

Employment of:

Trainee Civil/Structural Technician

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The Vacancy

We are seeking to recruit a trainee Technician to join our team in Stockport. The chosen applicant will be encouraged and assisted to obtain a BTEC Level 4 Higher National Certificate (HNC) qualification in 'Civil Engineering'. To this end, subject to passing the admission requirements, the chosen applicant will attend either 'Stockport College' or 'The Manchester College' for one day a week during term time, with the remaining weekdays based in the design office.

The Practice

Established in 1973, Atkinson Peck Ltd is a medium sized Civil & Structural Engineering Consultancy located in Stockport, England.

Atkinson Peck offer expertise and guidance in a comprehensive range of engineering services across multiple market sectors. In addition to traditional Civil and Structural Engineering these include, provision of Expert Advice, Flood Risk Assessment, Geo-Environmental Investigation, Housing Development, Management of Surface Water Run-off, Party Wall Surveyor, Structural Inspections and Subsidence Investigation.

A large proportion of Atkinson Pecks technical staff are well qualified, widely experienced, engineers having achieved Chartered status with either the 'Institution of Structural Engineers' or the 'Institution of Civil Engineers'. To ensure that that this knowledge and experience is fully utilised, each project, no matter how large or small, will fall under the guidance of a Senior Engineer.

We offer the full range of design services right through from feasibility studies and conceptual design through to tender and detailed design for construction. We work closely with all other design team members, particularly Architects, clients and contractors. We have a reputation for being a pro-active, with an innovative and flexible outlook to the design process and for producing on time.

We have always had a strong core business consisting of Structural inspections, subsidence investigations, small design works and in connection with the appraisal and conservation of historic buildings etcetera, but as the practice has grown so has our ability to handle larger commissions. We now have the staff and other resources to handle projects of substantial size and complexity, with previous commissions being for the Civil and Structural Design of developments up to a value of £35 million.

However, we have not overlooked the service we provide on our smaller commissions and take great pride in the reputation we have built up for a friendly, efficient service and the provision of quality advice. We take particular pride in the reputation we have developed in relation to subsidence investigations and claims.

Location

Stockport is an industrial town to the south east of Manchester and on the fringe of the Peak District National Park. Housing, education, communications and leisure facilities are excellent; being within a short drive of the Manchester's cultural and entertainment facilities but also the Peak District National Park & Cheshire countryside.



The Job/Applicant

Our current requirement is for a Trainee Civil/Structural Technician to work under the direction of senior members of staff. The primary role will be to undertake the preparation of General Arrangement and detail drawings for building structures and civil engineering works using AutoCAD LT. Whilst AutoCAD experience would be preferred, this is not essential as full training will be given.

To obtain entry to the HNC Course, which is run over two academic years, the candidate will likely have achieved 64 UCAS points at either 'A level' or a construction based BTEC Level 3 Qualification; which will be supported by good GCSE grades in Maths and English. Further details of the course and entry requirements are provided on the respective Stockport/Manchester College website(s). Provided the two year course is completed, payment of college fees will be covered by ourselves.

The applicant should have good written and spoken communication skills. We do not expect the Trainee Technician to be experienced in every part of our activities, but we do require flexibility and enthusiasm and willingness to develop skills in line with those activities. In turn we will give full supervision, training and support during the development stage.

Information Technology

Much of our efficiency is due to the fact that we are fully computerised for design, drafting and administration with a networked terminal on each staff member's desk. Staff members are connected to the Internet and have full email facilities. Candidates should ideally be familiar with and conversant with the use of Microsoft Word, Excel & Outlook.

Prospects

It has been the policy of the practice to promote from within, thereby directly rewarding the people who have contributed to the Company's success. As a long term goal, opportunities for career progression to Associate level exist to those candidates who demonstrate the ability to assist with the continuing development of the company.

Many of our existing staff members joined the company at an early age; and having achieved a HNC in Civil Engineering at a local college, continued their studies to obtain a Higher National Diploma (HND). Many have now achieved membership of the Institution of Structural Engineers, either as Technician Members (TIStructE) or Associated Members (AMIStructE); or are working towards that goal.

Remuneration

The remuneration package will include:-

- Salary will be relative to experience, but will likely exceed the National Living/Minimum Wage
- Participation in the company's profit related bonus scheme
- Non-contributory membership of the company's Healthsure Policy
- Payment of professional institution membership fees (once this level is achieved)
- Remuneration of business mileage undertaken on behalf of the Practice at the normal rate.
- 22 days holiday (excluding bank holidays) as standard, increasing by one day for each two full years of service (maximum 32 days).

General

The company has a no smoking and equal opportunities policy.

The ethos is flexible and friendly, but hard working. As in most offices there are periods of high pressure and team spirit and mutual support is important.

The normal working day is 8.45am - 5.15pm (37.5 hours/week)

Applications

Applications in writing with CV to Adrian Peck, Atkinson Peck Ltd, Watson House, 45 Waterloo Road, Stockport, SK1 3BJ or by email to apecck@atkinsonpeck.co.uk