

Purpose statement

The following purpose is for the **Level 3 Advanced Technical Certificate in Digital Technologies (601/4513/4)**

Area	Description
OVERVIEW	
Who is this qualification for?	This qualification is for you if you are 16 or over and want to develop your knowledge and skills in digital technology as well as applying these to practical situations. It will provide you with the skills to lead to the roles outlined below or a Digital Apprenticeship.
What does this qualification cover?	<p>The Level 3 Technical Extended Certificate in Digital Technology will support you to develop a broad and comprehensive understanding of the IT digital environment covering seven compulsory topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • project management • information security • networking fundamentals • digital business communication • software development fundamentals • collection and analysis of data • enterprise technologies. <p>Centres and providers work with local employers who will contribute to the knowledge and delivery of training. Employers will provide demonstrations and talks on the industry and where possible work placements will also be provided by the employers. This practically based training is ideal preparation for gaining employment in the digital industry or specialist further study.</p>
WHAT COULD THIS QUALIFICATION LEAD TO?	
Will the qualification lead to employment, and if so, in which job role and at what level?	<p>The qualification can provide you with an opportunity to join an organisation in a junior role such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • trainee network administrator • trainee systems administrator.
Why choose this qualification over similar qualifications?	<p>This qualification is for you if want an introductory qualification to develop the basic skills and knowledge required by employers in the Digital Technologies industry. This will typically be delivered over one year alongside other qualifications in the same area or as part of a wider programme of study.</p> <p>If you are looking for a two year course to be taken alongside other qualifications and are hoping to specialise by developing the skills and knowledge in one of the six key technology areas</p>

	then the Level 3 Advanced Technical extended Diploma in Digital Technologies would be more appropriate.
Will the qualification lead to further learning?	Yes, with this qualification you can explore higher level Apprenticeships such as the Level 4 Higher Apprenticeship for IT, Software, Web & Telecoms Professionals or the Level 4 Higher Apprenticeship in Information Security. As this qualification has UCAS points you could also use this to progress to degrees in areas such as Computing, Digital Marketing and Business.
WHO SUPPORTS THIS QUALIFICATION?	
Employer/Higher Education Institutions	Microsoft Cisco CompTIA IBM Forge Rock
FURTHER INFORMATION	Please refer to the Qualification Handbook, available on the City & Guilds website, for more information on the structure of this qualification, the content of the units, and assessment.