

# FLEETWOOD NAUTICAL CAMPUS



# FURTHERING NAUTICAL CAREERS

HIGH QUALITY  
MARITIME  
TRAINING

REWARDING  
CAREERS  
AT SEA

DEDICATED  
CAMPUS FOR  
MARITIME

£1.3M MARINE  
ENGINEERING  
CENTRE

HIGH-TECH  
FACILITIES

FIRST-RATE  
SKILLS AND  
EXPERIENCE

TRAIN FOR A RICH, REWARDING FUTURE AT SEA OR ASHORE AT ONE OF THE UK'S LEADING NAUTICAL COLLEGES FOR THE MARITIME INDUSTRY - FLEETWOOD NAUTICAL CAMPUS.



# WELCOME TO FLEETWOOD

# NAUTICAL CAMPUS

**Do you see yourself as a future Captain or Chief Engineer at sea, or working ashore, perhaps as a Ship's Pilot or an Accident Investigator?**

With potential tax-free earnings and a generous leave allowance once you qualify, a career at sea really is an exciting and challenging option for you.

The UK sea trade is expected to double in the next 20 years and there is a clear need for a highly skilled workforce across navigation and engineering disciplines.

Fleetwood Nautical Campus (FNC) has almost 130 years' experience of providing first-rate maritime training and we're proud to be shaping the next generation of seafarers.

This brochure outlines the excellent career opportunities available and the different progression routes open to you at FNC, on our dedicated purpose-built campus.

You can also discover more online at [www.fleetwoodnautical.blackpool.ac.uk](http://www.fleetwoodnautical.blackpool.ac.uk) or [www.careersatsea.org](http://www.careersatsea.org)

**I look forward to meeting you on campus.**

**Captain Neil Atkinson**  
Chartered Master Mariner  
Head of Fleetwood Nautical Campus

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**“ With their excellent new facilities and their experienced staff, Fleetwood Nautical Campus are able to support and provide our cadets with the knowledge and skills required for the maritime industry. ”**

Carnival UK  
*ONE OF THE WORLD'S LEADING CRUISE OPERATORS*



# WHY CHOOSE FLEETWOOD NAUTICAL CAMPUS?

## HIGH QUALITY

- An Ofsted Grade 1 Outstanding college
- In the top 3% of colleges in England for school leaver success<sup>1</sup>
- Commendations from The Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA)
- Degrees awarded by Lancaster University – ranked in the UK's top 20 institutions<sup>2</sup>
- STEM Foundation approved

## EMPLOYMENT-FOCUSED

- Providing first-rate maritime training for almost 130 years
- Highly qualified, expert tutors with lots of industry experience
- Excellent relationships with employers and industry bodies
- Hands-on and class-based training

## SUCCESS

- The Maritime and Coastguard Agency Cadet of the Year - 9 times out of 13 years
- The majority of direct entry students seeking sponsorship have been successful
- External exam pass rate higher than national average

## SUPPORTIVE

- A challenging residential induction, often away from the campus
- High levels of ongoing support
- Fun enrichment activities
- Weekly activity-based training

## AFFORDABLE

- No course fees for under 19s direct entry students who have not previously attended a funded FE programme
- FREE or discounted travel, FREE breakfast, help with childcare costs if needed<sup>3</sup>, FREE lunch<sup>4</sup> and up to £1200 Guaranteed Bursary and FREE meals if you're in care or receiving certain benefits<sup>4</sup>
- Help with accommodation costs if you need to move away to study<sup>5</sup>
- FREE parking



## “GETTING PAID TO TRAVEL THE WORLD”

Since setting sail as a cadet in 2006, Karley Smith has travelled the world, picked up the MCA Officer of the Year Award and qualified at the industry's highest level - as Master Mariner. She now works for Stena Drilling and part-time for FNC, supporting the next generation of Merchant Navy officers.

“I've had great experiences working in Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, Brazil and the Mediterranean but I've also experienced winters in the North Sea! Getting paid to travel the world is something most people only dream of, but for a seafarer it's just a regular day at the office.”

Karley Smith

<sup>1</sup>National Achievement Rate Tables (NARTs) from the Department for Education & Education and Skills Funding Agency 2018/19 <sup>2</sup>The Complete University Guide league tables 2022 <sup>3</sup>Get more information and apply online at [www.gov.uk/care-to-learn](https://www.gov.uk/care-to-learn) <sup>4</sup>Eligibility applies – go to <https://www.blackpool.ac.uk/support/financial-support-16-18s> for details <sup>5</sup>Get more information and apply online at <https://www.gov.uk/residential-support-scheme>

Please note: Support with travel, subsistence, childcare and accommodation is only available to eligible 16-18 year-old students on the non-sponsored Level 3 course.





# ALL ABOUT THE MARITIME INDUSTRY

If you want an exciting, rewarding career with great opportunities for progression you should definitely consider the maritime industry.

## WHAT'S THE MARITIME INDUSTRY?

The maritime industry is anything related to the ocean, sea, ships, navigation of ships, seafarers, ship owning and other related activities.<sup>1</sup> Maritime companies cover everything from shipbuilding to maritime law, and there's a huge range of job opportunities – both at sea and ashore.

## WHAT'S THE MERCHANT NAVY?

The Merchant Navy is the collective name for the UK's commercial shipping industry – basically the transportation by sea of goods (cargo) and people (passengers). It's made up of shipping companies who are responsible for the recruitment and training of their own Merchant Navy officers.

**THE UK'S SEA TRADE IS SET TO DOUBLE BY 2040**  
MEANING INCREASED DEMAND FOR HIGHLY SKILLED WORKERS IN NAVIGATION, ENGINEERING AND ELECTRO-TECHNICAL.

**OVER 95%** OF ALL THE UK'S IMPORTS AND EXPORTS ARE BY SEA, MAKING THE MARITIME INDUSTRY THE THIRD LARGEST REVENUE GENERATOR IN THE UK.

## UK MARITIME INDUSTRY TOP FACTS

**185,700 UK MARITIME SECTOR EMPLOYEES<sup>2</sup>**

**23,060 UK SEAFARERS ACTIVE AT SEA<sup>2</sup>**

**484 MILLION TONNES TOTAL UK PORT FREIGHT TONNAGE<sup>2</sup>**

**MERCHANT NAVY OFFICER STARTING SALARY OVER £30,000**

**£46.1 BILLION ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE UK ECONOMY<sup>2</sup>**

<sup>1</sup>Centre for Economics and Business Research 2016 <sup>2</sup>Shipping and freight resource



# WHY IT PAYS TO BE IN THE MERCHANT NAVY

## BROADEN YOUR HORIZONS

Meeting people from different cultures is not just fascinating but makes you more adaptable and a good team player.

## GOOD SALARY POTENTIAL

Merchant Navy starting salaries (once qualified) are higher than most other industries and often exempt from tax.

## LONG LEAVE

Merchant Navy working patterns mean long leave periods, for example for 2 months at sea you get 2 months off.

## LIFE SKILLS

Along with technical and practical seafaring skills, you will also learn valuable skills such as team building, resilience and dedication.

## FANTASTIC CAREER PROSPECTS

This is a growing industry, with well-trained officers in big demand, so there are plenty of opportunities once qualified.

## UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCES

A career at sea is like no other and you will gain so many unforgettable experiences along the way.

## ADVENTUROUS LIFESTYLE

Working at sea provides an exciting work environment with no two days the same (very different to the normal '9 to 5' office job).

## TRAVEL THE WORLD

Many sea placements include the chance to visit some amazing destinations you may not have even thought of, while getting paid.

## JOB SATISFACTION

A career at sea is rewarding in so many ways. You're part of a close-knit team who become like family.

## WORLDWIDE EMPLOYMENT

You will gain an internationally recognised qualification, which means you can literally work anywhere in the world.

## CONTINUOUS DEVELOPMENT

This is a highly skilled profession with ongoing training opportunities to develop you personally and professionally.

## TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

Your skills and experience will be transferable in any career, making you extremely employable whatever you choose to do.

## SPONSORSHIP AND EARNINGS

As a Merchant Navy cadet, your training will be paid for by the shipping company which takes you on – your sponsoring company. During training the company usually pays you an allowance, which covers your accommodation while at College.

Once qualified your starting salary could be anything over £30,000. Chief Officers and Second Engineers can earn up to around £55,000 a year and Masters (Captains) and Chief Engineers can earn up to £75,000 or more a year.

While at sea, your food and accommodation is provided by the company as well as your travel costs, which are paid for by your shipping company. On foreign-going ships, your earnings may be tax free.





## WHAT THE SHIPPING COMPANIES SAY

“FLEETWOOD NAUTICAL COLLEGE IS ONE OF THE DISTINGUISHED COLLEGES THAT WE DEAL WITH, AND WE ARE PLEASED WITH THEIR ADMINISTRATION AND EXPERTISE. WE ARE GLAD TO HAVE OUR MARINE SCHOLARSHIP CADETS STUDYING AT FLEETWOOD.”

**KUWAIT  
OIL  
TANKER  
COMPANY**

“FLEETWOOD NAUTICAL CAMPUS HAS EXCELLENT INFRASTRUCTURE AND STAFF, RISING TO THE CHALLENGE OF DELIVERING SKILLED SEAFARERS, WHILE STRIVING TO IMPROVE AND REMAIN AT THE FOREFRONT OF MARINE TRAINING AND DELIVER WORLD CLASS TRAINING.”

**ROYAL  
FLEET  
AUXILIARY**

“FLEETWOOD NAUTICAL CAMPUS PROVIDES OUR CADETS WITH A POSITIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT WHICH LEADS TO SUCCESS. THE COLLEGE STAFF WORK COLLABORATIVELY WITH US TO ENSURE OUR CADETS ARE GIVEN THE BEST POSSIBLE EDUCATION AND PASTORAL CARE DURING THEIR TIME AT THE CAMPUS.”

**PRINCESS  
CRUISES**

“HAVING WORKED WITH FLEETWOOD NAUTICAL CAMPUS WE ARE CONTINUALLY IMPRESSED WITH THEIR HIGH STANDARDS, THE QUALITY OF OFFICER CADET PRODUCED AND PERSONAL SERVICE THEY PROVIDE TO EACH CLIENT.”

**CLYDE  
MARINE  
TRAINING**





Student image: Andrew Hartnett

# GET A HEADS-UP OF LIFE AT SEA



**FULL MISSION  
SHIP BRIDGE  
SIMULATORS**



“ I have always been excited about a life at sea, and the course helps you to see more of what it would really be like, especially through the College simulators. The ratio of practical to theory work is about 50/50, which I think is the perfect balance. ”

**William Clarke**  
Level 3 Diploma in Shipping and Maritime Operations



**£1.3M MARINE  
ENGINEERING  
CENTRE**



“ I’m excited to be doing the Engineering course at Fleetwood Nautical College. I chose this course as I was told how good it was by a family member that had done it a few years ago. I’m hoping to find a sponsor and then proceed to go to sea with my company. After I finish my course I hope to get a job as an engineer on an oil tanker. ”

**Charlie Gellatly** Level 3 Engineering,  
Shipping and Maritime Operations

# DECK, ENGINEERING OR ELECTRO-TECHNICAL?

CHOOSE  
YOUR  
ROUTE

## DECK OFFICER

### WHAT DO THEY DO?

Deck Officers are responsible for the safety of crew, passengers and cargo. Once you've berthed the ship in port you would oversee the cargo operations, while maintaining the safety and security of the ship. You would be central to the navigation of the vessels at sea, using the latest technology and computer-based systems.

### QUALITIES AND SKILLS NEEDED

A Deck Officer is a vital member of the ship's management team – responsible for making decisions on navigation and communications. So it's important to be a good team member, decisive, calm and someone who inspires confidence in others. You'll be interested in technology and have good mathematical, written and verbal skills. Overall – confidence, enthusiasm and self-reliance are essential.

### CREW RANKINGS

MADE IT!

**Captain** – The Captain (Master) holds the highest position on the vessel and has command of the ship and crew. They have overall responsibility for the ship, her cargo, passengers and all crew, and are responsible for the ship to comply with any custom and immigration regulations.



**Chief Officer** – Chief Officer (Chief Mate) is the next in rank after Master. They are in charge of vessel navigation, cargo operations, deck machinery and maintenance of deck equipment, and safety of the vessel. The Chief Officer also manages other officers on deck.



**Second Officer** – Second Officer is the next in rank after the Chief Officer and is the ship's navigator. Their main duty is to prepare the passage plan and upkeep the chart folio and navigational publications. The Second Officer may also train cadets or fulfil the rank of a safety, environmental or medical officer.

START  
HERE

**Third Officer** – The Third Officer is usually the Ship's Safety Officer, undertaking watchkeeping duties and also ensuring the functionality of lifesaving appliances.

**Cadet/Boatswain/Deck Ratings** – A Cadet on board a merchant vessel receives structured training and experience, and learns how to become a Deck Officer. Apart from the officers, the deck crew also consists of ratings, such as AB (Able Body Seaman), OS (Ordinary Seaman) and Boatswain.



### EXCITING SHORE-BASED OPPORTUNITIES EXIST TOO!





## ENGINEER OFFICER

### WHAT DO THEY DO?

Engineer Officers are responsible for the safe running of the ship's engine, cooling systems, control systems and all mechanical and electrical systems on board. On larger vessels there will be a separate branch headed up by the Technical Officer, which will consist of the Electro-Technical Officers (ETOs).

### QUALITIES AND SKILLS NEEDED

Engineering Officers operate and maintain all the propulsion, power generation and distribution systems throughout the ship. So you'll need to be practical, resourceful and have a real interest in mechanical and electrical systems. Good problem-solving ability is key, along with good maths and communication skills. You'll be decisive, calm and able to inspire confidence in others. Overall, you'll always be prepared to learn about new technology and adapt your skills to using it.

### CREW RANKINGS



**Chief Engineer** – The Chief Engineer is the head of the ship's Engineering Department. They are responsible for the safety of crew working in the engine room and ensure that the engine room machinery works properly for a safe voyage.

**Second Engineer** – The Second Engineer assists the Chief Engineer in the safe and efficient management of the Engineering Department. This involves looking after the entire operation of the engine room and other technical aspects of the ship.



**Third Engineer** – The Third Engineer will perform engine watchkeeping duty as well as monitor and maintain equipment as directed by the Second Engineer. They are usually responsible for the charge of boilers, fuel, auxiliary engines, condensate and feed systems.



**Fourth Engineer** – The Fourth Engineer is the most junior Engineering officer, who has duties assigned by the Second Engineer, and typically is responsible for engine watch, air compressors, purifiers and other auxiliary machinery.



**Cadet/Engine Ratings** – A Cadet on board a merchant vessel receives structured training and experience and learns how to become an Engine or Electrical Officer. Apart from the officers, the Engineering crew consists of ratings, such as Motorman, Fitter, Electrician, Pumpman and Oiler/Wiper.

## ELECTRO-TECHNICAL OFFICER

The ETO looks after all the highly advanced electronic and electrical equipment on board the ship. You would be responsible for maintenance and monitoring of all electrical equipment on board (ie engine rooms, communication devices, navigation aids like echo sounders, weather fax, radar system etc). The ETO also assists the Chief Officer in handling routine electrical works and also coordinates work with on-shore technicians.

# YOUR ROUTE TO A MERCHANT NAVY

## CAREER AT FLEETWOOD NAUTICAL CAMPUS

At FNC, you can start your Merchant Navy training with sponsorship (ie after successfully passing an interview with a shipping company) or without sponsorship (with successful students having an opportunity to gain sponsorship further down the line).

### SCHOOL LEAVERS:

#### WITHOUT SPONSORSHIP

##### Level 3 Diploma in Shipping and Maritime Operations – Deck or Engineering (Direct Entry)

Provides an overview of the maritime industry, how it's regulated and the different functions at sea and ashore. Delivered over two College terms (around 25 weeks).

##### Academic entry requirements:

4 GCSEs grades 9-4, including English, maths and science.

##### Next steps:

We will support you to gain an interview for sponsorship with one of our sponsoring shipping companies. On successfully achieving a sponsorship you would then be able to progress to either Advanced Certificate/Advanced Diploma or the Foundation Degree.

#### LEADS TO

#### ADVANCED CERTIFICATE/ ADVANCED DIPLOMA

##### The Advanced Certificate (AdC) qualification

is roughly equivalent to the first year of university and fulfils the academic requirements needed to become a Merchant Navy officer at operational level. Delivered over two College terms (around 33 weeks).

##### Available in three pathways:

- Nautical Science
- Marine Engineering
- Electro-Technical

##### Academic entry requirements:

Level 3 Diploma in Shipping and Maritime Operations.

**Next steps:** With further study you could top up your AdC to a **Advanced Diploma (AdD)**. The AdD fulfils the academic requirements for managerial level (but to progress through the ranks you will still need to undertake vocational assessments).

OR

#### FOUNDATION DEGREE

The **Foundation Degree** is roughly equivalent to the first two years of university and fulfils the academic requirements needed to become a Merchant Navy officer at managerial level. It requires a more self-disciplined approach to learning than the AdD but gives you a broader range of graduate skills.

##### Available in three pathways:

- Nautical Science
- Marine Engineering
- Electro-Technical

##### Academic entry requirements:

48 UCAS points (including at least one module in a relevant subject) or the Level 3 Diploma in Shipping and Maritime Operations.

**Next steps:** Progression through the ranks and higher level study, for example, BSc top up in Maritime Operations Management.

#### CAN LEAD TO

#### BSC TOP UP MARITIME OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT (NAUTICAL SCIENCE)

This is a future-focused programme that will enable you to develop the essential knowledge and skills preparing you for future success in work and life across the maritime industry.

**Academic entry requirements:** Entrants onto the programme will have successfully completed a relevant level 5 qualification, either the STCW-aligned Foundation Degree or Advanced Diploma/Higher National Diploma at Fleetwood Nautical Campus in the five years prior to BSc (Hons) course commencement. Students enrolling onto the programme with an Advanced Diploma/Higher National Diploma will be required to undertake a three week pre-entry bridging module prior to the course commencement, which will be delivered via blended learning.

**Next steps:** Upon successful completion of the programme, you could consider a number of roles across the maritime industry. Whether you wish to remain at sea, or come ashore, this programme provides you with the knowledge and skills required to move into managerial roles across the sector. For more detailed information about this programme, ask for the BSc top up information sheet.



## STUDENTS WITH SPONSORSHIP:

With sponsorship, there are two possible routes, depending on your previous academic qualifications.

### WITH GCSEs

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## ALL APPLICANTS

### OTHER ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

**Anyone wanting a career at sea needs:**

- to be at least 16
- UK residency (including a valid UK passport)
- **to pass the MCA Seafarer Medical Examinations (ENG1), designed to highlight medical conditions that would be difficult to treat - or could become worse - while at sea (organised through your shipping company)**

## PROGRESSING THROUGH THE RANKS

Completing your AdC/AdD/Foundation Degree as well as the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) written and oral exams means you can achieve an MCA Certificate of Competency as an Officer of the Watch (OOW) or Engineering Officer of the Watch (EOOW).

With further training and experience, you can then progress through the ranks and gain the qualifications needed to become the Master (Captain) or Chief Engineer. It generally takes a further six years to achieve these, depending on your shipping company and the vessels it operates.

TO FIND OUT MORE AND APPLY FOR SPONSORSHIP VISIT [CAREERSATSEA.ORG](http://CAREERSATSEA.ORG)



# ENJOY THE JOURNEY

When you join FNC, you're not just starting college, you're starting an exciting new adventure. Look forward to an inspiring environment where you can enjoy good times, grow your confidence and gain valuable skills for the future.

## CADET DEVELOPMENT COURSE

*KICK OFF WITH OUR TEAMBUILDING WEEK IN THE LAKE DISTRICT*

## ON-SITE HALLS OF RESIDENCE

*A CHOICE OF ROOMS AND PRICES WITH A 24/7 WARDEN*

## DEGREE +

*DEMONSTRATE YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS THROUGH OUR 'ADDED EXTRAS' AWARD*

## ACTIVITY-BASED TRAINING

*WEEKLY ACTIVITIES TO BUILD LEADERSHIP SKILLS*

## RELEVANT TRIPS

*GET REAL-LIFE INSIGHT INTO YOUR CHOSEN CAREER*

## INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

*GET HANDS-ON TO PREPARE FOR YOUR CAREER AT SEA*

## SPORTS, CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

*GET ACTIVE, HAVE FUN OR TRY SOMETHING NEW*







**PUT YOURSELF TO THE TEST**

**GET TO KNOW YOUR CLASS MATES**



**ON-SITE HALLS OF RESIDENCE, REFECTORY AND BAR**



**EVERYTHING FROM ROCK-CLIMBING TO CANOEING**



## COMPETITIONS

*WINNERS OF THE MARITIME AND COASTGUARD AGENCY (MCA) UK OFFICER TRAINEE OF THE YEAR (9 OUT OF 13 YEARS)*

## NAUTICAL STUDENT SOCIETY

*REAL-LIFE INSIGHT INTO THE MARITIME INDUSTRY*

## ACADEMIC SUPPORT

*A PERSONAL PROGRESS TUTOR AND DROP-IN CLINICS (FOR EXTRA HELP)*

## PASTORAL SUPPORT

*ONGOING ACCESS TO ALL THE HELP AND SUPPORT YOU NEED*

**TRAVELLING BACK IN TIME AT FLEETWOOD NAUTICAL MUSEUM**



## DIVERSITY IN MARITIME

*PROUD MEMBER OF WOMEN IN MARITIME NETWORK*

## CAREERS TEAM

*PROFESSIONAL ADVICE TO HELP YOU PLAN YOUR FUTURE*



**MCA UK OFFICER TRAINEE OF THE YEAR (9 OUT OF 13 YEARS!)**

## PROFESSIONAL BODY MEMBERSHIP

*LEADING TO PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION*







# HIGH-TECH FACILITIES

**CONSTANT INVESTMENT IN OUR FACILITIES MEANS THE LATEST TECHNOLOGY AND RESOURCES AT OUR AMAZING PURPOSE-BUILT CAMPUS.**



**FULL MISSION SHIP BRIDGE SIMULATORS**



**£1.3M MARINE ENGINEERING CENTRE**



**ELECTRONICS LAB**





**HIGH VOLTAGE SIMULATOR**



**ONE OF THE SECTOR'S LARGEST ENGINE ROOM SIMULATORS**



**ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING TANK**



**SIMULATED REALITY EXPERIENCE**



**FIRE-FIGHTING TRAINING FACILITY**



**CUTTING EDGE LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE**

“ These new facilities are bringing what is already an excellent training establishment ahead of other establishments. ”  
Trinity House (A LEADING SHIPPING AND SEAFARERS' CHARITY)



# IS THE MERCHANT NAVY FOR ME?

## CONSIDER YOUR STRENGTHS

It takes a certain type of person to succeed in the Merchant Navy. That goes for whether you choose the Deck, Engineering or Electro-technical route. Being honest about where your strengths lie can help you decide early on if this is the career for you.

## YOU'LL NEED:

- an interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM subjects )
- good maths, IT and computer skills
- problem-solving ability
- self-discipline
- a strong sense of responsibility
- good communication skills
- integrity and initiative
- good leadership and management skills
- attention to detail
- good timekeeping!

## YOU'LL BE EXPECTED TO:

- obey orders when required
- work long hours
- work to deadlines
- work on your own and also as part of a team
- handle complex information
- work under pressure
- plan and organise your work
- react quickly to emergencies and stay calm

## BEAR IN MIND...

A career at sea is hugely rewarding yet challenging at the same time. You might need to spend long periods away from home (sometimes in adverse weather conditions), often with people you barely know. But some people see this as exciting, almost like an adventure – it just depends on how you look at it...



## STUDENT LOW-DOWN



## WHAT'S IT LIKE WORKING AT SEA?

“ My vessel was a container roll-on/roll-off vessel with a large recreation area for relaxing, playing games and watching movies. We had a gym and a sauna and the Wi-Fi was good enough to call friends and family. I've enjoyed the freedom and the travelling, visiting new countries and getting to know lots of different people!

*Damon Wolstenholme*



## WHAT'S THE COURSE LIKE?

“ It's challenging but rewarding. Clinics for all the subjects are available in the evenings, and most lecturers will be happy to help you on a one-to-one basis after class. Activity-based training is once a week - a fun and active few hours to develop new interests and just have a good time.

*Sarah-Jayne Hartley-Rudd*



“The best part about it is making friends and experiencing so many new things.” Liam Sharp



# APPLYING

## LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA (DIRECT ENTRY)

### — WITHOUT SPONSORSHIP

#### 1. COMPLETE AN APPLICATION

Apply for either the Deck or Engineering direct entry course online at [fleetwoodnautical.blackpool.ac.uk/courses/cadet-preparation](https://fleetwoodnautical.blackpool.ac.uk/courses/cadet-preparation)

#### 2. ATTEND AN INTERVIEW

This is your chance to meet a tutor, ask questions and make sure you're on the right career path.

#### 3. CONFIRM YOUR OFFER

Following your interview, we'll write to you with full details of your offer. It's important you confirm your acceptance of this offer as soon as possible so we can reserve a place for you.

#### 4. ATTEND A TASTER DAY

We'll invite you to our taster events, where you can meet your future class mates and take part in subject-related activities.

#### 5. ENROL

Enrolment takes place on GCSE results day (providing you achieve the required grades) and is when you officially become a College student. We'll let you know beforehand where and when to go, and what to bring.

## SPONSORED COURSES

If you have the correct entry requirements to start the AdD/ Foundation Degree, or you're a school leaver but want to attempt to gain sponsorship on your own, you will need to apply to a shipping company or training organisation direct.

### SHIPPING COMPANIES:

- **AW Crewing Services Ltd**
- **BP Maritime Services**
- **Carnival UK**
- **James Fisher and Sons**
- **Pacific Nuclear Transport Ltd (PNTL) – Serco**
- **Princess Cruises**
- **Royal Fleet Auxiliary**
- **Shell Ship Management**
- **VShips**

### TRAINING ORGANISATIONS:

- **Anglo Eastern UK Ltd**
- **Chiltern Maritime Ltd**
- **Clyde Marine Training Ltd**
- **Ship Safe Training Group**
- **Viking Recruitment Ltd**

## STAY IN TOUCH

At any stage of the application process, we're around to help and advise – just contact us on  
T 01253 504 800  
E [admissions@blackpool.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@blackpool.ac.uk)

### ALTERNATIVE PROSPECTUS FORMAT

To receive this prospectus in an alternative format please contact our Student Support and Wellbeing Team on:  
T 01253 504 356  
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