



north west
regional college
Derry-Londonderry • Limavady • Strabane



FROM HERE TO CAREER

Higher Education Courses **2026-27**

Our future starts
with NWRC 🤖

Reasons to Love NWRC

1st
in NI for
Teaching¹

95%
of UK Universities²
accept BTEC Qualifications
(including top universities from
the Russell Group)

Financial
Support
available to fund
your studies

Smaller
Class Sizes
than university
mean you get more
1-to-1 support

Our Level 3
Extended Diplomas
are equivalent to
3 A-Levels
Recognised by
employers and top
universities

Celebrate
at our annual
Graduation
Ceremony³

Study and
Train Abroad
for free
on our International
programmes

15%
Student Discount
at our Hair & Beauty
Salons

Free
College
Gym
with the latest
equipment

Work
Placements
to enhance your
employability

98%
of students would
recommend
NWRC to a friend¹

No
Tuition
Fees*

*All full-time FE courses
(Level 1-3) are free

HIGHER EDUCATION COURSES

STARTING SEPTEMBER 2026

For full course details please visit www.nwrc.ac.uk/higher-education



ART & DESIGN For entry requirements please visit: www.nwrc.ac.uk/higher-education

COURSE NAME	CAMPUS	DURATION	MODE OF ATTENDANCE
Pearson BTEC Level 4/5 Higher National Certificate/ Diploma in Fine Art (Yr 1 of 2)	Limavady	2 Years	PT Only
Pearson BTEC Level 4/5 Higher National Certificate/ Diploma Fashion & Textiles	Strand Road	1 Year (HNC) 2 Years (HND)	FT Only
Pearson BTEC Level 4/5 Higher National Certificate/ Diploma in Fine Art	Strand Road	1 Year (HNC) 2 Years (HND)	FT Only

ADULT LEARNING (ACCESS) For entry requirements please visit: www.nwrc.ac.uk/higher-education

COURSE NAME	CAMPUS	DURATION	MODE OF ATTENDANCE
Queens University (QUB) Level 3 Diploma University Access Diploma in Health & Welfare	Derry~Londonderry, Strabane	1 year full time 2 years part time	Both FT and PT
Ulster University Level 3 Access Diploma Combined Studies	Derry~Londonderry	1 year full time 2 years part time	Both FT and PT
Ulster University Level 3 Access Diploma Foundation Studies (Science)	Derry~Londonderry	1 year full time 2 years part time	Both FT and PT

BUSINESS For entry requirements please visit: www.nwrc.ac.uk/higher-education

COURSE NAME	CAMPUS	DURATION	MODE OF ATTENDANCE
Accounting Technicians Ireland (ATI) Level 4 Certificate for Accounting Technicians	Strand Road	1 Year	PT Only
Accounting Technicians Ireland (ATI) Level 5 Diploma for Accounting Technicians	Strand Road	1 Year	PT Only
Accounting Technicians Ireland (ATI) Level 5 Higher Level Apprenticeship Accountancy	Strand Road	2 Years	PT Only
Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD) Level 5 Associate Diploma People Management	Online	1 Year	PT Only
Chartered Management Institute Level 7 Certificate Strategic Management and Leadership Practice	Online	1 Year	PT Only
Institute of Leadership and Management (ILM) Level 5 Certificate Leadership and Management	Online	1 Year	PT Only
Open University Level 5 Foundation Degree Hospitality, Tourism and Events Management	Strand Road	2 years full time 2.5 years part time	Both FT and PT
Open University Level 5 Higher Level Apprenticeship Hospitality, Tourism & Events Management	Strand Road	2.5 years	PT Only
Ulster University Level 5 Foundation Degree (FdSc) Business and Enterprise	Strand Road	2 years full time 2.5 years part time	Both FT and PT
Ulster University Level 5 Higher Level Apprenticeship Business & Enterprise	Strand Road	2.5 Years	PT Only



CARE & HEALTH For entry requirements please visit: www.nwrc.ac.uk/higher-education

COURSE NAME	CAMPUS	DURATION	MODE OF ATTENDANCE
Counselling and Psychotherapy Central Award Body (CPCAB) Level 5 Diploma Counselling Children and Young People (CYP - L5)	Strand Road	1 Year	PT Only
Counselling and Psychotherapy Central Award Body (CPCAB) Level 5 Diploma in Cognitive Behavioural Therapeutic Skills and Theory (CBT-L5)	Strand Road	1 Year	PT Only
Counselling and Psychotherapy Central Award Body (CPCAB) Level 6 Certificate Certificate in Therapeutic Counselling Supervision (TCSU-L6) <i>(pending approval)</i> .	Strabane	1 Year	PT Only
Open College Network NI (OCN NI) Level 4 Diploma Working in Adult Care (Northern Ireland)	Strand Road	2 Years	PT Only
Open College Network NI (OCN NI) Level 5 Diploma Leadership and Management in Health and Social Care (Adult Management) <i>(Northern Ireland)</i>	Strand Road	2 Years	PT Only
Open College Network NI (OCN NI) Level 5 Diploma Leadership and Management in Health and Social Care (Adult Residential Management) <i>(Northern Ireland)</i>	Strand Road	2 Years	PT Only
Open University Level 4 Certificate Community Health and Recovery (Substance Use Awareness and Harm Reduction)	Strand Road	1 Year	PT Only
Open University Level 4 Certificate of Higher Education in Healthcare Practice	Strand Road	1 Year	FT Only
Open University Level 5 Foundation Degree in Housing Practice (subject to validation by The Open University)	Strand Road	2 Years	Both FT and PT
Pearson BTEC Level 4 Higher National Certificate in Health & Social Care	Limavady	1 Year	FT Only
Ulster University Level 4 Certificate Counselling Studies	Strand Road	1 Year	PT Only
Ulster University Level 5 Foundation Degree (FdSc) Integrative Counselling Practice	Strand Road	3 Years	PT Only
Ulster University Level 5 Foundation Degree (FdSc) Science in Health and Social Care	Strand Road	2 Years	FT Only



COMPUTING & IT For entry requirements please visit: www.nwrc.ac.uk/higher-education

COURSE NAME	CAMPUS	DURATION	MODE OF ATTENDANCE
Open College Network NI (OCN NI) Level 4 Diploma Software Testing	Strand Road	1 Year	PT Only
Open University Level 5 Foundation Degree Cybersecurity	Strand Road	2 years full time 3 years part time	Both FT and PT
Ulster University Level 5 Foundation Degree (FdSc) Computing	Strand Road	2 Years full time 3 Years part time	Both FT and PT
Ulster University Level 5 Higher Level Apprenticeship FdSc in Computing	Strand Road	3 Years	PT Only
Open University Level 6 BSC (Hons) Top Up Degree Cyber Security and Emerging Technologies	Strand Road	1 Year	FT Only

CRAFT SERVICES For entry requirements please visit: www.nwrc.ac.uk/higher-education

COURSE NAME	CAMPUS	DURATION	MODE OF ATTENDANCE
Institute of Motor Industry (IMI) Level 4 Certificate Advanced Automotive Studies	Greystone	2 Years	PT Only

EARLY YEARS For entry requirements please visit: www.nwrc.ac.uk/higher-education

COURSE NAME	CAMPUS	DURATION	MODE OF ATTENDANCE
Council for Awards in Care, Health and Education (CACHE) Level 5 Diploma Leadership for Childrens Care, Learning and Development (Management) (Northern Ireland)	Strand Road	2 Years	PT Only
NCFE Level 5 Higher Level Apprenticeship CACHE Leadership For Childrens Care, Learning & Development (Management) (Northern Ireland)	Strand Road	2 Years	PT Only
Open College Network NI (OCN NI) Level 4 Certificate Understanding Adverse Childhood Experiences and Building Resilience	Strand Road	1 Year	PT Only
Open College Network NI (OCN NI) Level 4 Award Working with Parents	Strand Road Strabane	1 Year	PT Only
Pearson BTEC Level 4/5 Higher National Certificate/ Diploma Early Childhood Education and Care	Strand Road	1 Year (HNC) 2 Years (HND)	FT Only
Pearson BTEC Level 5 UNIT ONLY Trauma in Childhood: Addressing the Impact of Adverse Experiences on Child Health and Wellbeing	Strand Road	1 Year	PT Only
Queens University (QUB) Level 5 Foundation Degree Early Childhood Studies (Stranmillis University College)	Strand Road	2 Years	FT Only
Queens University (QUB) Level 5 Foundation Degree Foundation Degree in Early Childhood Studies, validated by Queen's University Belfast, quality assured by Stranmillis University College	Strand Road Strabane	3 years	PT Only
Queens University (QUB) Level 6 BA (Hons) PT EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDIES BA (Hons) Stranmillis University Accredited by Queens University Belfast (Starting January 2026) *Subject to approval	Strand Road	2.5 Years	PT Only

ENGINEERING For entry requirements please visit: www.nwrc.ac.uk/higher-education

COURSE NAME	CAMPUS	DURATION	MODE OF ATTENDANCE
Pearson BTEC Level 4 Higher Level Apprenticeship HNC in Construction Management (with Renewables)	Strand Road	2 Years	PT Only
Pearson BTEC Level 4 Higher Level Apprenticeship HNC in Engineering (Electrical & Electronic)	Strand Road	2 Years	PT Only
Pearson BTEC Level 4 Higher Level Apprenticeship HNC in Engineering (General)	Strand Road	2 Years	PT Only
Pearson BTEC Level 4 Higher National Certificate in Construction Management (with Renewables)	Strand Road	2 Years	PT Only
Pearson BTEC Level 4 Higher National Certificate in Engineering (Electrical and Electronic)	Strand Road	2 Years	PT Only
Pearson BTEC Level 4 Higher National Certificate in Engineering (General)	Strand Road	1 year full time 2 years part time	Both FT and PT
Pearson BTEC Level 5 Higher Level Apprenticeship HND in Engineering (Electrical & Electronic)	Strand Road	3 Years	PT Only
Pearson BTEC Level 5 Higher Level Apprenticeship HND in Engineering (General)	Strand Road	3 Years	PT Only
Pearson BTEC Level 5 Higher Level Apprenticeship in HND Construction Management	Strand Road	3 Years	PT Only
Pearson BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma Construction Management	Strand Road	3 Years	PT Only
Pearson BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma in Engineering (Electrical & Electronic)	Strand Road	3 Years	PT Only
Pearson BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma in Engineering (General)	Strand Road	2 years full time 3 years part time	Both FT and PT

HAIRDRESSING & BEAUTY THERAPY For entry requirements please visit: www.nwrc.ac.uk/higher-education

COURSE NAME	CAMPUS	DURATION	MODE OF ATTENDANCE
Open College Network NI (OCN NI) Level 5 Extended Diploma Hair and Beauty Management	Strand Road	2 Years	PT Only
Vocational Training Charitable Trust (VTCT) Level 4 Award Award in Skin Needling	Limavady	17 Weeks	PT Only
Vocational Training Charitable Trust (VTCT) Level 4 Certificate in Hair Reduction & Skin Rejuvenation using Intense Pulsed Light Systems (IPL)	Limavady	1 Year	PT Only
Vocational Training Charitable Trust (VTCT) Level 4 Certificate Sports Massage Therapy	Strand Road	1 Year	PT Only
Vocational Training Charitable Trust (VTCT) Level 4 Diploma Reflexology for the Complementary Therapist	Strand Road	1 Year	PT Only
Vocational Training Charitable Trust (VTCT) Level 5 Certificate Sports Massage Therapy	Strand Road	1 Year	PT Only

MEDIA, MULTIMEDIA & JOURNALISM For entry requirements please visit: www.nwrc.ac.uk/higher-education

COURSE NAME	CAMPUS	DURATION	MODE OF ATTENDANCE
National Council for Training Journalists (NCTJ) Level 5 Diploma Journalism	Strand Road	1.5 Years	PT Only
Open University Level 6 BA (Hons) Level 6 Top Up Degree in Creative Industries *Subject to approval from DfE	Strand Road	1 Year	FT Only
Pearson BTEC Level 4/5 Higher National Certificate / Diploma Film and Television	Strand Road	1 Year (HNC) 2 Year (HND)	FT Only
Pearson BTEC Level 4/5 Higher National Certificate / Diploma Graphic Design	Strand Road	1 Year (HNC) 2 Years (HND)	FT Only
Pearson BTEC Level 4/5 Higher National Certificate / Diploma Journalism	Strand Road	1 Year (HNC) 2 Years (HND)	FT Only

MUSIC & PERFORMING ARTS For entry requirements please visit: www.nwrc.ac.uk/higher-education

COURSE NAME	CAMPUS	DURATION	MODE OF ATTENDANCE
Open University Level 4/5 Foundation Degree Modern Music (Music & Live Event Production)	Strand Road	2 Years	FT Only
Open University Level 4/5 Foundation Degree Modern Music Performance	Strand Road	2 Years	FT Only
Open University Level 6 BSc Hons. Modern Music Professional Practice	Strand Road	2 Years	PT Only
Pearson BTEC Level 4/5 Higher National Certificate / Diploma HNC Performing Arts (general pathway)/ HND Performing Arts (acting pathway)	Strand Road	1 Year (HNC) 2 Years (HND)	FT Only

SCIENCE For entry requirements please visit: www.nwrc.ac.uk/higher-education

COURSE NAME	CAMPUS	DURATION	MODE OF ATTENDANCE
Ulster University Level 5 Foundation Degree (FdSc) Applied Science (Bioscience)	Strand Road	2 years full time 3 years part time	Both FT and PT

SPORT For entry requirements please visit: www.nwrc.ac.uk/higher-education

COURSE NAME	CAMPUS	DURATION	MODE OF ATTENDANCE
Ulster University Level 5 Foundation Degree (FdSc) Sport, Coaching and Fitness	Strand Road	2 Years	FT Only

www.nwrc.ac.uk/higher-education

APPLY TODAY



APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN



Click on the link below to apply
www.nwrc.ac.uk/higher-education



north west
regional college
Derry-Londonderry • Limavady • Strabane



UNIVERSITY LEVEL STUDY GRADUATE IN STYLE



CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW TO VIEW OUR

2025 Graduation Celebrations





north west
regional college
Derry-Londonderry • Limavady • Strabane



028 7127 6000



info@nwrc.ac.uk



nwrc.ac.uk/higher-education

All information and course content in this guide is correct at time of going to print, November 2025. For the latest updates please visit our website.



**in Northern Ireland
for Teaching**

(NSS, 2024)