



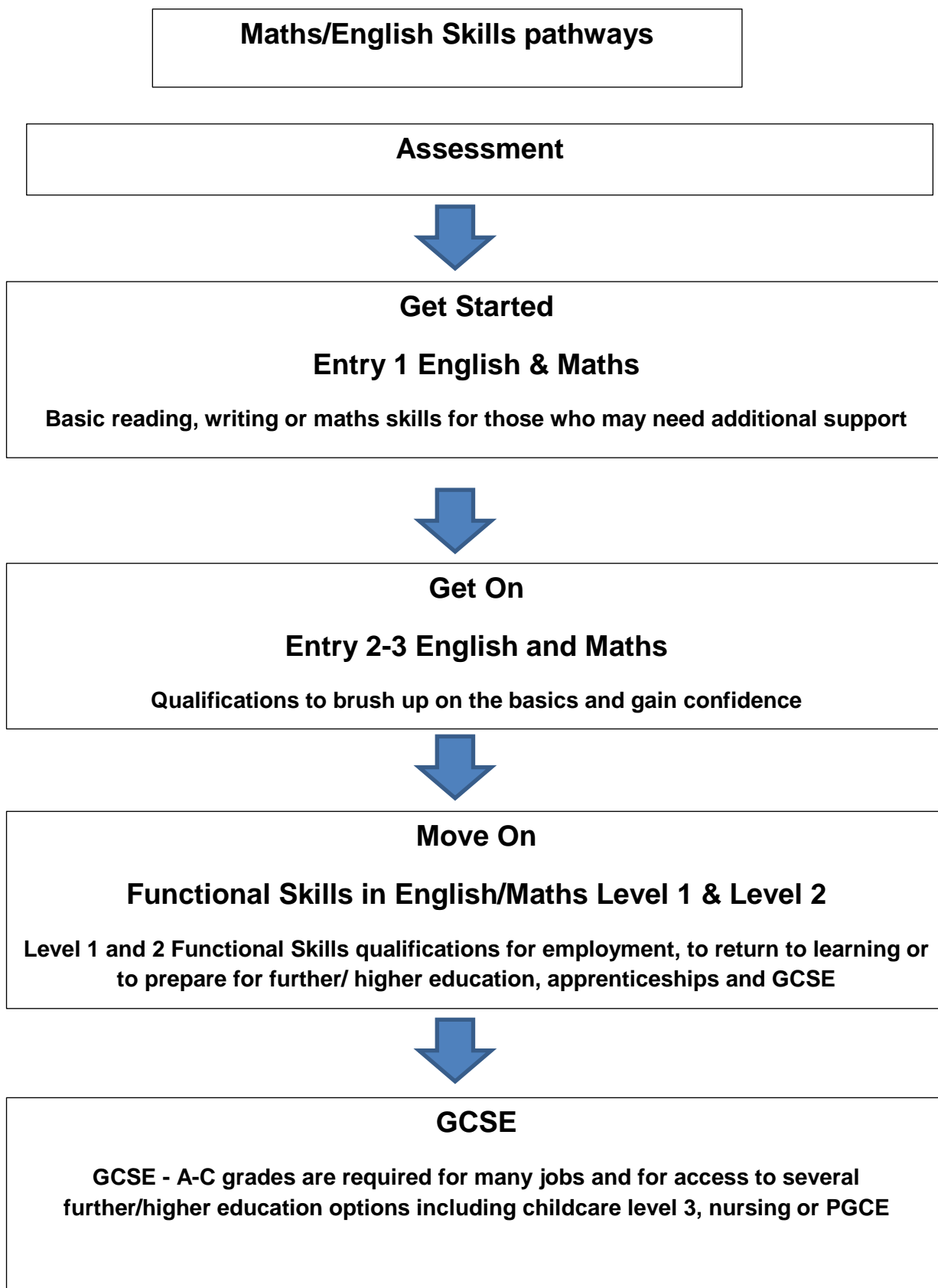
**Northumberland**  
County Council

**Learning & Skills Service**  
**Maths, English & ESOL**  
**Course Descriptions**

## English and Maths (Free courses for adults\*)

Functional Skills courses are based on real life situations/activities and can be adapted to suit your own needs. Here are some practical examples, which will vary from level to level. On a FS English course you may for example learn how to write or answer an email, how to prepare for and do a job interview, discuss the news or use a cash machine. On a FS Maths course you may learn how to calculate the amount of paint you need to apply for two coats on a living room wall and ceiling, or how to calculate percentages on a credit card repayment.

Functional Skills English and Maths are a mandatory component of Diplomas, Foundation Learning Programmes and apprenticeships. They can be studied as a stand-alone qualification or as a stepping stone to GCSE. Our courses range from Entry Level 1 to Level 2 (equivalent to a D at GCSE).



### Northumberland Learning & Skills Service Course Description

<b>Course title</b>	<b>NCFE Functional Skills in English</b>
<b>Level</b>	<b>Entry Level to Level 2</b>
<b>Accredited</b>	Yes
<b>Who is this course for?</b>	This course is for anyone aged 16 or over who needs an up to date English qualification or wants to top up their existing skills and qualifications.
<b>What will I study? (Key modules or content)</b>	<p>NCFE Functional Skills in English courses are based on real life situations/activities and can be adapted to suit your own needs.</p> <p>You may for example learn how to write or answer an email, how to prepare for and do a job interview, discuss the news or use a cash machine.</p> <p>Functional Skills in English are a mandatory component of Diplomas, Foundation Learning Programmes and apprenticeships. They can be studied as a stand-alone qualification or as a stepping stone to GCSE.</p> <p>Our courses range from Entry Level 1 to Level 2 (equivalent to a D at GCSE). The full level FS English consists of exams in the following: 1. Speaking and listening 2. Reading 3. Writing</p>
<b>What are the Entry requirements?</b>	There are no formal entry requirements for this course but on application you will be asked to undertake an assessment of your skills to determine the correct level for you.
<b>Requirements of the course (e.g. kit/uniform info)</b>	None
<b>Progression and Careers</b>	You can progress from Entry Level to Level 2 (equivalent to a D at GCSE (See English & Maths pathways overleaf)
<b>For more information please contact:</b>	<p>Tel: 01670 622104</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:nals@northumberland.gov.uk">nals@northumberland.gov.uk</a></p>

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<b>Course title</b>	<b>NCFE Functional Skills in Maths</b>
<b>Level</b>	<b>Entry Level to Level 2</b>
<b>Accredited</b>	Yes
<b>Who is this course for?</b>	This course is for anyone aged 16 or over who needs an up to date Maths qualification or wants to top up their existing skills and qualifications.
<b>What will I study? (Key modules or content)</b>	<p>NCFE Functional Skills qualifications are ideal qualification for learners wishing to develop practical, transferable skills in Mathematics in order to work confidently, effectively and independently in life.</p> <p>Functional Skills in Maths are a mandatory component of Diplomas, Foundation Learning Programmes and apprenticeships. They can be studied as a stand-alone qualification or as a stepping stone to GCSE.</p> <p>NCFE Functional Skills in Maths courses are based on real life situations/activities and can be adapted to suit your own needs.</p> <p>When you join a class we will assess your skills and you will be guided by expert tutors towards nationally recognised adult qualifications. Assessment for FS Maths is by a single examination at the end of the course.</p>
<b>What are the Entry requirements?</b>	There are no formal entry requirements for this course but on application you will be asked to undertake an assessment of your skills to determine the correct level for you.
<b>Requirements of the course (e.g. kit/uniform info)</b>	None
<b>Progression and Careers</b>	You can progress from Entry Level to Level 2 (equivalent to a D at GCSE. (See English & Maths pathways overleaf)
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## Northumberland Learning & Skills Service Course Description

<b>Course title</b>	<b>English for Speakers of Other Languages (Entry Levels)</b>
<b>Level</b>	<b>Entry Levels</b>
<b>Accredited</b>	No
<b>Who is this course for?</b>	This course is suitable for anyone 16 or over. ESOL courses are for learners who live in the UK and speak English as their second or other language. Our courses will improve your listening, speaking, reading and writing skills. We have courses from pre-entry to Level 2.
<b>What will I study? (Key modules or content)</b>	ESOL support speakers of other languages based within the UK to develop their English language skills for work, further learning or everyday life. Use new vocabulary and simple grammar that will help you to ask and answer questions • Ask and give travel information • Make an appointment with the doctor and ask for medicines at the chemist • Ask for and give simple directions • Talk and write about your family, friends and yourself • Understand signs, symbols and instructions • Read and write some letters, notes, emails and simple forms.
<b>What are the Entry requirements?</b>	There are no formal entry requirements for this course but on application you will be asked to undertake an assessment of your skills to determine the correct level for you.
<b>Requirements of the course (e.g. kit/uniform info)</b>	None
<b>Progression and Careers</b>	You can progress from Entry Level to Level 2
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<b>Course title</b>	<b>Certificate in ESOL Skills for Life</b>
<b>Level</b>	<b>Entry Levels to Level 2</b>
<b>Accredited</b>	Yes
<b>Who is this course for?</b>	This course is suitable for anyone 16 or over. ESOL courses are for learners who live in the UK and speak English as their second or other language. Our courses will improve your listening, speaking, reading and writing skills. We have accredited courses from Entry Level to Level 2.
<b>What will I study? (Key modules or content)</b>	ESOL Skills for Life qualifications support speakers of other languages based within the UK to develop their English language skills for work, further learning or everyday life.  These qualifications are intended for anyone based in the UK needing to improve their understanding and use of written or spoken English. This might be to help get on at work (or get a job), prepare for further study, access public services, or just to function more effectively in an English-speaking environment.
<b>What are the Entry requirements?</b>	There are no formal entry requirements for this course but on application you will be asked to undertake an assessment of your skills to determine the correct level for you.
<b>Requirements of the course (e.g. kit/uniform info)</b>	None
<b>Progression and Careers</b>	You can progress from Entry Level to Level 2
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