

# Careers in Further Education

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## You could turn your skills and experience into a teaching career in Further Education

A career in further education is a great way to pass on your knowledge and help students develop real, practical skills.

Whether you're transitioning from a trade or aiming to teach a specific subject, there are numerous pathways into a career in further education.



## Why become an FE Lecturer?

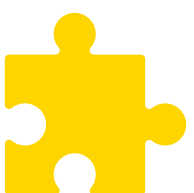
Further Education provides a unique opportunity to shape the future workforce. As an FE lecturer, you'll be teaching students from a range of backgrounds, often in vocational subjects directly related to your area of expertise. Your real-world experience is invaluable to students preparing for their careers.

## What you can expect when getting started



### No teaching qualifications? No problem!

There aren't always teaching qualifications required to teach in a Further Education setting like a college. As independent organisations, teaching at a higher level, they can set their own entry requirements and benefit packages.



### Find roles to match your expertise

Roles can vary from subject lecturer positions to tutoring roles. With opportunities to assess and verify also an option with the right training.



### Earn while you learn

Some Colleges, Training Providers and even Prisons, will fund your training on the job, allowing you to earn while you learn, developing your skills in the field from the beginning.



### Try before you commit

If you aren't sure you want to jump into formal training or a new job just yet, a free course is available from the Education & Training Foundation (ETF) allowing you to explore what it's like to be a teacher in FE.



## What funding could be available to you?

- ✓ Financial support in the form of student loans may be available to you if you wish to study ahead of your first job in Education.
- ✓ Depending on your chosen subject and area of expertise, you may be eligible for a tax-free bursary of up to £6000. This can usually be claimed at any point in your first 5 years.

## How can you get into an FE Lecturing role from industry?

### Direct entry:

- Some FE colleges offer part-time or sessional lecturer positions for industry professionals without formal teaching qualifications. This can be a great way to start while gaining teaching experience.

### Industry workshops & guest lecturing:

- You could begin by offering guest lectures, seminars, or workshops in your area of expertise, easing the transition into a more formal teaching role.

### Teaching apprenticeships:

- If you're new to teaching, some FE institutions offer teacher training apprenticeships that allow you to gain a qualification while teaching.

### Work-based assessors:

- Many professionals start as assessors for vocational qualifications before moving into lecturing, as it allows you to apply your industry skills directly to student assessments.

## How others like you made the jump into FE Teaching

*"Dovetail & Slate have been instrumental in bringing me from plumbing and into teaching.*

*I was nervous about such a large career change in such a small amount of time but thanks to the support, the transition has been very smooth and nowhere near as daunting as I thought it would be."*

Sam | Plumbing Lecturer

*"With my new career change, Dovetail & Slate helped me settle into this new path very quickly and dealt with any issues or worries I may have had.*

*I'm very happy with my new role and looking forward to my future career path. Thank you for helping me achieve this and putting my confidence back into myself. "*

Callum | Air-conditioning and Refrigeration Tech/Demonstrator

## Ready to get started?

**At Dovetail & Slate, we help people like you start their careers in education.**

Using our nationwide network of education providers, we'll connect you with the perfect role, no matter where you are in your career.

Let us take the stress out of job hunting and help you find a fulfilling career in education!



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