

# APPRENTICESHIPS AT CROWCON

 **CROWCON**  
Detecting Gas *Saving Lives*

LINE TECHNICIAN

# WHY CROWCON?

Detecting Gas. Saving lives. At Crowcon Detection Instruments, we have a passion for gas detection. We want to grow a safer, cleaner and healthier future for everyone, everyday providing the best in gas safety solutions worldwide.

For over 45 years, Crowcon has been manufacturing high quality gas detectors with a reputation for reliability and technical innovation.

Crowcon offers fixed and portable gas detection equipment based on expertise in mechanical and electronic design and software development and an understanding of the physics and chemistry of gas detection.

To sustain our growth year on year, we combine our expertise with emerging technologies to develop process insights and protection for our customers and their people, as well as improving their operational efficiency.

We have a diverse and international team of creative, effective and knowledgeable people collaborating together on exciting projects, technologies and innovative products to make our vision a reality.

We are one of the largest businesses within the Halma group, a FTSE 100 company, currently operating within the Halma's Safety sector.

# Lifesavers





# WHAT DOES A CROWCON APPRENTICESHIP INVOLVE?

An advanced apprenticeship at Crowcon takes three years to complete. Our apprenticeship programmes will provide you with the opportunity to continue your academic studies at Newbury College. This will be spent studying one day per week, alongside 'hands on' training to gain Level 4 PEO qualification.

The college course will be held at Newbury College and you will be entered onto a two year HNC in Electrical/Electronic engineering. This will then be followed by a HND top up, all conducted as day release. You'll also complete a Performing Engineering Operations (PEO) level 4 NVQ whilst in work. This will be alongside extensive internal training on Problem solving, Lean training, Business improvement technique courses.

# WHAT ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

- Minimum of a BTEC level 3 in engineering or associated A-levels
- Enthusiasm for learning
- Passion for problem solving
- Self-motivated, driven and organised

# WHAT LEVEL APPRENTICESHIP DO WE OFFER?

Higher apprenticeship enabling the candidate to get to HND level.

# BUSINESS AREAS?

## Manufacturing Engineering

As part of the line technician team, you'll be providing support to operations team, ensuring our life-saving products and services are completed following the correct processes and procedures.





# WHAT TRAINING AND SUPPORT WILL I GET?

Home grown talent will be the differentiator of the future.

People Development is at the heart of our business success and working collaboratively to release the wider potential within our business

Wealth of experience and training opportunities

A tailored development plan will be created with you to enable you to meet the business needs whilst also helping you achieve the key skills, knowledge and strengths required to build a great career.

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## HOW DO I APPLY?

Applications are accepted through the Crowcon Careers Portal, the National Apprenticeship website and via Newbury College directly.

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## WHEN DOES THE SCHEME START?

September 2018.

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# WHAT ARE MY FUTURE CAREER PROSPECTS?

Following a successful completion of the 3 year apprenticeship the employee would follow a similar path to previous apprenticeships with scope to move into an engineering role after a few years in the Line Technician position.

Previous apprentices have taken roles in Test & Verification, Quality Engineering, Manufacturing and Engineering.





# BECOME PART OF A SUCCESSFUL TEAM

We value all of our apprentices! They make a huge difference to the future of our business. Don't take our word for it. Have a listen to what our current apprentices have to say:

“ For anyone looking to start an apprenticeship I would say go for it as it has been a great experience for me because you get to carry out practical activities on site at Crowcon Gas Detection Instruments Ltd and the theory side at college on a day release type format. This is vital as it gives me the knowledge behind carrying out certain activities and it all links together with my everyday work. An apprenticeship is also very good as your employer pays you for your time and if that's not enough it increases on a yearly basis depending on results from college and practical challenges on site - **Ryan Jones** ”

Ryan is also an Apprenticeship Ambassador. The Apprenticeship Ambassador (AA) programme is a scheme where apprentices have the opportunity to visit schools and various workshops around Oxfordshire to help promote apprenticeships in the workplace.

“ Working at Crowcon provides me with all the necessary skills required to become a competent engineer within the industry - **Noah Fisher** ”

“ For someone who was interested in technology and, how things work in different industries? It was inevitable that engineering would be sector in which I choose to pursue a career. However, I am also a person who wouldn't prefer to be learning in a classroom every day. Therefore, apprenticeships allow you to work in real world environments giving the options to gain the essential experience needed for future careers choices. I'm am also fortunate that the apprenticeship scheme provides a 'foot in the door' opportunity to allow those lacking experience once leaving school such as myself to start a professional career in the engineering sector. Working for an established company like Crowcon provided a clear training programme, both in and out of the workplace that would provide me with the skills and knowledge to progress further within the engineering industry. Given the support provided by the company I have been able to push myself in the classroom to achieve the very best. This was reflected in being awarded a variety of accolades on both local and national levels during my time here at Crowcon or anyone looking to start an apprenticeship I would say go for it as it has been a great experience for me because you get to carry out practical activities on site at Crowcon Gas Detection Instruments Ltd and the theory side at college on a day release type format. This is vital as it gives me the knowledge behind carrying out certain activities and it all links together with my everyday work. An apprenticeship is also very good as your employer pays you for your time and if that's not enough it increases on a yearly basis depending on results from college and practical challenges on site - **Vikesh Patel** ”

- Abingdon & Witney College Student of the Year 2016
- Abingdon & Witney College Apprentice of the Year 2016



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