

Digital and IT

Award in Introduction to Programming (Award/Level 1)

Computer programming is the process of creating computer programs using code. On this course you will learn about the basic principles of computer programming, how to design, plan, and write a computer program, and how to test and evaluate its functions.

When does this start and end?	What are the entry requirements?	Need more information?
8 January 2026 - 30 January 2026	No prior knowledge or experience of Computer Programming is required but students will be required to have completed the Next Steps with Computers course, or already have digital skills equivalent to those listed in that course's description. Students will also need to be working at Level 1 or above in Literacy.	You can find out more about Northern College and the courses on offer by calling us on 01226 776000 or emailing us courses@northern.ac.uk

What can this course lead to?

As well as providing a recognised qualification in the subject, this course could also lead on to the College's Computer Programming (Level 2) course, and the skills-focussed programming

courses delivered here.

Want to learn more?

You can find out more about Northern College and the courses on offer at one of our Open Events [<https://www.northern.ac.uk/open-events/>]

Course session dates

Session dates for 8 January 2026 - 30 January 2026

- Thursday 08 Jan 2026 to Friday 09 Jan 2026
- Thursday 15 Jan 2026 to Friday 16 Jan 2026
- Thursday 22 Jan 2026 to Friday 23 Jan 2026
- Thursday 29 Jan 2026 to Friday 30 Jan 2026

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