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ATHE Level 4 Extended Diploma in Computing

Start your computing career and specialise in data, software development or cyber security.

LEVEL	CREDITS	DURATION	GRADING	STUDY
RQF Level 4	120 credits	26-32 weeks	Pass / Merit / Distinction	Online, enrol any time

About this course

The ATHE Level 4 Extended Diploma in Computing is a 120-credit Ofqual regulated qualification at RQF Level 4, the same level as the first year of a degree. Building on Level 3 study, it covers the main computing subject areas: systems analysis, programming, databases, networks and security, and legislation and regulation, and then lets you specialise.

Who it is for

It suits learners starting a career in computing. You can follow a pathway in data analysis, software development or cyber security, or choose any 5 optional units to build your own programme.

What you will study

Complete the 5 mandatory units (60 credits), 5 optional units (50 credits) and the mandatory Synoptic Computing Project (10 credits), a total of 120 credits. A pathway requires all 5 units from one group below.

Mandatory units

- IT Systems Development (15 credits)
- Programming and Scripting (10 credits)
- Data and Database Systems (15 credits)
- Computer Systems Networks and Security (10 credits)
- Legislation, Regulation, Ethics and Codes of Practice (10 credits)

Optional units: Data Analyst pathway

- Organisational Data Architecture (10 credits)
- Methods and Tools for Analysis (10 credits)
- Data Preparation and Quality Risks (10 credits)
- Statistics for Analysing Datasets (10 credits)
- Analytical Impact through Data Visualisations (10 credits)

Optional units: Software Developer pathway

- Advanced Programming (10 credits)
- Web Design and Programming (10 credits)
- Mobile Applications Development (10 credits)
- The Principles of Full-Stack Development (10 credits)
- Software Testing Frameworks and Methodologies (10 credits)

Optional units: Cyber Security Technologist pathway

- Principles of Networks (10 credits)
- Concepts and Features of Operating Systems (10 credits)
- Cyber Security Concepts (10 credits)
- Security Architectures (10 credits)
- Cryptography (10 credits)

Mandatory synoptic unit

- Synoptic Computing Project (10 credits)

Where it leads

Successful completion of the ATHE Level 4 Extended Diploma in Computing provides learners the opportunity for a wide range of academic progressions, including progression to relevant ATHE Level 5 Diplomas and Extended Diplomas.

As this qualification is approved and regulated by Ofqual (Office of the Qualifications and Examinations Regulation), learners may be eligible to apply for direct entry into Year 2 of a three-year UK Bachelor's degree programme, subject to each university's entry requirements.

Progression routes: athe.co.uk/partners/category/university-progression-routes

COURSE FEE

£1500

INR 194,000 (+18% GST applicable in India)

0% instalment plans are available. Ask our admissions team to set up a plan that suits you.

Why Course 4U

- Ofqual regulated ATHE qualification
- Approved ATHE centre (9073)
- No exams: assessed by assignments
- Study 100% online, enrol any time
- Intakes in the 1st and 3rd week of every month
- Offices in the UK and India

Entry requirements

Usually aged 18+

- GCE A levels in 2 or more subjects, supported by 5 or more GCSEs at grade 4/C or above
- Other related Level 3 subjects, such as ATHE Level 3 Diplomas
- An Access to Higher Education Certificate validated by an Access Validating Agency
- Other equivalent international qualifications
- English: IELTS 5.5, CEFR B2 or an equivalent if English is not your first language.

How it works

Every unit is assessed by assignment, with tutor feedback before you submit. No exams.

1. Apply online and send your documents
2. Receive your offer letter and invoice
3. Complete registration and induction, then start studying

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