

ATHE · LEVEL 3 · COMPUTING & AI

Award in Introduction to Computer Programming

Qualification Number: 610/4301/1 | Total Credits: 10 | Graded: Pass / Merit / Distinction

AWARDING BODY
ATHE

LEVEL
RQF Level 3

DURATION
4–6 Weeks

STUDY MODE
Distance Learning

ASSESSMENT
Assignment-Based

COURSE OVERVIEW

The ATHE Level 3 Award in Introduction to Computer Programming is a 10-credit, Ofqual regulated qualification designed for learners who want to build a solid foundation in programming — from understanding how languages work to writing their first programme.

This qualification covers the core concepts of programming languages, object-oriented programming (OOP), and how programmes are structured and executed. It's the ideal starting point for anyone looking to enter the tech industry, upskill in a digital role, or progress to higher-level computing qualifications.

Delivered fully online through StaffCPD. No exams — assignment-based throughout, with full tutor support and flexible scheduling.

UNIT OF STUDY

● Introduction to Computer Programming

10 Credits · Mandatory

- Understand how computer programming languages are used
- Understand the basics of programming languages
- Understand programming languages in depth
- Understand the use of Object Oriented Programming (OOP)
- Be able to write a basic computer programme

CAREER PROGRESSION

- Junior Developer / Programmer roles across any sector
- Progress to ATHE Level 4 or Level 5 Computing qualifications
- Strengthen your CV for digital and tech roles
- Foundation for degree-level study in Computer Science or IT
- Advanced Learner Loans available for eligible UK learners

ASSESSMENT METHOD

No Exams

Assignment Based

Tutor Feedback

Flexible Deadlines

100% Online

COURSE FEE

£450 + VAT

VAT applicable for UK learners

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ Typically aged 16 and above
- ✓ 5 or more GCSEs at grades C/4 and above, or related Level 2 subject
- ✓ Other related Level 2 subjects accepted
- ✓ Equivalent international qualifications accepted
- ✓ IELTS 5.5 or CEFR B2 for non-native English speakers
- ✓ Cambridge CAE 162+ or Pearson PTE Academic 42–49 accepted

HOW YOU'LL STUDY

Distance Learning / Online. Start any day — onboarding within the hour. Full access to study materials, eBooks, and tutor support via the online LMS platform. Complete at your own pace.

The Award is issued by ATHE — the Awarding Organisation. UK Versity Online Limited (Number 889) is an accredited and approved delivery centre for ATHE qualifications.

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