



Certificate in Packaging Case Study

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Reasons for Choice:

Wanted to get back into education and gain a useful qualification, it is over 15 years since I did any form of formal tuition and needed to prove to myself that I was still capable of learning.

Needed a subject which was relevant to my job so it was something that was broadly familiar, and to gain funding and study release from my company. Local study centre was essential with study hours that could be fitted around work and home.

From speaking to friends on colleagues that had been to North Nottinghamshire College on various courses, I was reassured that the necessary support was available.

How relevant was the course?

The subject content covered all elements of packaging that I encounter in my job and several that I do not. Unfamiliar processes were well explained and understanding gained to the required level and beyond.

It helped that other course members were from different companies and job levels; this meant that the subjects could be explored from another's perspective.

Different course members were also able to supply example materials, samples and training resources from within their organisations which would not normally be available.

What did you get out of the course?

I now understand of all the principles of packaging, materials and processes which were well supported by the tutor, course notes, exercises and discussion.

I enjoyed meeting the other course members and working alongside them to a common goal.

Participation on the course has enabled me to appreciate why we do things in certain ways on my production line, it has also enabled me to challenge and explore other relevant issues (particularly material quality) - this should give my company benefits justifying their expenditure.

I have proved to myself that I can learn new things and I have enjoyed doing so; hopefully this makes me a more "marketable" person within my company and aids job security.