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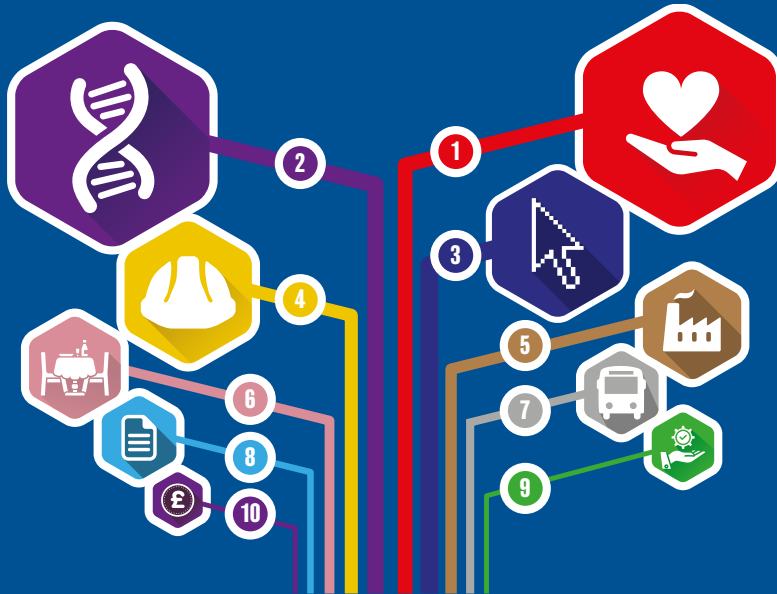
SKILLS IN DEMAND



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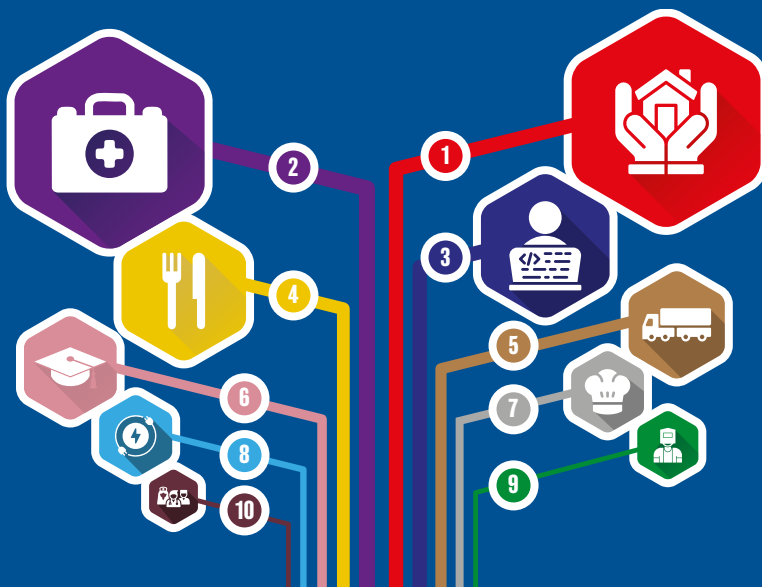
EMPLOYMENT PROJECTIONS

Top 10 growth sectors (2023-2033)



- 1 Health & social work
- 2 Professional, scientific & technical
- 3 Information & communication
- 4 Construction
- 5 Manufacturing
- 6 Restaurants & hotels
- 7 Transport & storage
- 8 Administrative & support services
- 9 Other service activities
- 10 Finance & insurance

Top 10 growth occupations (2023-2033)

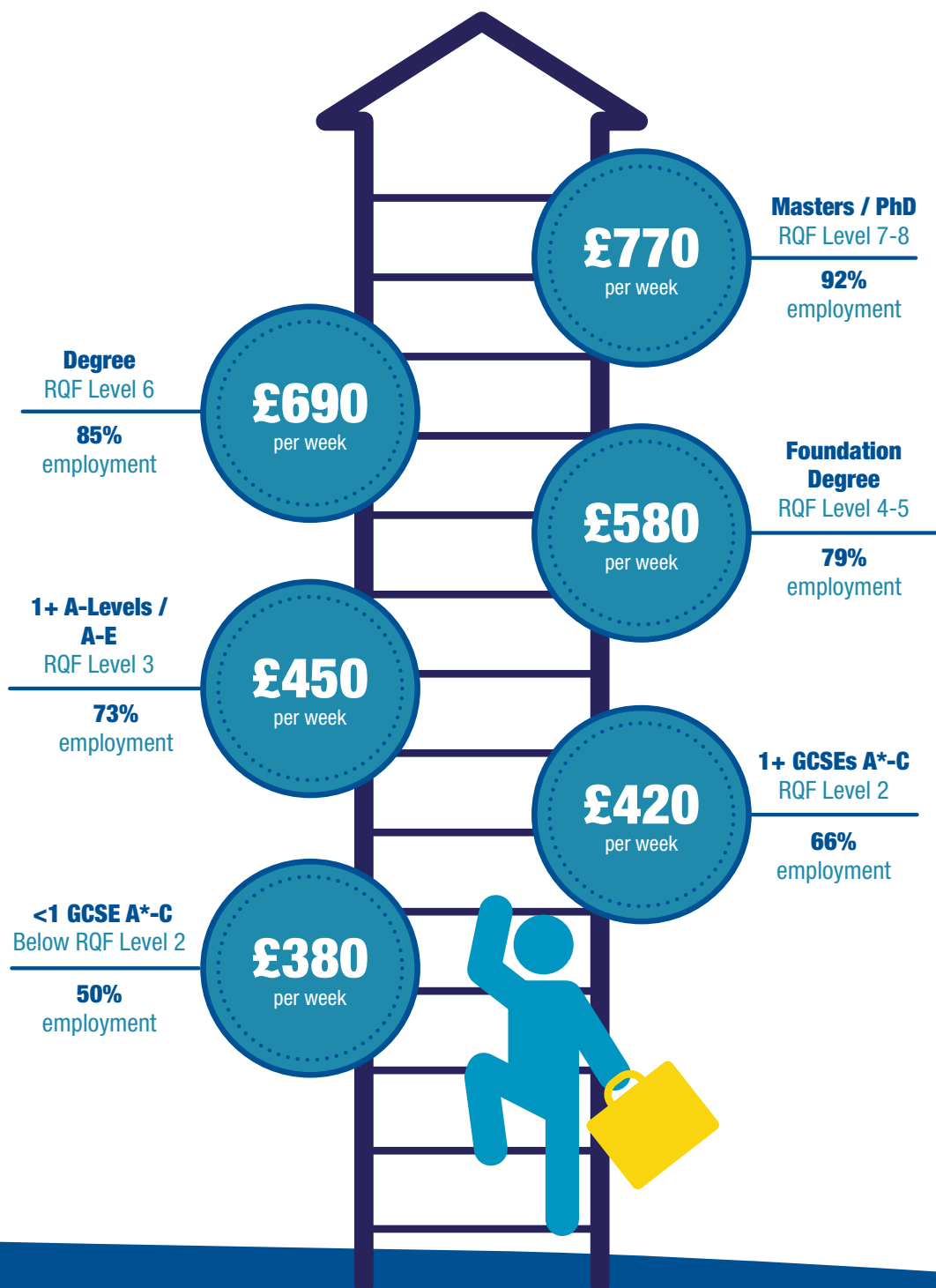


- 1 Care workers and home carers
- 2 Other nursing professionals
- 3 Programmers and software development professionals
- 4 Kitchen and catering assistants
- 5 Large goods vehicle drivers
- 6 Teaching assistants
- 7 Chefs
- 8 Electricians and electrical fitters
- 9 Metal working production and maintenance fitters
- 10 Nursing auxiliaries and assistants

There will be growth opportunities for all skills levels across a range of sectors and occupations - the focus will be predominantly on higher level skills.

IMPORTANCE OF QUALIFICATIONS

By continuing into further and higher level education you can greatly increase your earnings potential and employment prospects.

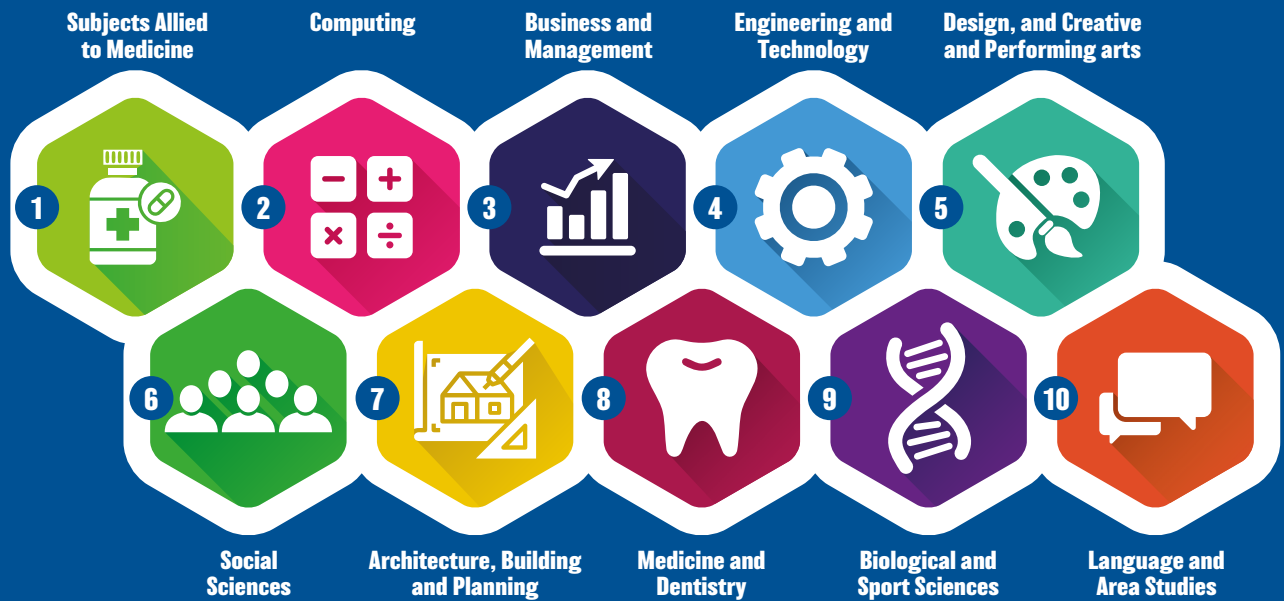


The more you learn the more you earn.

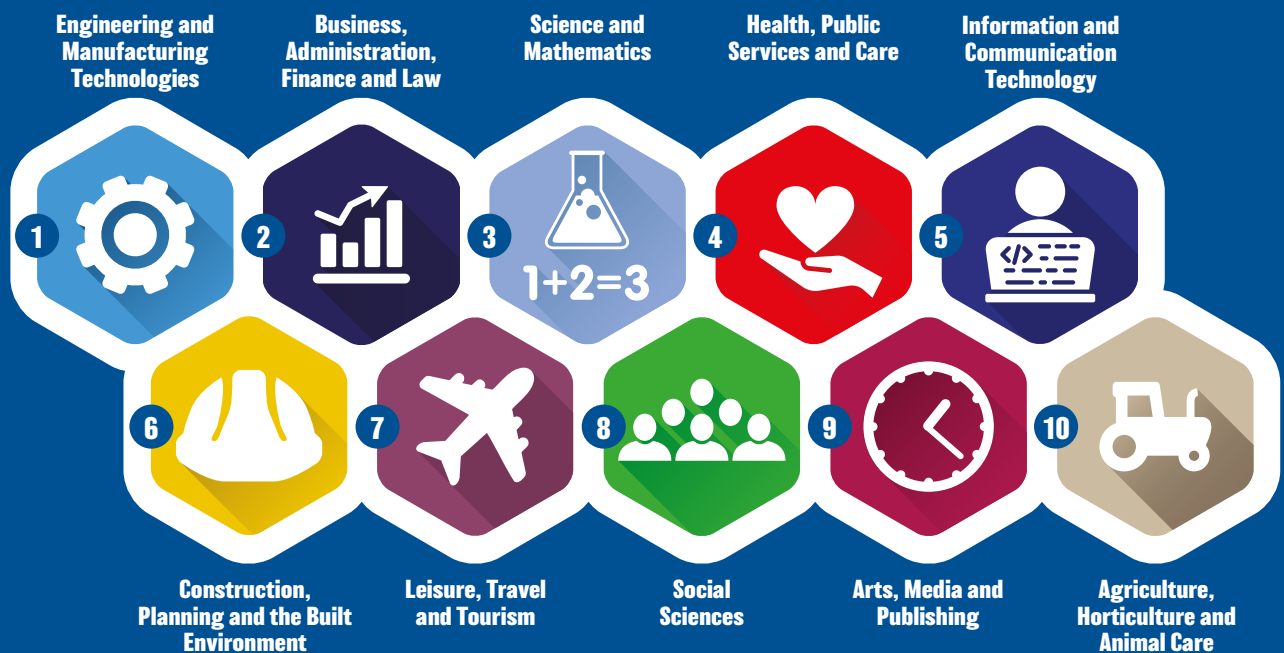
SUBJECTS IN DEMAND

STEAM related subjects will be in most demand reflecting the anticipated growth in science subjects, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics. STEAM qualifications will also be demanded by a wider range of sectors across the economy.

More people needed with degrees in:



More people needed with foundation degree (or equivalent) in:

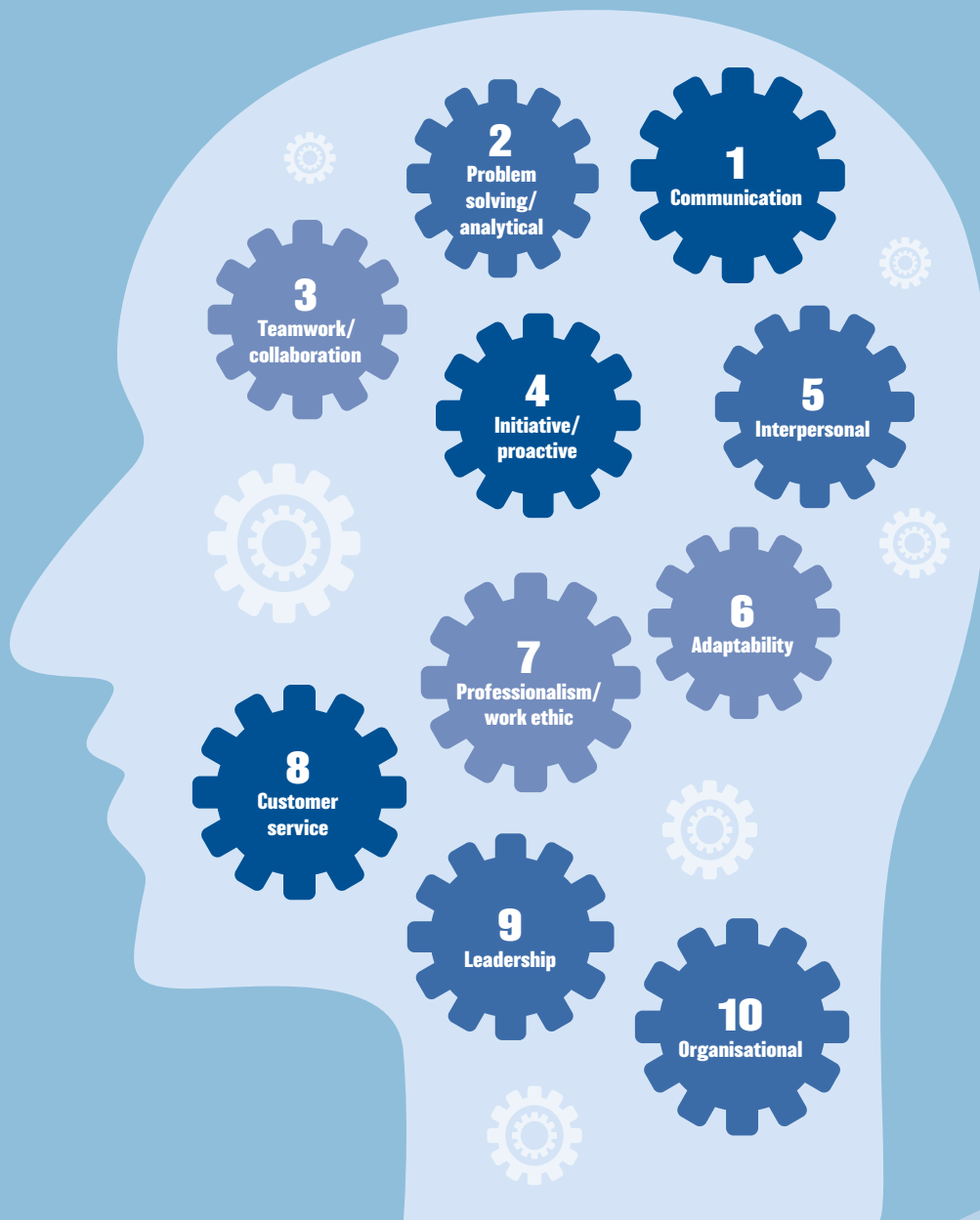


The subjects are listed in priority order of demand.

WIDER SKILLS REQUIRED

Wider employability skills are essential to securing employment

Employability skills which employers will require:



Relevant work experience is one of the most important factors looked for in job applicants by employers



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This infographic is based on results from the Ulster University's Skills Barometer 2023-2033.