

SSERC Accredited Centre Programme



Accessing meaningful, relevant professional learning is key to the ongoing professional learning of school technicians and teachers in Scotland. This can be a challenging endeavour, depending upon where you are located in the country. With this in mind, we have established the SSERC Accredited Centre Programme.



Our professional learning courses are developed by a team of experienced practitioners drawn from industry and STEM education. SSERC professional learning courses have all been credit and levelled, by SQA, benchmarked against the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF). SSERC will certificate achievement at the SCQF level and credit associated with each course.

SSERC Accredited Centres are educational locations across Scotland where you can access many of the same SCQF credit and levelled SSERC courses that you would do at our HQ in Dunfermline. Our main aim is to remove geographical restrictions by establishing centres to make it easier for education staff to reach these centres with minimal travel time.

There are currently seven established SSERC Accredited Centres across the country, with further applications in the pipeline.

Many different types of organisations can become a SSERC Accredited Centre, including further education colleges, universities, and Local Authorities. The centre may include a number of training and assessment sites, organisations, or partnerships.

Courses available to centres are:

- 1) Introductory Chemistry.
- 2) Chemical Handling.
- 3) Introductory Physics.
- 4) Intermediate Physics.
- 5) Electrical Safety and PAT.
- 6) Safety in Microbiology.
- 7) Safe Use of Fixed Workshop Machinery.
- 8) Safety in Microbiology Refresher.
- 9) Safe Use of Fixed Workshop Machinery Refresher.
- 10) Intro to Microscope Use & Repair.
- 11) Maintenance of Fixed Workshop Machinery.

In accrediting a centre to deliver the above SSERC professional learning courses, we must ensure that the centre meets the following criteria:

- The centre has the staff, resources, and systems necessary to support the delivery of the course, and that it undertakes to use staff and/or associates who have the required competence in the subject matter and assessment procedures;
- There is a single named point of accountability for the quality assurance and management for the assessment of the course;
- The centre can securely store and manage assessment materials;
- The centre has administrative systems in place to track the progress of learners;
- The centre undertakes to enter into a written Center Accreditation agreement with SSERC;
- The centre undertakes to use facilities for assessment purposes that provide access for all learners according to relevant legislation.

These criteria allow us to guarantee that no matter where you attend a SSERC credit and levelled course, it is the same course run to the same high standards you have come to expect.

SSERC ACCREDITED CENTRE	LOCATION
Forth Valley College	Falkirk
North East Scotland College	Aberdeen
West College Scotland	Greenock
Glasgow Technician Support Service	Glasgow Gaelic School
Inverclyde Council	Notre Dame High School
North Lanarkshire ICT & Technical Services	Caldervale High School
South Ayrshire Council	Belmont Academy

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