

BTEC CONSTRUCTION

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Job Title: UK Health and Safety Advisory, WSP

BTEC studied: BTEC Level 3 in Construction and the Built Environment at Leeds College of Building.

What are your main job responsibilities? I recently changed to health and safety from a civil engineering background. Because of my time on site and working on major projects over the last nine years, I have been able to see how much of an impact health and safety has on the construction industry. In my new role as a health and safety advisor for our transport and infrastructure business, I drive H&S culture, investigate accidents, near misses and observations, conduct audits on projects, attend site visits, ensure H&S compliance, and provide support to our business for bids and projects.

Why did you choose to study a BTEC in Construction?

I worked full time whilst I did my BTEC course, meaning I was able to get the **training, wage, and experience**. At the time, a lot of people thought I was making the wrong decision by going down this route, but I've since shown how alternative routes to employment can be successful and that **vocational subjects are a really good option**.

How do you think studying a BTEC helped you in your career?

I learnt how to use tools which allowed me to learn relevant lessons that I could use in my interview to help me secure employment. **I use the skills I learnt in my BTEC every day in my job**, from the technical skills applied in my civil engineering role, to being able to effectively communicate via reports, emails, or person to person. My BTEC was **assignment based**, which gave me a good start at being able to write a report. We also had to present, which helped with my confidence and ability to talk to different people.

What did you enjoy most about studying a BTEC? Instead of studying separate subjects that don't apply directly to Civil Engineering (maths or science), I could study **'real life' subjects** such as AutoCAD, Surveying, Science and Technology, and Health and Safety, all of which apply directly to my role.

Why would you recommend a career in construction?

You learn **real-life applicable skills** that can help you become more **employable**, more experienced, and better equipped for when you do go on to find a job.

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