LEAD TO

BSC TOP UP MARITIME OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT (NAUTICAL SCIENCE)

This is a future-focused programme that will enable you to develop the essential knowledge and skills preparing you for future success in work and life across the maritime industry.

Academic entry requirements: Entrants onto the programme will have successfully completed a relevant level 5 qualification, either the STCW-aligned Foundation Degree or Advanced Diploma/Higher National Diploma at Fleetwood Nautical Campus in the five years prior to BSc (Hons) course commencement. Students enrolling onto the programme with an Advanced Diploma/Higher National Diploma will be required to undertake a three week pre-entry bridging module prior to the course commencement, which will be delivered via blended learning.

Next steps: Upon successful completion of the programme, you could consider a number of roles across the maritime industry. Whether you wish to remain at sea, or come ashore, this programme provides you with the knowledge and skills required to move into managerial roles across the sector. For more detailed information about this programme, ask for the BSc top up information sheet.

STUDENTS WITH SPONSORSHIP:

With sponsorship, there are two possible routes, depending on your previous academic qualifications.

Follow the flows below to find out what qualifications you need to undertake a cadetship and what your future options are. Before you do, take a quick look at the other entry requirements.

WITH GCSEs

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OTHER APPLICANTS:

It's possible to independently undertake an Advanced Diploma qualification without sponsorship (subject to entry qualifications) but you would not gain the required vocational assessments to progress.

This route is for you if you are not looking to gain a Certificate of Competency (and go to sea) but are interested in gaining qualifications that will equip you for shore based maritime roles. Examples are roles in shipping companies, harbour offices, port authorities and ship repair companies.

ADVANCED DIPLOMA

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ALL APPLICANTS

OTHER ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Anyone wanting a career at sea needs:

- to be at least 16
- UK residency (including a valid UK passport)
- to pass the MCA Seafarer Medical Examinations (ENG1), designed to highlight medical conditions that would be difficult to treat - or could become worse - while at sea (organised through your shipping company)

PROGRESSING THROUGH THE RANKS

Completing your AdC/AdD/Foundation Degree as well as the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) written and oral exams means you can achieve an MCA Certificate of Competency as an Officer of the Watch (OOW) or Engineering Officer of the Watch (EOOW).

With further training and experience, you can then progress through the ranks and gain the qualifications needed to become the Master (Captain) or Chief Engineer. It generally takes a further six years to achieve these, depending on your shipping company and the vessels it operates.

TO FIND OUT MORE AND APPLY FOR SPONSORSHIP VISIT CAREERSATSEA.ORG

ENJOY THE JOURNEY

ON-SITE HALLS OF RESIDENCE AND REFECTORY



PUT YOURSELF TO THE TEST



GET TO KNOW YOUR CLASS MATES



COMPETITIONS

WINNERS OF THE MARITIME AND COASTGUARD AGENCY (MCA) UK OFFICER TRAINEE OF THE YEAR (9 OUT OF 15 YEARS)

EVERYTHING FROM ROCK-CLIMBING TO CANOEING



NAUTICAL STUDENT SOCIETY

REAL-LIFE INSIGHT INTO THE MARITIME INDUSTRY



TRAVELLING BACK IN TIME AT FLEETWOOD NAUTICAL MUSEUM

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

A PERSONAL PROGRESS TUTOR AND DROP-IN CLINICS (FOR EXTRA HELP)

PASTORAL SUPPORT

ONGOING ACCESS TO ALL THE HELP AND SUPPORT YOU NEED

CAREERS TEAM

PROFESSIONAL ADVICE TO HELP YOU PLAN YOUR FUTURE

DIVERSITY IN MARITIME

WE ARE PROUD TO BE A MEMBER OF WOMEN IN MARITIME NETWORK

PROFESSIONAL BODY MEMBERSHIP

LEADING TO PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION



When you join FNC, you're not just starting college, you're starting an exciting new adventure. Look forward to an inspiring environment where you can enjoy good times, grow your confidence and gain valuable skills for the future.

CADET DEVELOPMENT COURSE

KICK OFF WITH OUR TEAMBUILDING WEEK IN THE LAKE DISTRICT

ON-SITE HALLS OF RESIDENCE

A CHOICE OF ROOMS AND PRICES WITH A 24/7 WARDEN

DEGREE +

DEMONSTRATE YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS THROUGH OUR 'ADDED EXTRAS' AWARD

ACTIVITY-BASED TRAINING

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES TO BUILD LEADERSHIP SKILLS

RELEVANT TRIPS

GET REAL-LIFE INSIGHT INTO YOUR CHOSEN CAREER

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

GET HANDS-ON TO PREPARE FOR YOUR CAREER AT SEA

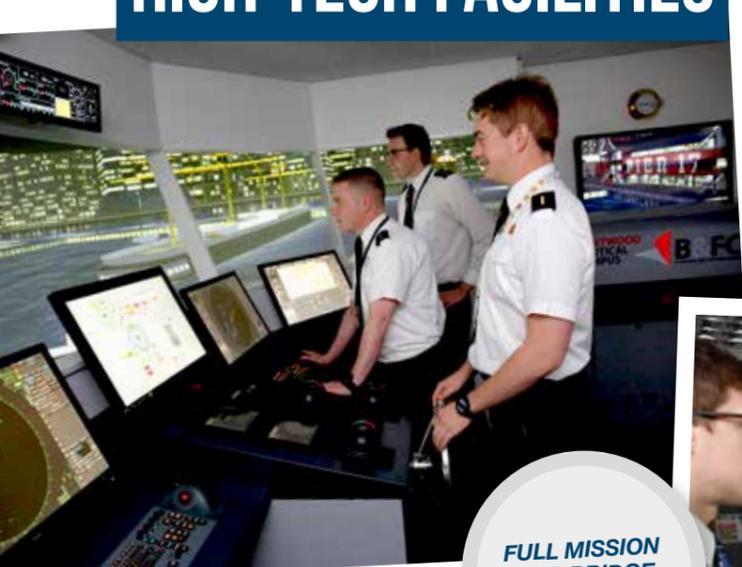
SPORTS, CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

GET ACTIVE, HAVE FUN OR TRY SOMETHING NEW



HIGH-TECH FACILITIES

CONSTANT INVESTMENT IN OUR FACILITIES MEANS THE LATEST TECHNOLOGY AND RESOURCES AT OUR AMAZING PURPOSE-BUILT CAMPUS.



FULL MISSION SHIP BRIDGE SIMULATORS



£1.3M MARINE ENGINEERING CENTRE



ELECTRONICS LAB



ONE OF THE UK'S LARGEST ENGINE ROOM SIMULATORS



HIGH VOLTAGE SIMULATOR



ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING TANK



SIMULATED REALITY EXPERIENCE



FIRE-FIGHTING TRAINING FACILITY



CUTTING EDGE LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE

“ These new facilities are bringing what is already an excellent training establishment ahead of other establishments. ”
Trinity House (A LEADING SHIPPING AND SEAFARERS' CHARITY)

IS THE MERCHANT NAVY FOR ME?

CONSIDER YOUR STRENGTHS

It takes a certain type of person to succeed in the Merchant Navy. That goes for whether you choose the Deck, Engineering or Electro-technical route. Being honest about where your strengths lie can help you decide early on if this is the career for you.

YOU'LL NEED:

- an interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM subjects)
- good maths, IT and computer skills
- problem-solving ability
- self-discipline
- a strong sense of responsibility
- good communication skills
- integrity and initiative
- good leadership and management skills
- attention to detail
- good timekeeping!

YOU'LL BE EXPECTED TO:

- obey orders when required
- work long hours
- work to deadlines
- work on your own and as part of a team
- handle complex information
- work under pressure
- plan and organise your work
- react quickly to emergencies and stay calm

BEAR IN MIND...

A career at sea is hugely rewarding yet challenging at the same time. You might need to spend long periods away from home (sometimes in adverse weather conditions), often with people you barely know. But some people see this as exciting, almost like an adventure – it just depends on how you look at it...



STUDENT LOW-DOWN



WHAT'S IT LIKE WORKING AT SEA?

“ My vessel was a container roll-on/roll-off vessel with a large recreation area for relaxing, playing games and watching movies. We had a gym and a sauna and the Wi-Fi was good enough to call friends and family. I've enjoyed the freedom and the travelling, visiting new countries and getting to know lots of different people!

Damon Wolstenholme



WHAT'S THE COURSE LIKE?

“ It's challenging but rewarding. Clinics for all the subjects are available in the evenings, and most lecturers will be happy to help you on a one-to-one basis after class. Activity-based training is once a week - a fun and active few hours to develop new interests and just have a good time.

Sarah-Jayne Hartley-Rudd



APPLYING

LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA (DIRECT ENTRY)

– WITHOUT SPONSORSHIP

1. COMPLETE AN APPLICATION

Apply for either the Deck or Engineering direct entry course online at fleetwoodnautical.blackpool.ac.uk/courses/cadet-preparation

2. ATTEND AN INTERVIEW

This is your chance to meet a tutor, ask questions and make sure you're on the right career path.

3. CONFIRM YOUR OFFER

Following your interview, we'll write to you with full details of your offer. It's important you confirm your acceptance of this offer as soon as possible so we can reserve a place for you.

4. ATTEND A TASTER DAY

We'll invite you to our taster events, where you can meet your future class mates and take part in subject-related activities.

5. ENROL

Enrolment takes place on GCSE results day (providing you achieve the required grades) and is when you officially become a College student. We'll let you know beforehand where and when to go, and what to bring.



SPONSORED COURSES

If you have the correct entry requirements to start the AdD/ Foundation Degree, or you're a school leaver but want to attempt to gain sponsorship on your own, you will need to apply to a shipping company or training organisation direct.

SHIPPING COMPANIES:

- AW Crewing Services Ltd
- BP Maritime Services
- Carnival UK
- James Fisher and Sons
- Pacific Nuclear Transport Ltd (PNTL) – AW Crewing
- Princess Cruises
- Royal Fleet Auxiliary
- Shell Ship Management
- VShips
- Kuwait Oil Tanker Company

TRAINING ORGANISATIONS:

- Anglo Eastern UK Ltd
- Chiltern Maritime Ltd
- Clyde Marine Training Ltd
- Ship Safe Training Group
- Viking Recruitment Ltd
- Just Be Maritime

STAY IN TOUCH

At any stage of the application process, we're around to help and advise – just contact us on
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ALTERNATIVE PROSPECTUS FORMAT

To receive this prospectus in an alternative format please contact our Student Support and Wellbeing Team on:
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EQUALITY FOR ALL

B&FC is committed to equality, diversity and wellbeing in all its activities for everyone who learns and works here. We respect and value difference in race and ethnic origin, gender, disability, mental health, sexual orientation, age, religion and belief, additional learning, economic and social background.

“The best part about it is making friends and experiencing so many new things.” Liam Sharp



Student image: Andrew Hartnett

MARITIME APPRENTICESHIPS

ABOUT APPRENTICESHIPS

An Apprenticeship is a job with an accompanying skills development programme under an Apprenticeship Agreement designed by employers in the sector. It allows the apprentice to gain technical knowledge and real practical experience, along with functional and personal skills required for their immediate job and future career. These are acquired through a mix of learning in the workplace, formal off the job training and the opportunity to practice and embed new skills in a real work context.

We currently offer three apprenticeships:

SEAFARER (DECK RATING) (INTERMEDIATE – LEVEL 2)

MARITIME MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL MECHANIC (INTERMEDIATE – LEVEL 2)

OFFICER OF THE WATCH (NEAR COASTAL) (ADVANCED – LEVEL 3)

****Coming soon SMALL VESSEL CHIEF ENGINEER LEVEL 4 APPRENTICESHIP**** - find out more at www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/apprenticeship-standards/small-vessel-chief-engineer-v1-0



SEAFARER (DECK RATING) APPRENTICESHIP

ABOUT THIS APPRENTICESHIP

This is a level 2 (Intermediate) Apprenticeship. A Seafarer (Deck Rating) works as a member of the navigation department on board ships and vessels of different types and sizes, carrying out the following tasks:

- **watchkeeping duties**
- **maintaining the safety and security of the vessel, cargo and personnel on board**
- **and undertaking a range of practical seafarer skills covering ropework,**
- **administering first aid**
- **carrying out fire prevention and firefighting duties**
- **operating survival craft and rescue boats**
- **anchoring and mooring activities and operations**

You'll work a shift rota both on your own and as part of a team and must be able to work safely in enclosed spaces and at heights and respond to vessel emergencies.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You must be physically fit and able to pass the ENG1 medical requirements for a Deck Rating, including lookout duties. This test includes, but is not limited to, severe deafness or difficulty communicating by radio or telephone, eyesight or colour vision that does not meet standards and conditions that limit mobility and stamina.

Beyond this, employers will determine their own selection criteria but should satisfy themselves that you can meet the vocational requirements of their apprenticeship.

You must be committed and willing to work away from home.

With this qualification you'll be able to work on any type and size of ship - anywhere in the world.

HOW TO APPLY

To join this apprenticeship programme, you will need to be employed by a relevant company, where you will carry out the 'on the job' elements of the programme.

We work with the following employers on this apprenticeship. If you are interested in this programme, here's how to apply:

Stena Line	www.stenaline.com/career/ Vacancies are advertised in September for October/November start dates
James Fisher	www.james-fisher.com/
AW Crewing	Email your CV and a covering letter to tp@awcrewing.com
	careersatsea.org/apply/how-to-apply/



MARITIME MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL MECHANIC

INTERMEDIATE APPRENTICESHIP

ABOUT THIS APPRENTICESHIP

This is a level 2 (Intermediate) Apprenticeship and is aimed at anyone over the age of 18 who has an interest in working as one of the following:

- **Motorman/Motorhand**
- **Marine Engineer**

Maritime mechanical and electrical mechanic are employed in the Royal Navy and Merchant Navy. The engineering knowledge and skills used in the role can be transferred to other entry level engineering roles in other industries.

Maritime mechanical and electrical mechanics work from engineering drawings, data and documentation in order to undertake the testing, fault diagnosis and maintenance of electrical, mechanical and fluid power equipment on ships and submarines. This can include propulsion machinery, weapons, sensors, reactors and auxiliary systems (such as water, air conditioning, electronic equipment including programmable logic controllers, power generation and distribution).

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Apprentices without level 1 English and maths will need to achieve this level and apprentices without level 2 English and maths will need to take the tests for this level prior to taking the end-point assessment.

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FIND OUT MORE

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OFFICER OF THE WATCH (NEAR COASTAL)

ADVANCED APPRENTICESHIP

ABOUT THIS APPRENTICESHIP

This is a level 3 (Advanced) Apprenticeship and is aimed at anyone over the age of 18 who wishes to achieve the Officer of the Watch (Near Coastal) qualification, which is aimed at individuals working on a wide range of specialist commercial vessels such as tugs, fishing boats and workboats working close to the shore, in waters designated by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency as "near coastal"*. These vessels cannot be more than 500 gross tonnage. There are routes for new starters and experienced seafarers.

*An area of operation restricted to 150 miles from a safe haven on the coast of the UK and 30 miles from Ireland.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The apprentice must:

- **have the right to work in England**
- **be 18 or older**
- **obtain a Maritime and Coastguard Agency ENG medical (medical fitness certificate)**
- **have Level 2 English and Math (GCSE 4-9). Candidates not meeting English and Maths requirements will need to undertake Functional Skills and work towards qualifications prior to End Point Assessment.**

HOW TO APPLY

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“ IT’S A FANTASTIC CAREER (TRAINING INCLUDED!) AND SO FAR IT’S ONLY GIVEN ME FANTASTIC EXPERIENCES AND SKILLS

My first time at the helm of a ship was very memorable; it was the day I was due leave the ship and that morning I was at the helm bringing the ship into Southampton (under the orders of the Master and the Pilot). Hands down one of the best things I’ve ever done.

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Ben Munson, Foundation Degree in Nautical Sciences

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