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regional college

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FROM THERERE TO CAREER

Full-Time Courses
2024-25



**WHERE
YOUR
FUTURE
BEGINS**

University
Level Courses
on your doorstep

At NWRC you will be a part
of a vibrant student community
from every walk of life. Brighter
careers start here.

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**YOUR
COLLEGE**



Principal's Welcome



Leo Murphy
Principal and Chief Executive

Thank you for considering North West Regional College (NWRC) as the next step in your career journey.

We are a vibrant, diverse and multi award winning College where our students are at the heart of all that we do. We aim to provide you with every opportunity to gain the skills, qualifications and experience you need to succeed on your study programme or apprenticeship to allow you to progress onto higher level study and to gain rewarding work in the career you choose.

We work hard to ensure you receive the highest standard of practical and learning support during your time at the College.

Our lecturers are experts in their field and courses are delivered in state-of-the-art, industry standard teaching and training facilities which are continually being reviewed and updated.

Our friendly support staff are always on hand to provide you with advice and any additional support you need, and also enable you to participate in an enriching and inclusive environment.

I am especially proud of the new portfolio of university level courses we are offering once again this year with the Open University - a significant development for higher education across our City and Region.

Join our Students' Union and get involved in a number of exciting activities organised by staff and students during the year, or take part in the wide range of social and sporting opportunities on offer.

This course guide aims to provide you with the information you need to make the right choice about your future.

I look forward to meeting you in September, and I wish you the very best of luck with your studies in our College.

650+
Higher Education
Students
Graduate
every year



At North West Regional College we are passionate about your success



Reasons to Love NWRC

95%

of UK Universities¹
accept BTEC Qualifications
(including top universities from
the Russell Group)

Smaller
Class Sizes

than university
mean you get more
1-to-1 support

Study and
Train Abroad
for free
on our International
programmes

15%

Student Discount
at our Hair & Beauty
Salons

Financial
Support

available to fund
your studies

Free
College
Gym

with the latest
equipment

Lower
Tuition Fees
than University

Work
Placements
to enhance your
employability

Celebrate
at our annual
Graduation
Ceremony

(Higher Education and
Access students)

1st

FE College in
NI for Learning
Resources²

99%

of students would
recommend
NWRC to a friend³

Our Level 3
Extended Diplomas
are equivalent to
3 'A' Levels

Recognised by
employers and top
universities

Campus Facilities

Strand Road Campus

Our largest campus, situated alongside the city's picturesque quayside, boasts industry-standard, cutting-edge facilities to support your learning. Conveniently located only 10 mins by foot from Foyle Street bus station. Facilities include:

- Gym and Fitness Suite
- Art and Design studios
- Hair and Beauty salons with thermal spa*
- 170-seat performance theatre
- Dance studio
- Music recording studio
- TV production studio
- Photography studio
- News and Radio studio
- Multimedia computing suites with the latest industry software
- The Flying Clipper fine-dining restaurant, café and barista bar*
- Fully-equipped Science, ICT and Engineering Labs
- Library and Learning Resource Centre
- Open access Careers Academy
- Innovation Centres – DIAL (Design Innovation for Assisted Living) and Foodovation

Springtown Campus

We have recently completed a multi-million pound redevelopment of our Springtown campus following investment from the Department for the Economy (DfE), including our new innovative i4.0 Centre.

This funding has delivered a vibrant, state-of-the-art learning environment for Apprenticeships and Traineeships in areas such as:

- Brickwork
- Carpentry and Joinery
- Electrical engineering
- Fabrication and welding
- Horticulture
- Motor vehicle maintenance and repair
- Plumbing

Limavady Campus

Providing learning and training to the Limavady Borough for more than 100 years. Facilities include:

- Dental surgery
- Veterinary nursing lab
- Hair and Beauty salons*
- Garnett's fine-dining restaurant*
- Art and Design wing and creative studios
- Sport and fitness testing lab
- Health science laboratory
- IT and multimedia suites
- Library and Learning Resource Centre

Greystone Campus

This state-of-the-art training facility based in Limavady features the latest equipment and technology for courses in Engineering, Construction, Wood Occupations, Brickwork, Tiling and Motor Vehicle Maintenance.

Our Product Design Centre, also based at Greystone campus, helps entrepreneurs create new products, taking them from conception to production. This specialist innovation centre is the first of its kind in the North West.

Strabane Campus

Located centrally in the heart of the town, Strabane campus offers first rate teaching in a traditional listed building, supported by an additional extension and refurbished with modern facilities, including:

- Hair and Beauty salons*
- Vocational training workshops
- Horticulture greenhouse and garden
- Fully resourced IT suite and classrooms
- Library and Learning Resource Centre
- Students' Union



Book a Campus Tour
marketing@nwrc.ac.uk



Find out more
nwrc.ac.uk/our-campus

1st
FE College in
NI for Learning
Resources*

*NNS 2023



▲ Strand Road Campus



Limavady Campus ▲



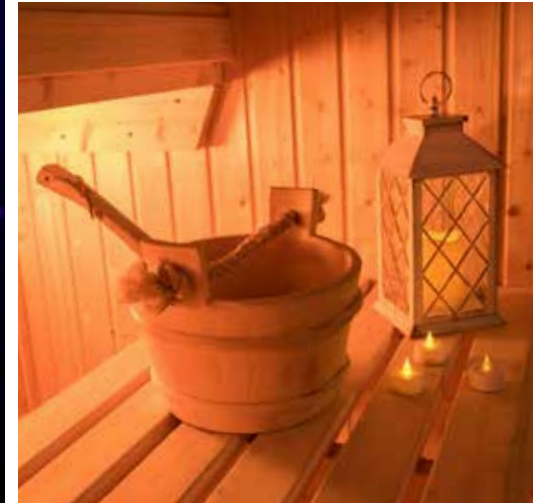
▲ Strabane Campus



Springtown Campus ▲



▲ Greystone Campus



College Highlights

It has been an incredible year for NWRC. We are immensely proud of the achievements of our staff and students. Here are some of our biggest awards and success stories from 2023.

The Open University (OU)

We have officially cut the ribbon on a brand new **Open University office** at our Strand Road campus, based within our Careers Academy.

The office is the OU's **first official premises in the North West**, strengthening the partnership between the two organisations, which saw the validation of two higher education courses in September 2023.

Honorary Award Winners

Two former NWRC Graduates who progressed to open their own successful businesses were named Honorary Award Winners at our **2023 Higher Education and Access Graduation**.

Computing Graduate, **Aaron McElhinney** (Smart Mortgages) and Art & Design Graduate **Aoife Harvey** (AH Designs) were among more than 600 students acknowledged during the ceremony at the Millennium Forum.

Student Nurse of the Year

Denise O'Kane, a graduate from our Access Diploma in Health and Welfare programme was named **Student Nurse of the Year** at the 2023 NI Staff Nursing Care Awards. The mum of two previously travelled the world as a singer with Riverdance, worked as a flight attendant with Virgin Atlantic and spent 15 years working in Thomas Goldsmiths.

Traineeships recognised at Stormont

Students from NWRC were among 30 young people from Northern Ireland's FE Colleges to be recognised as the first recipients of an **NI Traineeship** at a ceremony in Stormont.



Award-winning students and staff



Frank Awarded First NWRC Asylum Seeker Scholarship

Chukwuka Nwanonenyi (above) is the first ever recipient of the **NWRC Asylum Seeker Scholarship** after beginning study on our Access Diploma in Health and Welfare.

Mr Nwanonenyi, known as Frank, who has lived in the city for eight months, revealed how he was inspired to pursue a career in the health sector because of sickle cell anaemia, an illness he has lived with all his life.

Pearson Awards 2023

Pamela Brown received the **Silver Award for Further Education Lecturer of the Year** at the 2023 Pearson Teaching Awards, recognising her outstanding commitment to changing lives at HMP Magilligan.

Pamela has been teaching Creative Writing courses at the Prison since 2011.

Industry 4.0 (i4.0) Centre

We officially opened our **Industry 4.0 (i4.0) Centre** at Springtown Campus, specialising in supporting SMEs and local businesses in industry 4.0, automation and robotics.



STUDENT LIFE



Sports, Clubs & Events

Become a
Student Ambassador
and earn freebies
plus lots more!
(see page 20)

Life at NWRC is about so much more than just studying. It is also about broadening your horizons by embracing new experiences and building friendships right across the College.

Sports Clubs

If you're feeling sporty we offer a wide range of sporting activities through our Students' Union. From football to martial arts, basketball to outdoor pursuits, we've got plenty to keep you busy!

The College has a fully-equipped gym (located at Strand Road campus) which is free for all NWRC students.

Clubs and Societies

A fantastic way to make the most of your time at NWRC is to join one (or more!) of the many clubs and societies that the College has to offer. They are all **100% free** so there's no reason not to get involved.

If you can't find a club or society that floats your boat, then why not set up your own? All you need are a number of like-minded people to help you run it, then simply contact us and we will sort out the rest.

- Football / Gaelic
- Basketball
- Self Defence
- Outdoor Pursuits
- Gaming
- LGBTQIA+
- K-Pop
- Sustainability
- Book Club
- Anime
- Dungeons & Dragons
- Table Top Gaming
- Debate
- Art & Design
- Film Club
- Music & Performing Arts

College Open Days

Tour the facilities, meet our award-winning staff and chat with current students to find out why NWRC is the right choice for you. Missed Open Day? Why not book a tour of our facilities by emailing marketing@nwrc.ac.uk.

Freshers' Day

Freshers' Day is an amazing opportunity for you to find out about the best of what our College has to offer! Come along to meet Student Services, your Students' Union team and to take part in lots of fun, interactive activities. And don't forget to grab yourself some freebies too!

Graduation

Every year we celebrate the achievements of our Access and Higher Education students with a prestigious Graduation ceremony held in the Millennium Forum. The ceremony is followed by live entertainment, refreshments and photography to ensure amazing memories from the day are captured.

Live Shows and Performances

Live performances from our Music and Performing Arts students always get top billing. In recent years our students have delivered a number of live performances in our Foyle Theatre, including Pulp Fiction, Reservoir Dogs, Shaun of the Dead and The Big Lebowski.

Showcases and Competitions

We frequently deliver popular showcases in Art & Design, Hair & Beauty and Hospitality, with competitions on-going throughout the year. Students studying a vocational course also have the opportunity to battle it out for the chance to represent the College in local, regional and international Worldskills competitions.

Masterclasses

We host successful masterclasses throughout the year, giving students the opportunity to learn from leading professionals and influencers. Those we have welcomed to the College in recent years include Louis Walsh (Former X-Factor Judge), Martin O'Neill (Former ROI Football Manager) and Patrick Cutcliffe (Google).

 **Get in touch**
StudentServices@nwrc.ac.uk

 **Find out more**
nwrc.ac.uk/events



Global Opportunities

Studying at NWRC offers students the opportunity to train and study abroad on one week to twelve month programmes.

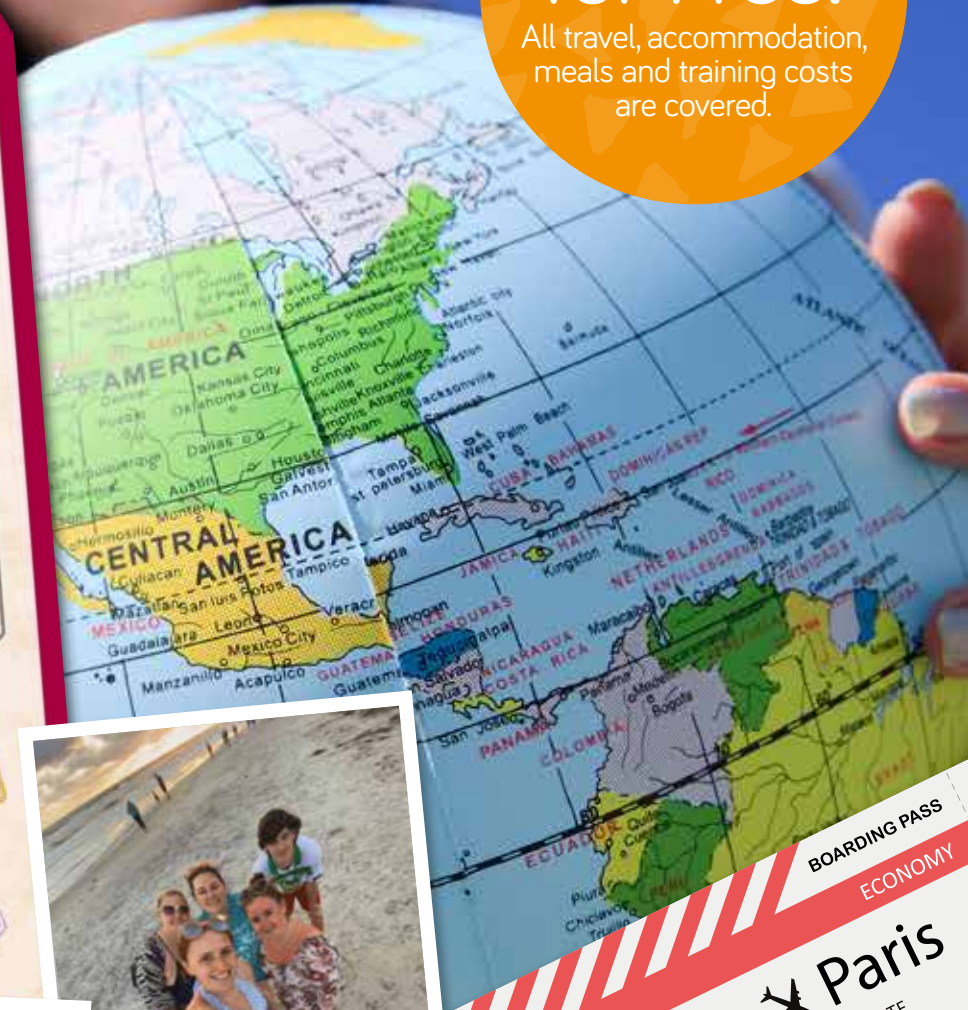
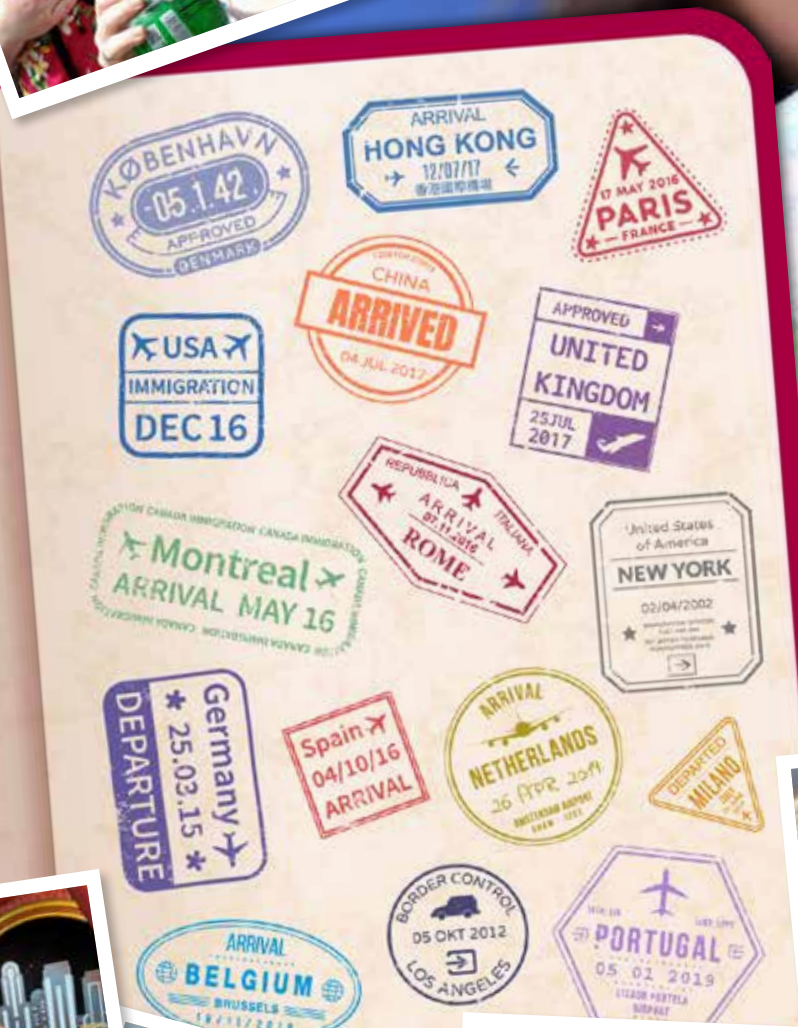
These projects can give you the opportunity to enhance your learning experience, improve self-confidence, grow aspirations and develop real-life skills as well as enjoy and experience another culture. And best of all, it's free!

Many of these opportunities are funded through the Turing Scheme programme: turing-scheme.org.uk/about/why-take-part

Students have participated in projects to countries across Europe including Belgium, Portugal, Spain, Germany, Denmark, Italy, the Netherlands, and further afield such as Hong Kong and the USA.

Students also have the opportunity to apply to the British Council's 'Study USA' programme and the 'Washington Ireland Programme for Service and Leadership'.

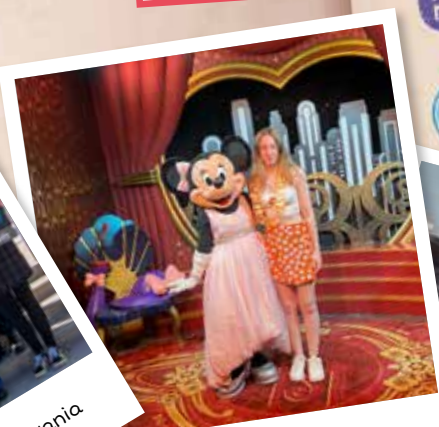
 Find out more
international@nwrc.ac.uk



Travel for Free!
All travel, accommodation, meals and training costs are covered.



Penn College, Pennsylvania



Disneyworld, Florida



Barbering Competition, Malaga



BE THE FACE OF NWRC.



**STUDENT
AMBASSADOR
PROGRAMME**
nwrc.ac.uk/ambassador



A PICTURE PAINTS A THOUSAND WORDS.

At North West Regional College we are incredibly proud of our vibrant and diverse student community.

To inspire others to follow in your footsteps we want to showcase the college experience through the images and stories of real NWRC students.

WHAT'S INVOLVED?

Join our Student Ambassador programme and have your photograph taken to support the promotion of your college.

Your photo will be taken either in your learning environment or around campus, and will be considered for inclusion in College promotional activities such as our course guide, website, social media and press/media.

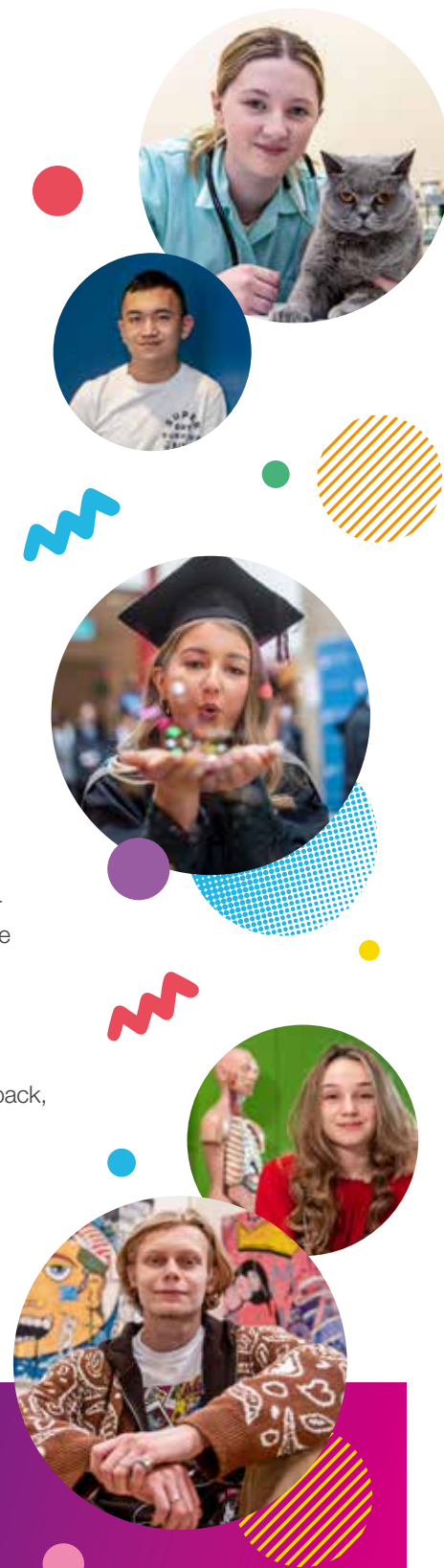
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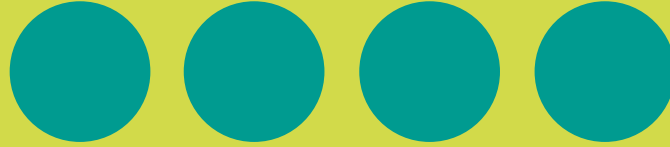
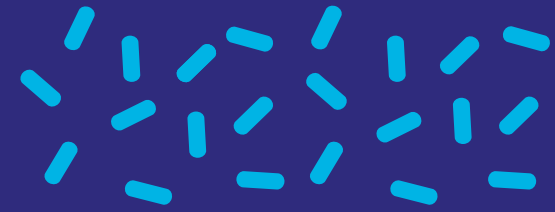
- **FREE** Student Ambassador pack* (includes a hoodie, backpack, stainless steel drinking bottle, headphones and more)
- Receive copies of your professional photographs
- Enhance your CV and UCAS application
- Develop new skills and work with a variety of people
- Receive a Certificate of Appreciation



◀ **SIGN UP NOW!**

Scan here to sign up or visit
nwrc.ac.uk/ambassador





LEARNING & SUPPORT



Supporting Your Study

Throughout your student journey, you will have access to our full range of support services, which includes careers guidance, mentoring, advice on finance options, professional development, health and wellbeing, learning support and more.

The Student Services team are your main source of support, information and guidance at College. It is made up of seven key support areas: the Careers Academy, Student Finance, Library, Students' Union, Learning Link, Safeguarding and Health & Wellbeing.

Tel: **028 7127 6045** (Strand Road and Strabane campus)
028 7127 8770 (Limavady campus)

 **Get in touch**
StudentServices@nwrc.ac.uk

 **Find out more**
nwrc.ac.uk/student-services



Your Students' Union

The Students' Union (NWRCSU) is here to make sure your time at college counts. Ensuring you feel part of the student community, supporting you to stand up for what you believe in, to speak out about the issues that matter the most to you, and helping you move forward into a bright future.

Students work in collaboration with staff to improve student life at the College. The Union is supported by a staff member from the Student Services team who has dedicated time to support Union development and activities.

The Students' Union organises Freshers' Week, Student Socials, Fundraising, Clubs & Societies, Sporting & Teambuilding activities, Clubs & Societies and SU Council Elections.

Find out more:

Tel: **028 7127 8706**

Email: student.union@nwrc.ac.uk



94%

of students agree their course has improved their career prospects*

WE'VE
GOT
YOUR
BACK!
STUDENT SERVICES



Student Finance

Our Student Finance team provides students with advice and guidance on funding options available to support them during their studies.

This includes bursaries, grants, student loans, tuition fees and other financial help. Student Finance is also responsible for the administration of the Hardship Fund, EMA, Care to Learn, Higher Education Bursary and the distribution of Further Education Grant and Higher Education registrations. The Education Authority pays grants directly via bank transfer.

Tel: **028 7127 6010 / 6045**
Email: **studentfinance@nwrc.ac.uk**

Careers Academy

Our award-winning Careers Academy delivers a wide range of bespoke programmes and interactive workshops tailored to the student's needs. We strive to close the gaps to support students to creatively meet their employment and higher education potential through the innovative development of soft and hard skills.

We provide careers information, advice and guidance before you apply and throughout your time at the college. We also provide you with information and guidance on how best to progress after course completion.

Tel: **028 7127 6111 / 6112 / 6541 / 8784 / 8863**
Email: **careers@nwrc.ac.uk**

Careers Service NI

CareersService NI works in partnership with our Careers Academy. For details visit **careersserviceni.com** or call **0300 200 7820**.

College Counselling

Our Student Services staff are trained to provide a confidential Listening Ear Service. Our Safeguarding Officer will also be able to advise and if needed refer you to a GP or Inspire Counsellor. Counselling Services at NWRC are provided in association with Inspire Student Wellbeing.

Tel: **028 7127 6096 / 8709**
Email: **counselling@nwrc.ac.uk**

Learning Support

Do you have a learning difficulty or disability that may affect the way you participate in your course? This can also include medical conditions and mental health issues. The Learning Link team can create a plan tailored to your individual needs. All queries are treated in confidence. We encourage you to contact us early to ensure that we can meet your needs.

While we will endeavour at all times to meet the needs of students with learning difficulties and disabilities, parents / carers and other stakeholders must accept that there may be occasions when the College provision is unable to address the needs of the student.

Liaison with Tutors

- Reasonable Adjustment recommendations
- Examination Access Arrangements (e.g. extra time)

Human Support

- Note Takers, Mentors, Campus Assistants
- Sign Language Interpreters

Equipment Loan

- Laptops
- Dictaphones
- Specialist Software and Equipment

Study Skills

- Organisation
- Time Management and Planning
- Proof Reading
- Revision and Exam Techniques

Tel: **028 7127 6024**
Email: **learninglink@nwrc.ac.uk**

Associate Student Status

Students enrolled on a Higher Education course at our College (i.e. Foundation Degree) can avail of additional learning resources and facilities via their sponsoring qualification university - Queen's University Belfast, The Open University, Ulster University, and Atlantic Technological University (ATU)).

Services include access to the University's library, sports gym, students' union, and other open access learning spaces.

Find out more at: **nwrc.ac.uk/higher-education**



Library

Library facilities are available at our three main locations at Strand Road, Limavady and Strabane. Services include:

- Expert guidance and assistance from library staff to help you research assignments
- Digital / e-learning resources (e-journals and e-books)
- Study area and access to computer facilities
- Private study pods for individuals and small groups
- Laptop loans
- Mindfulness area
- Printing, photocopying and scanning facilities
- Binding and laminating service
- 24/7 access to specialist online databases
- Selection of stationery for sale
- Late night opening until 8pm, Tue-Thu (Strand Road)

Tel: **028 7127 6127**
Email: **library@nwrc.ac.uk**

Safeguarding

We are committed to the promotion of a caring supportive environment where staff and students can work together in an atmosphere of mutual respect, so that each and every student can achieve their full potential.

To protect our young people, adolescents and adults at risk of harm or in need of protection we must take a collective approach and shared responsibility. Our vision is achieved with the cooperation of all staff at various professional levels across all academic departments, within our support services and throughout our wider community.

Tel: **028 7127 8709**
Email: **safeguarding@nwrc.ac.uk**

Young Adult Carers

Young Adult Carers are students aged 16-25 who care for a parent, sibling, or other relative on a regular basis. The person being cared for may have a physical disability, mental health illness, an addiction to drug and alcohol use or any other condition which requires them needing care, support and supervision.

The Safeguarding Team can offer a range of support to Young Adult Carers whilst they are studying at NWRC.

We are aware that every student is different and every student has different needs, therefore the support that is given will be person-centred and individual.

A support plan will be completed with the student, so the appropriate provision is put in place.

How we can help:

- Liaise with your curriculum team and other departments
- Provide pastoral support with college and home related support needs
- Signpost and refer you to local external agencies for specialist support

For more information contact:
safeguarding@nwrc.ac.uk



Equality

The College is committed to fulfilling its responsibilities under Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998. We promote equality of opportunity among all of our staff and students, and actively seek opportunities to promote equality between the recognised groups with a view to having an inclusive environment where everyone feels welcome.

The College has been proactive in the area of equality and will continue to explore ways of facilitating students to maximise their learning experience.

SENDO

The Special Educational Needs and Disability (NI) Order 2005) (SENDO) came into effect on 1st September 2005. The principle behind the further and higher education sections of this legislation is that people with disabilities should have the same opportunities as others to benefit wherever possible from whatever education or other related provision is available.

The College welcomes calls via Relay.



99%
of students agree
the College provides
an inclusive learning
environment*

Widening Access and Participation

Our aim is to improve wellbeing for everyone by providing academic pathways which are economically viable and lead to employment.

Our collaboration with universities is allowing 'Access' to Higher Education for adults who were previously made redundant, changed career direction, unemployed or those who hadn't considered progressing in education to access both Full and Part-Time education allowing them to rethink their educational pathway.

Our Careers Academy has an inclusive ethos supporting the Widening Access and Participation Plan and 'Access to Success' with the Widening Access and Participation Officer working with disadvantaged communities and delivering the 'Inspire' programme.

Scholarships and Erasmus Funded Programmes

We also support a Widening Access and Participation Bursary which is a scholarship aimed at Full-Time Higher Education students which helps with the cost of tuition fees from those from under-represented backgrounds.

In addition, we also offer a number of other significant Erasmus funded programmes. We understand that being involved in international projects can enhance innovation. Research shows that student mobilities increase life experience of travel, which can greatly enhance learning.

For more information contact:
international@nwrc.ac.uk

Enhanced Access NI Check

Students going on work placement into regulated activity are required to complete an Enhanced Access NI check.

NWRC is committed to processing Criminal Record Checks in accordance with the Access NI Code of Practice, which is available on the Access NI website. Alternatively, copies can be requested from Student Services at the College.

AccessAble

Applicants with a disability are encouraged to view our AccessAble guides at **www.accessable.co.uk**, which provide important accessibility information on College facilities at each campus location.



*NWRC Learner Satisfaction Survey, 2023

Criminal Convictions and Disclosure

NWRC actively promotes equality of opportunity for all and welcomes enrolments from students with criminal convictions. However, to manage risk, you must tell us about any unspent convictions you have. You should do this by declaring this on the College's application and enrolment forms.

Certain courses require you to consider spent as well as unspent criminal convictions. In such instances, you must disclose all past offences as it may impact on your career progression. By disclosing criminal convictions, you will not automatically be excluded from the application/enrolment process.

Students that disclose a criminal history will be required to complete a Safeguarding Student Criminal Offence Disclosure form. The College will assess the risk that you may pose and determine whether it can be managed. You will be advised about the outcome of this process as quickly as possible. If you are convicted of a criminal offence after you have applied, you must contact the Safeguarding Team and tell them about this.

For more information, contact our Safeguarding Officer by emailing **safeguarding@nwrc.ac.uk**.



Money Matters

Whether it's advice on grants, fees, loans, or bursaries our Student Finance team can help you explore all the options available based on your personal circumstances.

Student Funding, Loans and Grants

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)

If you are a UK resident and aged under 20 years old on 30 June 2024, you could receive up to £30 per week, plus two bonus payments of £100 per year, for coming to College.

Application forms are available from Student Services or download a copy online: nidirect.gov.uk/articles/how-apply-education-maintenance-allowance.

Support Fund

The College may provide help to students with evidence of financial hardship via the College Support Fund. This is a non-repayable, means-tested fund.

All applicants should previously have applied to their local Education Authority in the first instance.

Application forms are available from Student Services. Contact SupportFund@nwrc.ac.uk

Further Education Grant

If you are aged over 19 years old on 1 July 2024 you can apply for a Further Education Award from Student Finance NI.

Application forms are available from Student Services and can also be downloaded from eani.org.

Maintenance Grant

UK students studying a HE course may apply for a non-repayable, means-tested Maintenance Grant.

You also have the option of applying for a Maintenance Loan, to assist with living costs and a Tuition Fee Loan to cover the cost of your tuition fees.

To apply you will need to complete the online application available at studentfinanceni.co.uk.

NWRC College Bursary

Full-Time Higher Education students with a household income of less than £19,203* may be eligible for an college bursary of up to £500 per academic year (subject to assessment). For details contact Student Finance: studentfinance@nwrc.ac.uk.

Republic of Ireland / EU Students

ROI students studying a Higher Education course can also apply for a Maintenance Grant via Student Universal Support Ireland (SUSI). For details visit: susi.ie.

Students in receipt of benefits, should contact their local Welfare Office for eligibility information on the Back to Education Allowance.

EU students may also apply for a Tuition Fee Loan to cover the costs of their HE tuition fees. You can download a EU24N form online: studentfinance.co.uk.

Free School Meals

For students under 18 years of age at 31 July, you may be entitled to free school meals. Applications must be made by your parent / guardian to your local Education Authority (EA). Apply online at eani.org.

If you were entitled to free meals in your previous school you should inform the Education Authority that you will be attending the College.

Travel Pass

Free travel passes are issued by the regional Education Authority (EA) office in Omagh to students who are under 19 years of age on 1 July 2024, live more than 3 miles from their nearest college and are studying a Further Education course.

Check eligibility and apply directly through the Education Authority online at eani.org.

Childcare Assistance

You may be eligible for assistance with childcare costs, for registered child-minders only, including crèches, nurseries etc. Contact Student Services for more details.

Care to Learn Scheme

This support scheme is available to students aged between 16-20 years old, where you could receive full support for your registered childcare whilst you come to College to study. Apply at Student Services.

Tuition Fees

If you are aged under 19 years on 1 July 2024 then all full-time Further Education courses (Level 1-3) are free (including tuition and exam fees). Students undertaking a university Access course will be required to pay an exam / registration fee - see Additional Fees below for details.

Fees for full-time Higher Education courses (Level 4 and above) are **£2,500 per annum** (subject to change).

Payment of Tuition Fees

Higher Education (HE) Courses

Students who have applied for a Tuition Fee Loan must provide a letter from the Student Loan Company (SLC) confirming that an application for a Tuition Fee Loan has been received. You will be liable for payment of the full fee if this letter is not provided.

If you have not received funding for your tuition fees from the SLC then your fee must be paid on enrolment.

Direct Debit / instalment arrangements are available for students to pay their fees on a monthly basis, no more than 4 monthly payment/instalments.

Direct Debit / Instalments

These will begin on the 15th (or nearest working day) of the month following the date of enrolment.

Students who wish to avail of the Direct Debit / Instalment facility must pay an initial deposit of at least £400 on enrolment with the remaining balance being paid over a maximum of 4 instalments. Fees must be paid in full on or before **28th February 2025**.

Non-Payment of Tuition Fees

Failure to pay the required Tuition Fees may result in one or more of the following:

- You may be withdrawn from your course
- You may not be able to sit exams for any NWRC course you are enrolled on
- You may not be able to access any College facilities or our computer network
- You may not be able to progress to the next year of your course, or enrol on an alternative NWRC course
- Your name will not be included on any pass or graduation list
- We will aim to recover all outstanding money that is owed to the College.

Lower
Tuition Fees
than University

Key Contacts

Education Authorities

Western Region, 028 8241 1411
Northern Region, 028 2565 3333

NWRC Student Finance Advisors

Strand Road Campus, 028 7127 6010
Limavady Campus, 028 7127 8770
Strabane Campus, 028 7127 6045

Student Finance NI, 0300 100 0077

Additional Fees

- **Graduation** - If attending Graduation, students will be required to pay a £50 attendance fee.
- **Access Courses** - Students will be required to pay an examination or registration fee. For Ulster University Access students the fee will be in the region of £250. The fee for the Queen's University (QUB) Access Diploma in Health and Welfare will be £150.

Refunds

The College will make every effort to deliver programmes which are advertised. However, for any course which is cancelled, a full refund of the total fee will be issued to the student, unless other exceptional circumstances prevail (e.g. transfer of course or medical reasons).

For more information view our Fees and Charges Policy available online nwrc.ac.uk/policies.



Get in touch
studentfinance@nwrc.ac.uk



Find out more
nwrc.ac.uk/finance

Better Careers Start Here

Our Careers Academy delivers a range of bespoke programmes and interactive workshops tailored to meet your needs and help you reach your employment potential.

Expert careers advice and support

Throughout your time at the College we continue to provide you with free and impartial careers advice. We will work with you to outline your career goals and set you on the path to success. This includes helping you choose the right courses, conducting mock interviews, dedicated UCAS support, CV writing workshops, volunteering opportunities and tips/talks from employers.

Programmes tailored to you

Our programmes are personalised to ensure progression through activities that are appropriate to students at different stages of career learning, planning and development. The programme includes careers education sessions, career guidance activities (group work and individual), information and research activities.

High quality careers education and guidance is crucial to helping you emerge from college, university or training well-rounded and ready for the world of work.

 **Get in touch**
careers@nwrc.ac.uk

 **Find out more**
nwrc.ac.uk/careers

Award Winning Careers Support

- **OCN Provider of the Year** | OCN Learner Awards, 2021
- **Career Impact Strategy Award** | The Education Awards, 2020
- **Careers Education and Guidance Award*** | Association of Colleges 'Beacon' Awards, 2019
- **Inspiring Talent Award** | Irish News Workplace and Employment Awards, 2019
- **Matrix Quality Mark** | For Excellence in Careers Provision, Employability and Advice & Guidance



SCAN TO ACCESS
CAREERS GUIDANCE

Workshops

-  CV Writing
-  Interview Skills
-  UCAS Registration
-  Team-Working Skills
-  Personal Statement Writing
-  Progression
-  Presentation Skills for Zoom / Online Interviews
-  Budgeting - Money Matters
-  Introduction to Mental Health Mindset
-  BeReady suite of Employability Modules
-  Healthcare Mock Interview Practice
-  Morrisby Careers Software
-  Inspire Employability Programme
-  Endeavour Employability Programme
-  Enterprise Workshops

1st
FE College
in the UK*
for Careers Education
and Guidance

*Association of Colleges
Beacon Awards, 2019

Mature Learners

We welcome applications from students, regardless of what stage of the education journey they might be on. It's never too late to learn something new.

Learning has no age limit

Returning to education a little later in life can seem daunting, but at NWRC extensive support is available to build your confidence and help you feel prepared.

For many adults, the decision to return to education is life-changing, opening up new career prospects and employment opportunities. Many are returning to college after a break in their education, some are looking to retrain for a new career, while others are trying to make the most out of opportunities they may not have had when they were younger. We believe that education is for everyone, regardless of age.

Every year the number of mature students attending Higher Education Colleges and Universities continues to grow. We value the diverse experience and life skills that mature students bring to our College community.

The First Step

Our staff are experienced in offering advice to mature learners whose qualifications don't fit with our usual admission requirements. Contact our dedicated Careers or Admissions Team to discuss the flexible options we have available to you.

Admissions: admissions@nwrc.ac.uk
Careers Academy: careers@nwrc.ac.uk

Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning (APEL)

If you don't have traditional A-Level / GCSE qualifications, we can take into account the knowledge and skills you have gained through work as a foundation for study in higher education.

This includes learning gained through:

- Life and work experiences (paid and voluntary)
- Community-based learning
- Workplace learning and training
- Continuing professional development
- Independent learning

APEL Advisor

You will be assigned an APEL Advisor who will support you through the process by introducing you to the relevant guidelines, building your confidence as a learner by identifying your strengths and skills, and advising you on how to prepare your portfolio of evidence of learning.

To schedule an appointment with an APEL Advisor in your subject area, contact our Quality Enhancement Unit: qeu@nwrc.ac.uk



I am now Operations Manager at the City Hotel. Anyone thinking about returning to education has nothing to worry about. I would 100% recommend the HLA process as you get on-the-job experience while you study. Plus there are no tuition fees! Win-win.

Garry Peoples

Higher Level Apprenticeship (HLA) in Hospitality and Tourism Management



*Full-Time HE students only. Criteria applies



Information for Parents

We know just how important it is for every young person to have a smooth transition from school to college and for you to be a part of that process.

We are fully committed to ensuring that every young person has access to all the specialist support they need to help them successfully achieve their qualifications at North West Regional College.

Personal Tutor

All full-time students are allocated a dedicated Personal Tutor, who will monitor their progress throughout their course, providing tailored support and guidance to enable them to achieve their full potential.

Our Personal Tutors offer a range of support services to our students while they study with us, including:

Careers Support

We deliver a wide range of bespoke programmes and interactive workshops to help students plan their education around a clear career path.

Learning Support

Our Learning Link team provides additional support, guidance and resources to students with any learning difficulty, physical disability or mental health issue.

Student Services

The team can provide advice and guidance on a wide range of areas, including EMA, Bus Passes and Financial Support.



Shatter the Myths!

Lets debunk the myths about FE education
nwr.ac.uk/parents

Progress Coaches

Our Progress Coaches will assist students throughout their time at the College. They work closely with students to monitor and help improve attendance, while also liaising with Personal Tutors to ensure students are progressing in their respective courses.

Safeguarding

Our dedicated Safeguarding Team promotes awareness of safeguarding issues and is always available to provide support to students, families and staff.

Our Safeguarding, Care and Welfare Policy is available on our website at nwr.ac.uk/policies or on request from Student Services.

Independence

We treat our students as young adults and encourage them to find their independence while they are with us. Along with their qualification, our students leave us job-ready, with a CV packed with experiences and skills for life as well as for work.

They have the confidence, positive attitude and strong work ethic to prepare them for their next step, whether that's university, employment or an apprenticeship.

Work Experience

We actively prepare our students for the world of work from day one. Our courses are designed to provide learners with the skills and knowledge employers want.

Many of our courses include work experience, which provides students with the opportunity to apply the skills they have developed in class to a real work setting.

Industry Links

We have excellent links with local, national and international employers who provide students with valuable work placement opportunities, masterclasses and site visits.

Cutting-Edge Facilities

Large investments in our learning facilities have produced first-rate classrooms, workshops, studios and specialist buildings, all geared towards a practical approach to teaching and learning.

Lower Tuition Fees

Students studying Higher Education at NWRC can expect significantly lower tuition fees than university, allowing them to live close to home and reduce travel and maintenance costs. The College also offers a comprehensive package of financial options to help support students during their study.

Quality Teaching

Many of our lecturers continue to work as industry professionals and offer extensive knowledge and experience of their specialist area.

Students receive more teaching hours with NWRC than on most traditional university courses. Our classes are also much smaller which allows us to offer an exceptional level of one-to-one support they wouldn't get anywhere else.



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Improve your English, Maths and ICT skills

Gaining the essential skills and knowledge you need to operate effectively in everyday life and at work will help you progress to achieve your career goals.

At NWRC you will have the opportunity to continually improve your English, Maths and ICT skills as this learning is embedded throughout our study programmes.

Why are Essential Skills important?

English, Maths and ICT qualifications are highly valued by employers and universities. They are the most important and useful skills we all need to succeed in education, work and everyday life.

We can help you achieve your goals

If you have not achieved a Grade C at GCSE in either English and/or Maths and are concerned about barriers to your progression, don't worry, we are here to help.

You can gain qualifications in English and Maths while completing your full-time course at the College, or by additional part-time study.

What are the benefits?

- Our Essential Skills courses are **100% FREE**
- Enhance your job prospects with nationally recognised qualifications that employers will recognise
- Higher earning and learning potential
- Improve your communication skills, including reading, writing, speaking and listening
- Develop technical and numerical skills which are transferable to higher education and your career
- Boost your self-confidence and gain greater independence
- Classes take place in a relaxed atmosphere
- Experienced and friendly tutors will help you improve your reading, writing and maths quickly and easily
- Class numbers are relatively small to give you the individual attention you require



Our Essential Skills qualifications

We offer Essential Skills in Literacy, Numeracy and ICT from Entry Level 1 through to Level 2. All courses are 100% free, so it will cost you nothing to gain your Maths, English and ICT qualifications.

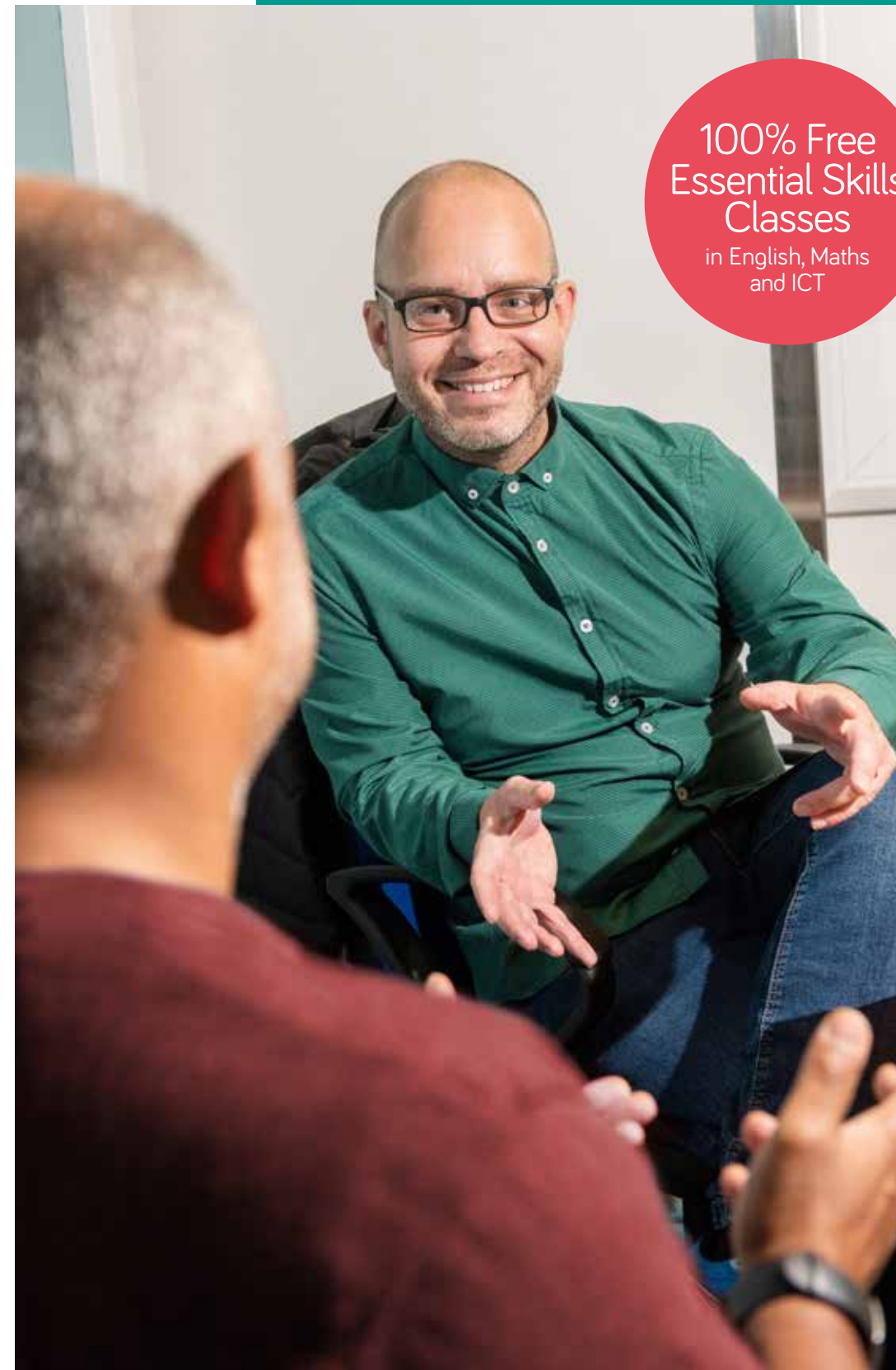
GCSE English and Maths

We also offer GCSE English and Maths programmes for those who want to develop their Literacy and Numeracy skills further.

So take the first step to improving your life and contact the College today. We look forward to meeting you.



Find out more
nwrc.ac.uk/essential-skills



**100% Free
Essential Skills
Classes**
in English, Maths
and ICT



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 nwrc.ac.uk/courses



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ALL FULL-TIME
COURSES

Course Symbol Key

Keep an eye out for the symbols below while you look through the course information.



Interview



Audition



Work Placement



Portfolio



Information Session



Associate Student Status
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AccessNI Check



Health Declaration



Part-Time Study Available

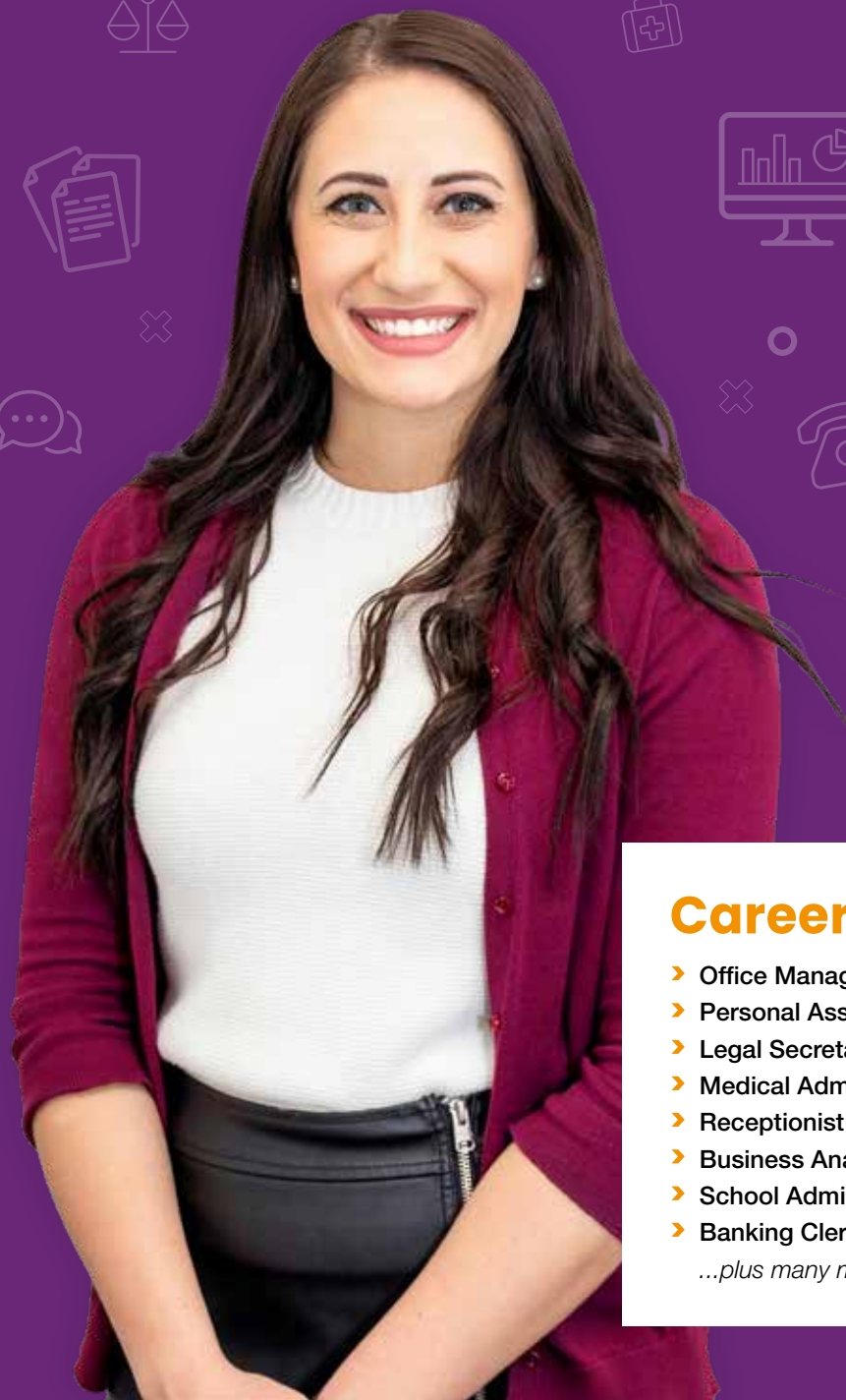


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Administration (Secretarial)



SCAN TO VIEW
ADMINISTRATION
COURSES



Career Paths

- › Office Manager
- › Personal Assistant
- › Legal Secretary
- › Medical Administrator
- › Receptionist
- › Business Analyst
- › School Administrator
- › Banking Clerk

...plus many more!



“

I'm really enjoying my course. It offers a great foundation to further my studies. I plan to progress to a Masters Degree.

The College is such a safe space. All the help that is given to students is amazing, especially from the student services.

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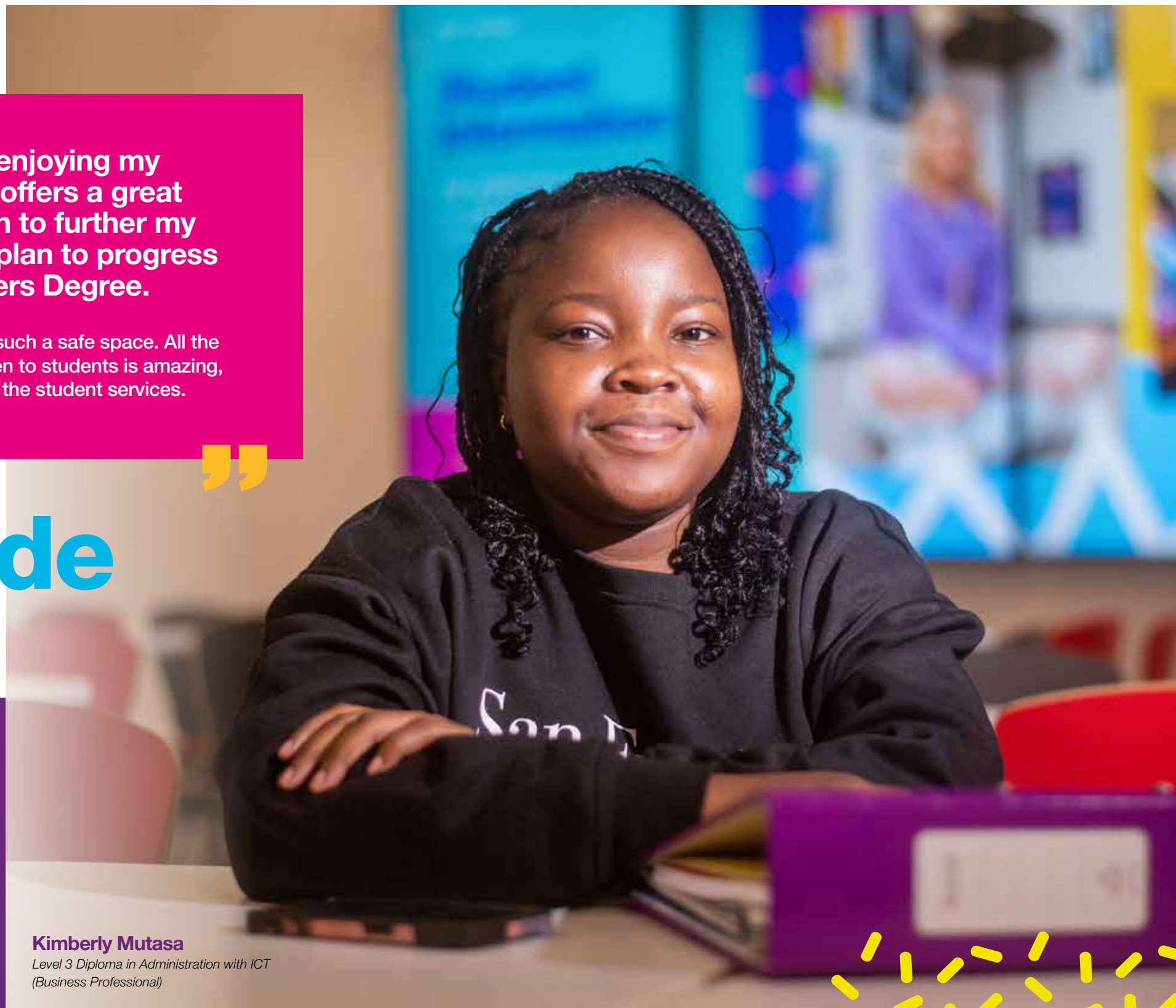
I've made
friends
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love NWRC



Kimberly Mutasa

*Level 3 Diploma in Administration with ICT
(Business Professional)*





OCN NI Level 2 Traineeship Business Administration Skills (Legal Secretary Pathway)

Course Code

603/7909/1

Campus

Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study

1 Year

Awarding Body

Open College Network NI
(OCN NI)

Course Contact

Bridie Cannon
028 7127 6105
bridie.cannon@nwrc.ac.uk

Non-term time

Admissions Office
(028) 7127 6000

Progression



Course Overview

This Diploma is for students who wish to pursue a career in the legal sector, and/or business administration.

This program develops student skills to enhance their employability opportunities through practical work, coursework, assignments and work placement. Successful graduates can progress into a range of career opportunities within the area of Administration and Law or progress onto a Level 3 course to further their studies.

A period of work placement will take place in the second semester to give you a practical introduction to the industry, learn new skills and let you "display" your knowledge. In addition, workshops will be offered by the College throughout the year to help you in your preparation for seeking employment.

Core Modules

- Teamwork in Administration
- Written Business Communications
- Understanding the Role of an Administrator
- Customer Service and Communication
- Career Planning in Administration
- Welcoming and Receiving Visitors to the Workplace
- Making / Receiving Business Calls
- Legal Audio Processing
- Using Databases in a Legal Environment
- Using Spreadsheets in a Legal Environment
- Proof-reading Legal and Business Documents
- Working in a Legal Environment
- Word Processing Software

Optional Modules

If you do not hold a Level 2 qualification in Numeracy or Literacy you will be given the opportunity to complete these during this course to enhance your employability and progression prospects.

Entry Requirements

UK: 4 GCSEs Grade D-G or above to include Maths at Grade E and English Grade D or above;

ROI: 4 OLCs Grade O5 - O8 or above to include Maths at Grade O6 and English O5 or above. Applicants presenting with a Junior Cert or Junior Cycle qualification should have attained a majority of higher-level subjects including English and Maths.

If you don't meet enhanced Maths / English grade you may be eligible for the introductory phase of Traineeship.

Assessment

100% Coursework. Portfolio of evidence, practical demonstration, assignment and coursework.

Work Placement

You will complete a period of work placement in the relevant industry.

Further Study

This course can progress you directly into employment or onto a Level 3 programme at our College.

Your Future Career

Legal Personal Assistants; Legal Secretaries; General Administrators (eg secretary in a school, architect's office); Clerical Officer in the Legal Department of a bank; Civil Service.



OCN NI Level 2 Traineeship Business Administration Skills (Medical Administration Pathway)

Course Code

603/7909/1

Campus

Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study

1 Year

Awarding Body

Open College Network NI
(OCN NI)

Course Contact

Loretta Melaugh
028 7127 6152
loretta.melaugh@nwrc.ac.uk

Non-term time

Admissions Office
(028) 7127 6000

Progression



Course Overview

If you are looking for employment, this course will provide you with the tools to provide effective administrative support within any healthcare setting. With this Diploma you can start your career as a medical administrator or a secretary, helping patients and providing vital support for doctors and other healthcare professionals.

This course is designed for those wishing to work as receptionists in any section of the health services, including general medicine and dental practices, hospitals (including wards and medical records clerks) and opticians.

Core Modules

- Medical Terminology
- Working in the NHS
- Administration Skills in a Medical Environment
- Medical Principles
- Medical Audio-transcription
- Word Processing
- Written Business Communication Skills
- Understanding the Role of an Administrator
- Making / Receiving Business Calls
- Teamwork in Administration
- Customer Service and Communication
- Career Planning in Administration
- Managing Personal Development

Optional Modules

A number of optional units have been selected to enhance skills, knowledge and employability opportunities. If you don't hold a Level 2 qualification in Numeracy or Literacy you will be given the opportunity to complete these during this course.

Entry Requirements

UK: 4 GCSEs Grade D-G or above to include Maths Grade E and English Grade D or above;

ROI: 4 OLCs Grade O5 - O8 or above to include Maths Grade O6 and English O5 or above. Applicants presenting with a Junior Cert or Junior Cycle qualification should have attained a majority of higher-level subjects including English and Maths;

If you don't meet the enhanced Maths and English grade you may be eligible for the introductory phase of Traineeship.

Assessment

100% Coursework. Portfolio of evidence, practical demonstration, assignment and coursework.

Work Placement

You will be expected to complete a period of work placement in a GP surgery, hospital or other medical environment where you will complete a number of work-based units in order to achieve the full qualification.

Further Study

Level 3 in Business Administration

Your Future Career

With this qualification you can start your career as a medical administrator or secretary, helping patients and providing vital support for doctors and other healthcare professionals. Future employment positions could also include general administrators, clerical officers etc. Previous student have gained employment as medical receptionists / secretaries.





OCN Level 3 Diploma

Business Administration Skills with ICT

Course Code

610/1473/4

Campus

Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study

1 Year

Additional Fees

Other: £50+

For additional qualifications, such as City & Guilds or Sage.

Awarding Body

Open College Network NI (OCN NI)

Course Contact

Annemarie Scullion
028 7127 6104
annmarie.scullion@nwrc.ac.uk

Non-term time

Admissions Office
(028) 7127 6000

Progression



Course Overview

In today's workplace there is high demand for skilled administrative professionals who can help the business deliver an effective service to its clients.

This course will develop the practical skills sought by employers today.

You will be trained in office tasks and in the use of a range of different equipment, and you will gain practical insights into the wide range of career possibilities in the area of administration.

Core Modules

- Producing Complex Documents
- Word Processing Software
- Supporting Recruitment and Selection Procedures
- Financial Transactions
- Verbal Communications
- Business Travel
- Support Business Meetings
- Apply Legislation
- Operate a Range of Office Equipment

Optional Modules

We also offer the opportunity for students to undertake Level 1 and/or Level 2 in Manual and Computerised Accounts (a small examination fee is payable for these).

If you do not hold a Level 2 qualification in Numeracy you will complete this during the course to enhance your employability and progression prospects.

Entry Requirements

UK: OCR Level 2 Administration (Business Professional) or equivalent and GCSE English (Grade C or above); or equivalent OR 4 GCSEs (Grade C or above) to include English.

ROI: 4 OLCs (Grade O5 or above) to include English; OR Leaving Cert Applied – Merit.

Interview required. Mature students, with industrial experience and good level of ICT, will be considered at information session (see page 34 for more details on APEL).

Assessment

100% Coursework.

Work Placement

You will be encouraged to attend placement in an administrative office in an area of your choice where you will gain valuable insights to the world of work. These hours would be additional and outside your timetabled course hours.

Further Study

This qualification will enable you to further your studies and progress onto the Level 4 Higher Diploma in Administrative Procedures with ICT, or move into employment.

Your Future Career

Successful completion of this course will equip you with the skills and knowledge to apply directly for employment as executive and private administrators in business, civil service, hospitals, health centres, schools and hotels etc.

Check out our Jargon Buster

Confused by educational terms and phrases?
See page 312



Adult Learning (Access)



SCAN TO VIEW
ADULT LEARNING
COURSES



Career Paths

- Social Worker
- Lawyer
- Nurse
- Occupational Therapist
- Counsellor
- Radiographer
- IT Technician
- Psychologist

...plus many more!





I received a scholarship towards my studies.



I have sickle cell anaemia, which inspired me to pursue a career in the health sector.

I'm so grateful to the College for giving me this opportunity to study. My scholarship will open the door to university for me.

Chukwuka Frank Nwanoneny
Access Diploma in Health and Welfare



1st ever recipient
of the NWRC
Asylum Seeker
Scholarship

Scan to find
out why **Frank**
loves NWRC





QUB Level 3 University Access Diploma Health and Welfare

Course Code

P10025

Campus

Derry~Londonderry
Strabane

Length of Study

1 Year

Additional Fees

Books: Variable depending on student choice. Most resources are available within college.

Awarding Body

Queens University Belfast
(QUB)

Course Contact

Derry~Londonderry

Theresa McLoone
028 7127 6364
theresa.mcloone@nwrc.ac.uk

Strabane

Claire Campbell
028 7127 8826
claire.campbell@nwrc.ac.uk

Non-term time

Admissions Office
(028) 7127 6000

Progression



Course Overview

This course is of interest to those wishing to learn about health and social care, providing adult learners with an opportunity to gain a qualification which can be used as a progression pathway to higher education. It can help you progress to professional courses such as nursing, midwifery, social work, youth/community work, occupational therapy and other degree courses in the social science and health studies field. You will attend classes over 3.5 days per week with additional time to undertake independent reading and study.

Core Modules

- Health and Welfare
- Research
- Human Anatomy and Physiology
- Study Skills including ICT
- Introduction to Psychology
- Microbiology for Health and Care
- NICATS Mathematics
(For students who do not yet have appropriate grade and Certificate in GCSE / LCert)

Optional Modules

Students can choose either Psychology or Microbiology (depending on enrolment numbers for psychology).

Entry Requirements

UK: A pass in GCSE English Language Grade C/4 or GCSE Mathematics Grade C/4 or acceptable equivalent.

Applicants may also be asked to demonstrate a level of literacy and numeracy. Applicants without GCSE English Language Grade C/4 and

GCSE Mathematics Grade C/4 or acceptable equivalent should study Essential Skills Level 2, Communication and Application of Number/GCSE English Language and Mathematics independently in addition to the course (depending on University requirements).

ROI: Applicants must have Irish Leaving Certificate, Ordinary Level, English or Mathematics Grade O4 as equivalent to GCSE Grade C/4.

Applicants may also be asked to demonstrate a level of literacy and numeracy. Applicants without Irish Leaving Certificate, Ordinary Level English and Mathematics or acceptable equivalent should study Essential Skills Level 2, Communication and Application of Number/ GCSE English Language and Mathematics independently in addition to the course (depending on University requirements).

Applicants who have already achieved Essential Skills Communication and Essential Skills Application of Number at Level 2 (or acceptable equivalent) should check at the beginning of the Access Diploma with the Admissions Office of their chosen University to ensure these qualifications fulfil the entrance requirements. Not all universities will accept Essential Skills qualifications as acceptable entrance criteria.

Applications from students who have been away from full-time education for a sustained period of time (two consecutive academic years minimum) prior to commencing the Access Diploma will be considered.

An interview is also required.

International applicants - If English is not your first language you must also satisfy the College requirements for IELTS scores or acceptable equivalent.

Assessment

56% Coursework 44% Exam.

Study Skills Module and IT are assessed by continuous assessment with portfolio. All other modules have a mix of examination (essay style, multiple choice questions and short answer questions) and coursework assessment ranging from 30%-70% examination per module.

Coursework includes essay, reports, presentations and portfolio style assessment.

Further Study

Applicants may apply to study Foundation Degree / HNC or other Degree level qualifications. It can also help you progress to professional education courses such as nursing, midwifery, social work, youth / community work, occupational therapy and other degree courses in the social science/health studies field.

Your Future Career

- Nursing (all branches) starting at Band 5, £25,655 to £31,534.
- Midwifery starting at £25,655 depending on allocated pay band and experience.
- Social Work starting at £25,655 depending on allocated pay band and experience.

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YOUR APPLY!**
SCAN QR CODE





Ulster University Level 3 Access Diploma Combined Studies*

Course Code

P1002

Campus

Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study

1 Year

Additional Fees:

Books:

Recommended reading suggested for each unit if students wish to individually purchase.

Other:

Awarding Body registration fee payable at start of each academic year (This may be included in course fee – please check at time of enrolment).

Awarding Body

Ulster University

Course Contact

Luane Quigley
028 7127 6103
luane.quigley@nwrc.ac.uk

Non-term time

Admissions Office
(028) 7127 6000

Progression



Course Overview

Designed for adults, the course will provide the opportunity to achieve an equivalence of 3 A-Levels so you can progress to higher level courses in further education or to university. You will have to commit to a high degree of independent study and reading, studying up to seven subjects, three are compulsory (if you don't hold a GCSE Grade C in Maths) and four are chosen by you from a range of available options.

Students should preferably have a GCSE English Grade C or equivalent, and will be asked to demonstrate a level of literacy and numeracy. Students without GCSE English or equivalent may be expected to undertake an Essential Skills Level 2 Literacy qualification in conjunction with their Access course.

Core Modules

- Study and Digital Skills
- Communications
- Mathematics

Optional Modules

- Business Accounts
- Introduction to Psychology
- Introduction to Sociology
- Introduction to Law
- Introduction to Biology
- Introduction to English Literature
- Introduction to Modern Languages
- Web Development for e-Business
- Programming Fundamentals
- Relational Database Systems
- Statistical Research and ICT
- Researching Society
- Business and Entrepreneurship
- The Development of Modern Ireland

Entry Requirements

Students are required to provide evidence of a basic competence in English / Maths, and be over 19 years of age on 1 July in year of entry and have been away from full-time education for two years. Information session required.

Assessment

90% Coursework; 10% Exam. Depending on pathway modules selected the weightings may vary.

Further Study

For the purpose of admission to HE study, as part of the full award of Access Diploma, a 20 credit Level 2 Mathematics module, which is passed at 40%, will be recognised by both Ulster University and Queen's University Belfast as fulfilling requirements for passing GCSE Mathematics at Grade C/4. Both the above Universities in Northern Ireland also accept the full Access award as providing evidence of competence in English Language, meeting the general entrance requirement for GCSE English.

Completing this qualification will enable you to apply to higher education courses with NWRC or University, in a range of subject areas. There are also progression opportunities onto our Higher Level Apprenticeships with NWRC.

Your Future Career

Career pathways include Nursing, Social Work, Teaching, Law, Journalism, Business, Accountancy, IT, Hospitality, Travel & Tourism Management and Counselling.



Ulster University Access Diploma Science

Course Code

P10009

Campus

Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study

1 Year (Full-Time)
2 Years (Part-Time)

Awarding Body

Ulster University

Course Contact

Dr Amanda Maginty
028 7127 6412
amanda.maginty@nwrc.ac.uk

Non-term time

Admissions Office
(028) 7127 6000

Progression



Course Overview

Designed for committed adult learners without formal qualifications, this course provides the opportunity to gain a recognised qualification which can be used to progress to university degree study, secure employment or change / improve career opportunities.

The proposed science programme will be student-centred and encourage self-confidence and development through a structured programme consisting of core modules including Core Scientific & Laboratory Skills, Mathematics and Fundamentals of Science leading on to optional modules which include Chemistry, Biology, Physics and Maths for Science Calculations.

You will be required to provide evidence of a basic competence in written and oral communication in English and Numeracy skills, as well as demonstrating your motivation for and an ability to cope with the academic demands of the course.

Core Modules

- Introductory Mathematics for Science
- Core Scientific and Laboratory Skills
- Fundamentals of Science

Optional Modules

- Maths for Science Calculations
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics

Entry Requirements

Students will be required to provide evidence of a basic competence in English and Mathematics and must be a minimum of 19 years of age on 1 July in year of entry and have been away from full-time education for at least two years.

Assessment

75% Coursework, 25% Exam. Students will be assessed using a variety of methods including written coursework, practical observations, experiment scientific reports, class tests, presentations and exams. Core modules are assessed by 100% coursework. Students will complete 3 out of 4 optional modules assessed by 50% coursework and 50% exam.

Further Study

This course will provide you with the opportunity to gain a recognised qualification which can be used to progress to university degree study, secure employment, or change/ improve career opportunities.

Your Future Career

Progression include:

- Chemical Engineering
- Biomedical Science
- Radiography (Diagnostic / Therapeutic)
- Environmental Health
- Biochemistry
- Environmental Science
- Physiotherapy
- Biology
- Biochemistry
- Nursing
- Dietetics
- Podiatry



*Subject to validation

Apprenticeships & Traineeships



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APPRENTICESHIPS
& TRAINEESHIPS



Career Paths

- › Mechanic
 - › Electrician
 - › Plumber
 - › Dental Nurse
 - › Retail Assistant
 - › Welder
 - › Bricklayer
 - › Wall and Floor Tiler
- ...plus many more!



I'm earning a real wage while I study.

“

I competed for NWRC at the Skillbuild National Finals in Milton Keynes.

I came to the College straight after my GCSEs as I wanted to do an Apprenticeship. My father and brother both work in trades and it's something I always wanted to do. You learn a lot while having fun!

”

Scan to find out why **our students** love NWRC



Timothy Gilmore

Apprenticeship NI in Wall and Floor Tiling





Higher Level Apprenticeships

Get paid while you earn a Degree Level qualification

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Apprenticeships

An Apprenticeship is a real job with training so employees can learn while they earn and achieve nationally recognised qualifications.

With the recent introduction of *All Age Apprenticeships* our apprenticeship programmes are now fully-funded for anyone 16+, with no upper age limit. Apprenticeships combine work, study and 'off-the-job' training at College.

Usually, you will be with the employer four days a week and at NWRC one day a week. As an Apprentice you must balance your job and study across a maximum four-year period: two years at Level 2 and two years at Level 3. Those with good GCSE grades and an aptitude for their trade and learning can complete in a shorter time-frame.

To find out more, visit: nirect.gov.uk/campaigns/apprenticeships

Who can apply?

To take part in an Apprenticeship you need to:

- Have reached the minimum school leaving age in Northern Ireland (16 years)
- Be employed or be about to take up paid employment in Northern Ireland
- Be working a minimum of 21 hours per week on a permanent contract
- Meet all the entry requirements of your chosen apprenticeship (for example some apprenticeships will require you to have GCSEs)

What are the benefits?

Earn While You Learn

All Apprenticeships are real jobs so you will earn a real salary. Apprentices will earn at least the national minimum wage with many employers paying more.

Large Range of Career Paths to Choose From

Our Apprenticeship programme offers training across a wide range of professional and technical areas.

Continue Your Education

Our Apprenticeship courses offer a range of exciting skills and learning opportunities which link to vocational, industrially relevant qualifications which lead directly to career success. They can lead onto higher level study, which can open up more career opportunities.

Occupational areas include:

- Brickwork
- Carpentry and Joinery
- Civil Engineering
- Dental Nursing
- Electrical and Mechanical Engineering
- Fabrication and Welding
- Health and Social Care
- Housing Practice
- Motor Vehicle Repair
- Painting and Decorating
- Professional Cookery
- Plumbing
- Wall and Floor Tiling

Skills Employers Want

You will work alongside experienced professional staff, receive high quality professional and technical training and work towards achieving an accredited industry-recognised qualification.

Get Help to Find an Employer

As an Apprentice you will already be employed in the industry. However, if you are struggling to find employment our dedicated team of Employment Liaison Officers can support you with finding an employer.

Enrichment Activities and Competitions

We offer exciting enrichment activities and personal development workshops for you to get involved in to help develop your confidence, communication and team-working skills. You will also have the opportunity to compete in regional and UK Competitions with the aim of progressing to World Skills.

Entry Requirements

The applicant needs to be in relevant employment and have the minimum entry requirements*.

***Employers have discretion on the entry criteria for Level 2 Apprenticeship NI programmes which allows students to work towards required Essential Skills or GCSE in English and Maths to achieve Level 2 / Grade C. However this requires students to attend college for additional days which employers must agree to before starting programme.**

Take a tour

Visit our Springtown, Greystone and Strabane campuses on Open Day to explore our modern, industry standard facilities and discover what life at NWRC is really like.

You will also have the opportunity to speak with our expert Lecturing Staff, Employment Liaison Officers and employers who are looking for new apprentices across a wide range of industrial areas.

Check our website nwrc.ac.uk/opendays for event details and dates.



Find out more

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NI Traineeships

The NI Traineeship programme provides a high-quality vocational education and training programme at Level 2 and is aimed at school leavers who aspire to work within a specific sector.

The Traineeship is available to all participants, providing the skills and qualifications necessary to secure employment in their chosen occupation including transition to a Level 2 apprenticeship during the programme where relevant.

The Traineeship also provides progression to a Level 3 Apprenticeship or alternatively to Further Education at Level 3. To find out more visit: nidirect.gov.uk/articles/traineeships-explained

A Traineeship programme comprises the following key elements:

- A main professional and technical qualification in the chosen occupational area;
- Skills development;
- Transversal skills;
- Work placement;
- Literacy and numeracy qualifications at Level 2 (may include GCSE qualifications in English and Mathematics);
- Additional qualifications deemed necessary for work within a sector, e.g. Health and Safety, CSR, manual handling

Traineeships are available in the following areas:

- Business Administration
- Brickwork
- Childcare
- Engineering (Fabrication and Welding)
- Hairdressing, Barbering and Beauty Therapy
- Health and Social Care
- Hospitality and Catering
- Information Technology
- Motor Vehicle Repair
- Music
- Painting and Decorating
- Plumbing
- Sport
- Wall and Floor Tiling
- Woodwork

Traineeship Diploma

On successful completion of a NI Traineeship, participants will receive a full Traineeship Diploma equivalent to five GCSEs at grades A*-C (including English and Mathematics qualifications at Level 2).

Duration

The majority of Traineeships will typically take up to two years to complete on a full-time basis. Some take one year to complete including: IT, Health and Social Care, Childcar, Hairdressing and Travel & Tourism.

Participants who achieve qualifications during the first year may progress to an apprenticeship or further education earlier.

Entry Requirements

Applicants will be required to hold a minimum of a Level 1 qualification defined as 4 GCSEs at grades D-G including Maths and English grades D-F or equivalent. Enhanced entry grades apply in certain areas.

Progression

Achievement of the Full Traineeship Diploma

Those that complete the qualifications equivalent to five GCSEs at Grade C passes including English (or Communications Level 2) and Maths (or Application of Number Level 2) will receive an overarching NI Traineeship Diploma issued by the Department for the Economy.

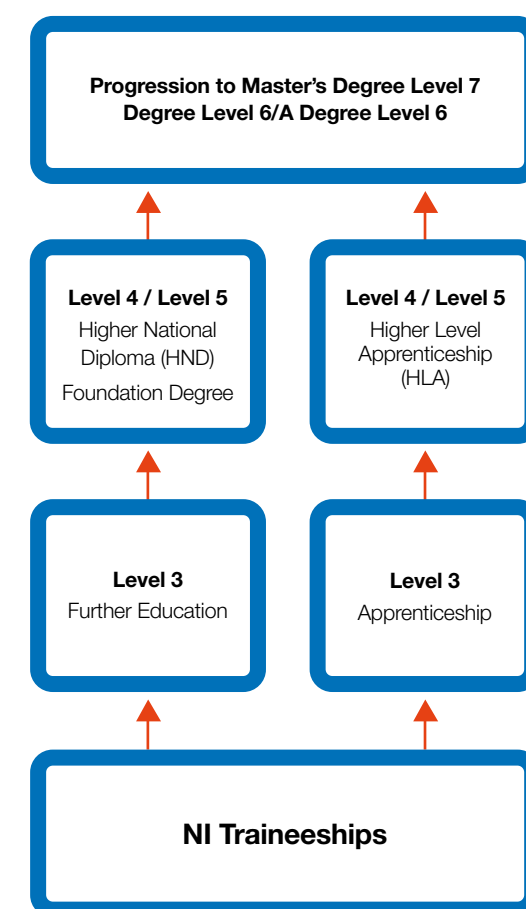
Partial Achievement

Trainees who do not achieve all of the components will be recognised for partial achievement. This may mean that the trainee passes the professional and technical qualification but does not achieve level 2 communication or level 2 numeracy. Trainees who have partial achievement may be able to progress to FE Level 3.

Progression

On completion of the Traineeship, you can progress within NWRC to a Level 3 further education course or a Level 3 apprenticeship (possibly with your work placement employer). This can lead you to higher education options.

If you become employed during your Traineeship you can progress to a Level 2 Apprenticeship.





96%
of students agreed
Work Placement was
valuable in helping
their learning*

Trainee Support

Education Maintenance Allowance

Traineeship participants may be entitled to an Education Maintenance Allowance. EMA pays £30 per week and is available to 16-19 year old (means-tested) attending the traineeship.

Attendance is monitored and payment is dependent on full weekly attendance in all subject areas including placement. Bonuses are also payable on the achievement of qualifications.

EMA Application forms are available online.

Further Education Grant

Trainees can apply for an FE Grant which is means tested and non-repayable

The deadline to be guaranteed support is 28th June although applications are open until the 30th September.

Hardship Fund

If you are age 18 or over on 1 July 2024 and suffering from financial hardship you may be eligible for financial assistance through the College's Hardship Fund.

Online Learning

If you are required to engage with on-line learning NWRC will facilitate this by lending the IT equipment which you require.

Equipment

Trainees will receive free health and safety equipment and personal protective equipment (PPE)

Travel/Bus Pass

Trainees will be eligible to apply for a bus pass. Bus passes are issued through the Education Authority (EA).

To receive a bus pass, a trainee must:

- Be under 19 on 1st July before the start of the academic year
- Be studying a further education course only
- Live at least 3 miles from their nearest college

Trainees will also be reimbursed for their travel costs to work placement.

Free School Meals

Trainees under 18 years of age at 31st July before the start of the academic year, may be entitled to free school meals. Applications must be made by your parent or guardian to the Education Authority.

School meal tickets will be available from reception and should be collected on a weekly basis.

Pastoral Care

Trainees will receive a high level of pastoral care from college staff with appropriate support mechanisms in place.



Find out more
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We also provide Apprenticeships & Traineeships in the following areas:



- Business Administration Skills (Legal Secretary)
- Business Administration Skills (Medical Administration)
- Health and Social Care
- Dental Nursing
- Information Technology
- Civil Engineering
- Children's Care, Learning and Development
- Combined Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy
- Beauty Therapy
- Hairdressing
- Barbering
- Professional Cookery
- Professional Chef
- Music Practitioners (Technology)
- Sport





Download
HLA Course
Guide



Higher Level Apprenticeships

A Higher Level Apprenticeship (HLA) is a unique work based programme, which enables participants to earn while they learn, and gain a nationally recognised higher-level qualification.

Successful candidates will be employed in a company relevant to their chosen profession to gain valuable industry experience.

This experience will feature a close mentoring relationship and academic support provided by NWRC as they progress through their higher-level qualification.

The HLA programme is widely recognised as the best combination of on-the-job training and employee higher level study available. The programme offers employees the opportunity to gain a Level 4 or Level 5 qualification.

In addition, the programme aims to improve business practice by developing a progressively skilled workforce essential for today's competitive economic climate.

To find out more about HLAs, visit: nidirect.gov.uk/articles/higher-level-apprenticeships

Programmes we offer

NWRC has led the way in developing the HLA provision within Northern Ireland, based on strong links with academic partners and business.

We are currently offering programmes in the following areas:

- Accountancy
- Business and Enterprise
- Construction with Renewables
- Electrical and Electronic Engineering
- General Engineering
- Hospitality, Tourism and Events Management
- Leadership for Children's Care, Learning and Development
- Mechanical Engineering

Who is eligible to apply?

Opportunities are available for new employees or an existing employee in a new job role to gain qualifications from Level 4 upwards. Entry criteria will depend on the apprenticeship pathway.

Please refer to our website for more information: nwrc.ac.uk/courses

What are the benefits?

By taking part in a HLA, you can gain the skills that employers need and that are relevant to the local economy, therefore improving your prospects of good earnings and sustained employment.

Other benefits include:

- Achieve a professional level qualification without the tuition fees
- Earn a competitive salary
- Gain increased opportunities for career progression
- A clear pathway to achieving ambitions in the workplace

How much does it cost?

Higher Level Apprenticeships are fully funded by the Department for Economy (DfE). There are no course related costs to the apprentice or employer.



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Find out more
nwrc.ac.uk/hla



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ROBERTA DEEHAN
HLA IN HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM
MANAGEMENT



City & Guilds Level 2 Traineeship Brickwork

Course Code

600/7913/7

Campus

Springtown (Derry~Londonderry)

Length of Study

2 Years

Awarding Body

City & Guilds

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Progression



Course Overview

Bricklaying is a skill which is in high demand by small and medium sized construction companies and therefore apprenticeship and employment opportunities are good across Northern Ireland. There are a number of different types of 'brick' each one differing in what it's best used for and what it's made of. That's before you get to colour and size differences. Using the right brick is integral to creating solid, durable structures.

As a Bricklayer you will work within the Construction Industry both on commercial and residential projects. You can work internally / externally on residential and commercial projects.

Enrichment activities and personnel development workshops on mental health, road safety and cultural diversity are built into the programme. Students also have the opportunity to compete in Regional and UK Competitions.

Core Modules

- Health, Safety and Welfare in Construction
- Principles of Building Construction, Information and Communication
- Building Solid Walling, Isolated and Attached Piers
- Interpreting Working Drawings to Set Out Masonry Structures
- Construct Cavity Walling Forming Masonry Structures

Students without Maths and English at Grade D (Grade O5) or above will have the opportunity to complete Essential Skills to Level 2.

Entry Requirements

UK: GCSEs (Grades D-G) to include Maths Grade D and English Grade E.

ROI: 4 OLCs (Grades O5-O8) to include Maths Grade O5 and English Grade O6;

Assessment

60% Coursework, 40% Exam.

The course is assessed in college in the form of practical tasks carried out in the workshop with task having a theory multiple choice question paper. In addition there is also two theory only online assessed exams.

Work Placement

Students will be required to attend work experience which will be organised on a weekly basis or in blocks throughout the calendar year.

Further Study

On successful completion it is possible to progress onto full time employment on Apprenticeship NI programme with further options for progression including a Higher National Certificate, Higher National Diploma, NEBOSH, or a degree.

Your Future Career

Skills that are in demand are brickwork repair, pointing, rendering, restoration, conservation, stone cladding.

The average Construction salary for Bricklaying jobs is £36,679.



City & Guilds Level 2 Apprenticeship NI Brickwork

Course Code

600/7913/7

Campus

Springtown (Derry~Londonderry)

Length of Study

2 Years

Awarding Body

City & Guilds

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Progression



Course Overview

Bricklaying is a skill which is in high demand by small and medium sized construction companies and therefore apprenticeship and employment opportunities are good across Northern Ireland. As a bricklayer you will work within the Construction Industry both on commercial and residential projects. You can work internally and externally on residential and commercial projects.

If you like to interpret drawings, set out, measure, construct and finish, then this is the career for you. Enrichment activities and personnel development workshops on mental health, road safety and cultural diversity are built into the programme. Our students also have the opportunity to compete in Regional and UK. Participation in competition and winning awards enhances your Curriculum Vitae and may lead to exciting employment opportunities.

Students without Maths, English and ICT at Grade C or above must also attend additional essential skills which allows for progression to Level 3.

Core Modules

- Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Trowel Occupations
- Level 2 Diploma in Bricklaying

Optional Modules

Units relevant to Industry.

Entry Requirements

UK: GCSE Maths and English at Grade D or above.

ROI: Leaving Certificate English and Maths at Grade O6 or above.

You must also have employment with an NI registered company confirmed. Applicants without ICT at Level 2 must commit to additional class for this to be achieved in first year of programme.

Attendance at a course information session is advised but not mandatory.

Assessment

50% Coursework, 50% Exam.

To complete the apprenticeship the candidate is required to complete a Level 2 Diploma e-portfolio and also a NVQ e-portfolio completed with evidence from site.

Work Placement

You are employed so you attend NWRC one day per week to complete the Level 2 qualification and you will also be assessed on site by NWRC Brickwork Assessor. You may also be required to attend College on days outside of the normal class day should Essential Skills be required.

Further Study

On successful completion of Apprenticeship Level 2 it is possible to complete a Level 3 through the Apprenticeship NI route. There are also options for progression via a Level 3 Diploma in Brickwork, Higher Level Apprenticeship, HND/C, NEBOSH, and degree options.

Your Future Career

Skills that are in demand are brickwork repair, pointing, rendering, restoration, conservation, stone cladding. The average Construction salary for Bricklaying jobs is £36,679.





City & Guilds Level 3 Apprenticeship NI Brickwork

Course Code

600/7858/3
600/8083/8

Campus

Springtown (Derry~Londonderry)

Length of Study

2 Years

Additional Fees

Uniform: PPE required for workshop activities safety boots and overalls). Cost covered by the College.

Awarding Body

City & Guilds

Course Contact

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Non-term time

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Progression



Course Overview

As a bricklayer you will work within the Construction Industry both on commercial and residential projects.

You can work internally and externally on residential and commercial projects. This is the career for you if you like to interpret drawings, set out, measure, construct and finish.

Enrichment activities and personnel development workshops on mental health and cultural diversity are built into the programme.

Our students also have the opportunity to compete in Regional and UK Competitions with the aim of competing at World Skills. Participation in competition and winning awards enhances the student's CV and may lead to exciting employment opportunities.

Core Modules

- Erecting masonry cladding in the workplace
- Erecting masonry to form architectural and decorative structures
- Setting out to form masonry structures in the workplace
- Conforming to general health and safety
- Setting out to form masonry structures in the workplace
- Developing and maintaining good working relationships in the workplace
- Level 3 Diploma in Bricklaying

Optional Modules

Units relevant to Industry

Entry Requirements

UK: GCSE Maths, English and ICT at Grade C or above AND Level 2 vocational qualification in Brickwork is required prior to course entry.

ROI: Leaving Certificate English, Maths and ICT at Grade O5 or above AND Level 2 vocational qualification in Brickwork is required for course entry.

You must also have employment with a N.Ireland registered company confirmed.

Attendance at course information session is advised but not mandatory.

Assessment

60% Coursework, 40% Exam.
To complete the apprenticeship the candidate is required to complete a L3 Diploma e-portfolio and also a NVQ e-portfolio completed with evidence from site.

Work Placement

You are employed so you attend NWRC one day per week to complete Level 3 qualification and will also be assessed on site by NWRC Brickwork Assessor.

Further Study

There are options for progression via Higher National Certificate, Higher National Diploma, NEBOSH, and degree options.

Your Future Career

Skills that are in demand are brickwork repair, pointing, rendering, restoration, conservation, stone cladding. The average Construction salary for Bricklaying jobs is £36,679.





EAL Level 3 Apprenticeship NI Electro-Technical Services

Course Code

601/7345/2
600/0665/1

Campus

Springtown (Derry~Londonderry)
Greystone (Limavady)
Strabane

Length of Study

4 Years

Additional Fees

Uniform: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Awarding Body

EAL

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Non-term time

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Progression



Course Overview

This course combines the practical hands-on experience of the workplace with the knowledge, skills and understanding gained in the College classroom and workshops enabling you to become a fully qualified electrician on completion of your NVQ Portfolio and AM2 Assessment.

Our students also have the opportunity to compete in Regional and UK Competitions with the aim of representing your country at World Skills. To succeed every NWRC student requires determination, a love of the subject, commitment to your studies and a good work ethic.

Core Modules

- Level 3 Electro-Technical Diploma
- Health & Safety and Environmental Technologies
- Electrical Principles
- Installation Practices and Procedures
- Preparation, Planning and Overseeing Electrical Installation
- Inspection, Testing, Commissioning, and Certification of Electrical installation
- Fault Diagnosis and Rectification
- Understanding the requirements of 18th Edition regulations

Optional Modules

As required by industry.

Entry Requirements

UK: GCSE Maths and English at Grade C or above.

ROI: Leaving Certificate English and Maths at Grade O5 or above.

You must also have employment with a N. Ireland registered company confirmed. Applicants without ICT at Level 2 must commit to an additional class for this to be achieved in first year of programme.

Assessment

30% Coursework, 70% Exam. This course will be assessed mainly through online examination and also practical assessments.

Work Placement

As an Apprentice you will already be employed with an electrical company. We have a variety of Apprenticeship models to comply with Apprenticeship NI guidelines which also support Industry.

Further Study

Successful candidates can continue to study at Level 4 / 5 and Degree level in subjects such as Electrical Engineering, Design Engineers.

Your Future Career

There are many options for the talented Electrician to work locally, nationally and internationally abroad. Electricians work within both large and small business and many electricians are self-employed and own their own business.

Some Electricians progress to site or project management, consultancy work or training. Salary scales are dependent on location and experience, but you can expect to earn between £18,000 - £42,000.



OCN NI Level 2 Traineeship Engineering (Fabrication and Welding)

Course Code

610/2947/6

Campus

Springtown (Derry~Londonderry)
Greystone (Limavady)

Length of Study

2 Years

Awarding Body

Open College Network NI
(OCN NI)

Additional Fees

Uniform: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

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Non-term time

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Progression



Course Overview

As a welder you will work with metals and alloys, and cut and join composite materials, such as plastics, using specialist welding methods. Progressing to Level 3, you will need an understanding of safe working practices.

Your day-to-day tasks may include:

- Setting out the materials to be cut or joined;
- Following engineering instructions and drawings;
- Inspecting and testing cuts and joins, using precision measuring instruments;
- Operating the semi-automatic spot-welding equipment used in high volume production lines.

You will usually work in the construction and engineering, transport, aerospace and offshore oil and gas industries. Welders need to be able to interpret drawings and translate these into accurate structures and products.

Welders join sections, pipe & plate and fabricate large and small pressure vessels. Participation in competition and winning awards enhances the student's Curriculum Vitae and may lead to exciting employment opportunities or lead to progression on higher level courses.

Enrichment activities include competing in Regional and UK Competitions with the aim of representing your country at World Skills.

Core Modules

- Level 2 Diploma in Engineering (Fabrication and Welding)

Entry Requirements

UK: 4 GCSEs Grades D-G to include Maths and English Grade D or above.

ROI: 4 OLCs (Grade O5-O8 or above) or equivalent to include Maths and English at Grade O5 or above. Applicants with a Junior Cert or Junior Cycle qualification should have attained a majority of higher-level subjects including English and Maths.

Assessment

50% Coursework, 50% Exam. You will be assessed through a range of online examinations and also a range of practical assessments.

Work Placement

Work placement which will be organised on a weekly basis or in blocks throughout the calendar year.

Further Study

Progression on to ApprenticeshipNI programme.

Your Future Career

Welders can work in shipyards, power stations and off-shore structures and in a diverse range of industries.

- Starter - £16,000 to £19,000
- Experienced - £20,000 to £30,000
- Highly Experienced - £35,000+

All of our lecturers in Welding and Fabrication completed their Level 3 apprenticeship and joined the teaching team after experience in industry.





OCN NI Level 2 Apprenticeship NI Engineering (Fabrication and Welding)

Course Code

610/2947/6

Campus

Springtown (Derry~Londonderry)
Greystone (Limavady)

Length of Study

2 Years

Awarding Body

Open College Network NI
(OCN NI)

Additional Fees

Uniform: Personal Protective
Equipment (PPE)

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Progression



Course Overview

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Your day-to-day tasks may include:

- Setting out the materials to be cut or joined;
- Following engineering instructions and drawings;
- Inspecting and testing cuts and joins, using precision measuring instruments;
- Operating the semi-automatic spot-welding equipment used in high volume production lines.

You will work in the construction and engineering, transport, aerospace and offshore oil and gas industries. Welders need to be able to interpret drawings and translate these into accurate structures and products.

Participation may lead to exciting employment opportunities or lead to progression on higher level courses. Enrichment activities include competing in Regional and UK Competitions with the aim of representing your country at a World Skills event.

Students without Maths, English and ICT at Grade C or above must also attend additional essential skills classes which allows for progression to Level 3.

Core Modules

- Level 2 Diploma in Engineering (Fabrication and Welding)

Optional Modules

As required by industry.

Entry Requirements

UK: GCSE Maths and English at Grade C or above.

ROI: Leaving Certificate English and Maths at Grade O5 or above.

You must also have employment with a N.Ireland registered company confirmed.

Those without ICT at Level 2 must commit to attending an additional class for this to be achieved in first year of programme. Part-Time evening ICT classes at NWRC will be available prior to September 2024.

Assessment

50% Coursework, 50% Exam.

You will be assessed on your knowledge through a range of online examinations and through competency based practical assessments.

Work Placement

Employment is an integral part of your qualification. You will attend NWRC one day per week or as agreed with NWRC and employer.

Further Study

Successful candidates can progress into full time employment or continue to a Level 3 qualification.

Other options for progression include a Higher National Certificate, Higher National Diploma, and a Degree in Engineering.

Your Future Career

Welders can work in shipyards, power stations and off-shore structures and in a diverse range of manufacturing industries.

There is currently a huge demand for good welders.

Typical salaries:

- Starter - £16,000 to £19,000
- Experienced - £20,000 to £30,000
- Highly Experienced - £35,000+

All of our lecturers in Welding and Fabrication completed their Level 3 apprenticeship and joined the teaching team after experience in industry.





ETCAL Level 3 Apprenticeship NI Engineering (Fabrication and Welding)

Course Code

600/0882/9
601/1853/2

Campus

Springtown (Derry~Londonderry)
Greystone (Limavady)

Length of Study

2 Years

Additional Fees

Uniform: Personal Protective
Equipment (PPE)

Awarding Body

Engineering Training Council
Awards Limited (ETCAL)

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Progression



Course Overview

As a welder you will work with metals and alloys, and cut and join composite materials, such as plastics, using specialist welding methods. You'll need an understanding of safe working practices.

Your day-to-day tasks may include:

- Setting out the materials to be cut or joined
- Following engineering instructions and drawings
- Inspecting and testing cuts and joins, using precision measuring instruments
- Operating the semi-automatic spot-welding equipment used in high volume production lines

You will usually work in the construction and engineering, transport, aerospace and offshore oil and gas industries. Welders need to be able to interpret complicated drawings and translate these into accurate structures and products.

Welders join sections, pipe & plate and fabricate large and small pressure vessels. Participation in competition and winning awards enhances the student's CV and may lead to exciting employment opportunities or lead to progression on higher level courses.

Enrichment activities include competing in Regional and UK Competitions with the aim of representing your country.

Core Modules

- Level 3 Diploma in Fabrication and Welding
- Level 3 NVQ in Fabrication and Welding Performance Operations (PEO)

Optional Modules

As required by industry

Entry Requirements

UK: GCSE Maths, English and ICT at Grade C or above and Level 2 vocational qualification in Fabrication and Welding.

ROI: Leaving Certificate English, Maths and ICT at Grade O5 or above and Level 2 vocational qualification in Fabrication and Welding.

You must also have employment with a N. Ireland registered company confirmed.

Assessment

50% Coursework, 50% Exam.

You will be assessed through a range of online knowledge examinations and also a range of practical based assessments. The NVQ also requires the student to submit appropriate site assessment material.

Work Placement

Employment is an integral part of your qualification. You will attend NWRC one day per week or as agreed with NWRC and employer.

Further Study

Successful candidates can progress into full time employment or continue to a Level 4 qualification.

Other options for progression include a Higher National Certificate, Higher National Diploma, and a Degree in Engineering.

Your Future Career

There is currently a huge demand for good welders. Welders can work in shipyards, power stations and off-shore structures and in a diverse range of manufacturing industries.

All of our lecturers in Welding and Fabrication completed their Level 3 apprenticeship and joined the teaching team after experience in industry.

Salary estimates:

- Starter - £16,000 to £19,000
- Experienced - £20,000 to £30,000
- Highly Experienced -£35,000





OCN / CIH Level 3 Apprenticeship NI Housing Practice

Course Code

TBC

Campus

Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study

2 Years

Awarding Body

Open College Network NI
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Progression



Course Overview

This course is aimed at those who are already employed in the housing sector (a provider or association), as a housing officer or administrator and who wish to develop their knowledge and skills to enable progression within their chosen area of work or in a specialist area.

The qualification focuses on the technical skills and knowledge required of a professional housing officer. The units underpin high quality housing practice care, and the role of the Housing Officer in meeting service users' needs.

Students will complete the Level 3 Certificate in Housing and the Level 3 Certificate in Housing Practice. Subject to Approval.

Core Modules

- Understanding the Housing Sector
- Professional Practice Skills
- Customer Service

Entry Requirements

The Housing Practice Apprenticeship NI Level 3 is open to employees aged 16+ or those about to take up permanent paid employment with a Northern Ireland based company.

Must be contracted to work a minimum of 21 hours per week with one employer.

If students do not have Level 2 Essential Skills in Numeracy and Literacy (or equivalent) this will be a mandatory element of the course.

Interview with course team required to demonstrate the potential to gain the qualification successfully.

Assessment

100% Coursework. Assessment will consist of written assignments, presentations and observation.

Work Placement

Must currently be employed in a Housing Provider or Housing Association. Minimum requirement of work placement is 21 hours.

Further Study

This course will lead to Level 4 and Level 5 Foundation Degree or Diploma in Housing Practice and Housing Management.

Your Future Career

This course will provide the learner with fundamental knowledge and understanding of the Housing sector and can lead to management roles within the housing sector.





ETCAL Level 2 Apprenticeship NI Mechanical Engineering

Course Code
 603/5276/0 (ETCAL)
 600/0881/7 (City & Guilds)

Campus
 Springtown (Derry~Londonderry)

Length of Study
 2 Years

Additional Fees
Uniform: £20-40, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Awarding Body
 Engineering Training Council Awards Limited (ETCAL)

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Non-term time
 Admissions Office
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Progression



Course Overview

The Apprenticeship NI scheme offers the trainee an opportunity to train in their chosen trade and the employer the chance to develop a highly motivated and committed workforce.

This is a two year programme in engineering where candidates undergo broad based training in precision machining lathe turning, milling, detail fitting, welding and basic electrical wiring and testing.

Our training facilities enhance practical learning. In addition candidates will be enrolled on a Level 2 Diploma in an Engineering Technical Certificate. On completion of the Level 2 framework candidates can progress to Level 3.

The programme provides a progression route to higher level qualifications to meet company/ candidates requirements.

NWRC supports apprentices to compete in regional, national and WorldSkills competitions which are designed to equip apprentices and students with world-class skills needed to help UK businesses compete globally.

Participation in competition enhances the student's Curriculum Vitae and may lead to exciting employment opportunities.

Students without Maths, English and ICT at Grade C or above must also attend additional essential skills allowing for progression to Level 3.

Core Modules

- ETCAL Level 2 NVQ Diploma in PEO
- City & Guilds Level 2 Diploma in Engineering

Optional Modules

Units relevant to Industry requirements.

Entry Requirements

UK: GCSE Maths and English at Grade C or above;
ROI: Leaving Certificate English and Maths at Grade O5 or above.

You must also have employment with a Northern Ireland registered company confirmed.

Applicants without ICT at Level 2 must commit to additional class for this to be achieved in first year of programme. Part-Time evening ICT classes at NWRC available prior to September 2024.

Attendance at a course information session is advised but not mandatory.

Assessment

50% Coursework, 50% Exam.

This course is assessed through a range of online examinations and practical assessments.

Work Placement

As an Apprentice you will already be employed in the Manufacturing Industry. If you are struggling to find employment our dedicated team of Employment Liaison Officers will support you.

Further Study

Direct entry to Level 3. Successful candidates who achieve at Level 3 can progress into employment or continue to study at Level 4 / Level 5 and Degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Your Future Career

This apprenticeship is suitable for those who are currently working within this sector or are looking to gain employment within this sector as a Mechanical or Maintenance Engineer. The UK industry is buoyant at this time and job prospects are positive.

Your lecturers have come thought the Apprenticeship and in some cases the Degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Average salaries within the industry:

- Starter - £15,000 to £18,000
- Experienced - £20,000 to £24,000
- Highly Experienced - £25,000 to £50,000





ETCAL Level 3 Apprenticeship NI Mechanical Engineering

Course Code

601/0882/9 (City & Guilds)
600/2253/X (ETCAL)

Campus

Springtown (Derry~Londonderry)

Length of Study

2 Years

Additional Fees

Uniform: £20-£40, Personal
Protective Equipment (PPE)

Awarding Body

City & Guilds / ETCAL

Course Contact

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Non-term time

Admissions Office
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Progression



Course Overview

A precision engineer works to provide top quality assembled and/or machined parts to many facets of the manufacturing industry, and work in many different materials including stainless steel, aluminium, titanium, steel, lead and more. Our students work in local industries and are highly sought after.

The Apprenticeship NI scheme offers the trainee an opportunity to train in their chosen trade and the employer the chance to develop a highly motivated and committed workforce.

The Level 3 is a two year programme in mechanical engineering in which candidates will undergo broad based training in precision machining lathe turning, milling, detail fitting, welding and basic electrical wiring and testing. In addition candidates will be enrolled on a City & Guilds Level 3 Diploma in an Engineering Technical Certificate.

Core Modules

- ETCAL Level 3 NVQ in Mechanical Engineering Manufacturing
- ETCAL Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Engineering Maintenance
- City & Guilds Level 3 Diploma in Engineering (2850-34)

Optional Modules

Units relevant to Industry requirements.

Entry Requirements

UK: GCSE Maths, English and ICT at Grade C or above AND Level 2 vocational qualification in Mechanical Engineering.

ROI: Leaving Certificate English, Maths and ICT at Grade O5 or above and Level 2 vocational qualification in Mechanical Engineering.

Applicants must also have confirmed employment with a Northern Ireland registered company.

Assessment

50% Coursework, 50% Exam.
The course is assessed by a range of online examinations and practical assessments. Optional modules can be agreed and selected by employer.

Work Placement

As an Apprentice you will already be employed in the Manufacturing Industry. If you are struggling to find employment our dedicated team of Employment Liaison Officers will support you. Our Open Days are a great opportunity to meet employers.

Further Study

Successful candidates can progress into employment or continue to study at Level 4/5 and Degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Your Future Career

This apprenticeship is suitable for those who are currently working within this sector or are looking to gain employment within this sector as a Mechanical or Maintenance Engineer. The UK industry is buoyant and job prospects are positive.

Average salaries within the industry:

- Starter - £15,000 to £18,000
- Experienced - £20,000 to £24,000
- Highly Experienced - £30k to £40k





IMI Level 2 Traineeship

Motor Light Vehicle Body Repair

Course Code
500/9689/8

Campus
Springtown (Derry~Londonderry)

Length of Study
2 Years

Additional Fees
Uniform: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Cost will be covered by the College.

Awarding Body
Institute of Motor Industry (IMI)

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Non-term time
Admissions Office
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Progression
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Course Overview

An auto body repair operative works in a specialist garage.

The work is often divided between major and minor collision damage and your skills will always be in demand.

Your day-to-day duties may include:

- Assessing damage and deciding how to repair it
- Removing damaged panels or parts for repair
- Smoothing out minor dents in panels
- Filling small holes or rusted areas with filler
- Making body panels and sections, and welding them into place
- Refinishing the repair to match surrounding areas
- Keeping a record of all work completed to show customers.

Enrichment activities may be included in the course.

European Projects and the opportunity to compete in Regional and UK Competitions will be offered. Participation in competition and winning awards enhances your Curriculum Vitae and may lead to exciting employment opportunities.

Participation in competition and winning awards enhances the student's CV and may lead to exciting employment opportunities.

Core Modules

- Health and Safety
- Fabrication tools and measuring devices
- Removing and fitting non permanently fixed motor vehicle body panels
- Removing and replacing exterior motor vehicle body panels including permanently fixed components
- Minor motor vehicle exterior body panel repairs
- Motor Vehicle body (MAG) welding
- Motor vehicle body resistant spot welding operations
- Removing and fitting motor mechanical, electrical and trim (MET) components to vehicles

Optional Modules

As required by Industry.

Entry Requirements

UK: 4 GCSEs Grades D-G to include Maths and English (Grade E).

ROI: 4 OLCs (Grade O5-O8 or above) or equivalent to include Maths and English at Grade O6 or above. Applicants presenting with a Junior Cert or Junior Cycle qualification should have attained a majority of higher-level subjects including English and Maths

Assessment

50% Coursework, 50% Exam. The course is made up with ten units each containing theory online and written assessments. Eight of these units have practical assessments also with each having an average of four tasks to be carried out successfully.

Work Placement

Students may have the opportunity to attend work experience which will be organised on a weekly basis or in blocks throughout the calendar year.

Further Study

Students without Maths and English at Grade C or above will have the opportunity to complete essential skills to Level 2 as part of the programme of study.

On successful completion of the Level 2 Diploma or employment status / pre-entry criteria it is possible to progress onto full time employment on Apprenticeship NI programme.

Your Future Career

With experience, you could become a lead fitter or technician, or move into supervisory and body-shop management positions in larger firms.

You could also set up your own business and move into mobile repair. Your lecturers have all been Apprentices and worked their way from Industry to Education.

Typical salaries:

- Starter - £15,000 to £18,000
- Experienced - £20,000 to £25,000
- Highly Experienced - Up to £30,000





IMI Level 2 Apprenticeship NI Motor Light Vehicle Body Repair

Course Code
500/9686/2

Campus
Springtown (Derry~Londonderry)

Length of Study
2 Years

Additional Fees
Uniform: PPE required. Cost is covered by the College.

Awarding Body
Institute of the Motor Industry (IMI)

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Progression
 



Course Overview

Fast Facts: Collision damage is more than skin deep when your car hits an obstacle. That impact goes through the entire vehicle, bending or breaking body panels, frame components, wheels, interior pieces, and drivetrain parts.

The work is often divided between major and minor collision damage and your skills will always be in demand.

Your day-to-day duties may include:

- Filling small holes or rusted areas with filler
- Making body panels and sections, and welding them into place
- Refinishing the repair to match surrounding areas
- Keeping a record of all work completed to show customers

European Projects and the opportunity to compete in Regional and UK Competitions. Participation in competition and winning awards enhances the student's CV and may lead to exciting employment opportunities.

Students who enter the programme without Maths, English and ICT at grade C or above must also attend additional essential skills which allows for progression to Level 3.

Core Modules

- Level 2 Diploma in Vehicle Accident Repair VCQ/VRQ
- Health and Safety
- Fabrication tools and measuring devices
- Removing and fitting non permanently fixed motor vehicle body panels
- Removing and replacing exterior motor vehicle body panels including permanently fixed components
- Minor motor vehicle exterior body panel repairs
- Motor Vehicle body (MAG) welding
- Motor vehicle body resistant spot welding operations
- Removing and fitting motor mechanical, electrical and trim (MET) components to vehicle

Optional Modules
As required by Industry.

Entry Requirements

UK: GCSE Maths and English at Grade C or above;

ROI: Leaving Certificate English and Maths at Grade O5 or above;

You must also have employment with a Northern Ireland registered company confirmed.

Applicants without ICT at Level 2 must commit to additional class for this to be achieved in first year of programme. Part-Time evening ICT classes at NWRC available prior to September 2024.

Assessment
50% Coursework, 50% Exam.
To complete an apprenticeship a VRQ and VCQ e-portfolio must be successfully achieved.

Work Placement
You are employed so you attend NWRC one day per week to complete the Level 2 qualification and you will also be assessed in workplace by NWRC Assessor.

You may also be required to attend college on days outside of the normal class day should Essential Skills be required.

Further Study
On successful completion of Level 2 qualification it is possible to progress and undertake a Level 3 through Apprenticeship NI.

Your Future Career
With experience, you could become a lead fitter or technician, or move into supervisory and body-shop management positions in larger firms. You could also set up your own business and move into mobile repair.

Your lecturers have all been Apprentices and worked their way from Industry to Education.

Salary Guide:

- Starter: £15,000 to £18,000
- Experienced: £20,000 to £25,000
- Highly Experienced: Up to £30,000





IMI Level 3 Apprenticeship NI

Motor Light Vehicle Body Repair

Course Code

500/9692/8
500/9809/3

Campus

Springtown (Derry~Londonderry)

Length of Study

2 Years

Additional Fees

Uniform: PPE required for workshop activities (safety boots and overalls) - Costs are covered by the College.

Awarding Body

Institute of the Motor Industry (IMI)

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Progression



Course Overview

An auto body repairer works in a specialist garage which is dedicated to repair. The work is often divided between major and minor collision damage, and your skills will always be in demand.

Your day-to-day duties may include:

- Assessing damage and deciding how to repair it
- Removing damaged panels or parts for repair
- Smoothing out minor dents in panels
- Filling small holes or rusted areas with filler
- Making body panels and sections, and welding them into place
- Refinishing the repair to match surrounding areas
- Keeping a record of all work completed to show customers
- European Projects and the opportunity to compete in Regional and UK Competitions

Core Modules

- Competency in removing and Replacing Structural Body Panels
- Competency in Motor Vehicle Major Panel Repairs
- Competency in Rectifying Vehicle Misalignment
- Competency motor Vehicle Body Mechanical Fastening Devices

Optional Modules

As required by Industry.

Entry Requirements

UK: GCSE Maths, English and ICT at Grade C or above AND Level 2 vocational qualification in Light Vehicle Body Repair.

ROI: Leaving Certificate English, Maths and ICT at Grade O5 or above and Level 2 vocational qualification in Light Vehicle Body Repair.

You must also have employment with a N.Ireland registered company confirmed a Level 2 in Vehicle Accident and Repair prior to entry.

Assessment

50% Coursework, 50% Exam.
To complete an apprenticeship a VRQ and VCQ e-portfolio must be successfully achieved.

Work Placement

You will be employed, and you should attend NWRC one day per week to complete Level 3 qualification and will also be assessed in workplace by an NWRC Assessor.

Further Study

On successful completion of Level 3 qualification it is possible to progress to Level 4 and Level 5 qualifications.

Your Future Career

With experience, you could become a lead fitter or technician, or move into supervisory and body-shop management positions in larger firms.

You could also set up your own business and move into mobile repair.

Your lecturers have all been Apprentices and worked their way from Industry to Education.

- Starter - £15,000 to £18,000
- Experienced - £20,000 to £25,000
- Highly Experienced - Up to £30,000





IMI Level 3 Apprenticeship NI Motor Vehicle Maintenance and Repair

Course Code
 500/9815/9

Campus
 Springtown (Derry~Londonderry)
 Greystone (Limavady)

Length of Study
 2 Years

Additional Fees
Uniform: PPE required for workshop activities (safety boots and overalls) - Costs are covered by the College.

Awarding Body
 Institute of the Motor Industry (IMI)

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Progression

Course Overview

Do you enjoy looking under the bonnet of a car and want to learn about diagnostics, repair, replacement and maintenance?

People put their trust in you when a car is driven into a workshop and Technology is 'driving' this sector.

You may work for an independent garage, or freight, transport and construction companies, fast-fit outlets and car dealerships. You may specialise in one particular make of vehicle.

Your day-to-day tasks may include:

- Telling customers if repairs are needed and whether they're urgent
- Working out the estimated time and cost for jobs
- Checking stock levels and ordering parts
- Carrying out standard servicing, repairs and maintenance
- Road testing vehicles to check repairs
- Fitting and servicing accessories like stereos and alarms
- Keeping records

Participation in competition and winning awards enhances the student's Curriculum Vitae and may lead to exciting employment opportunities.

Core Modules

- Support for Job Roles in the Automotive Work Environment
- Diagnosis and Rectification of Light Vehicle Chassis Faults
- Diagnosis and Rectification of Light Vehicle Engine Faults
- Diagnosis and Rectification of Vehicle Electrical Faults
- Diagnosis and Rectification of Light Vehicle Transmission Faults

Optional Modules

As required by Industry

Entry Requirements

UK: GCSE Maths, English and ICT at Grade C or above and Level 2 vocational qualification in Motor vehicle Maintenance Repair;

ROI: Leaving Certificate English, Maths and ICT at Grade O5 or above and Level 2 vocational qualification in Motor vehicle Maintenance Repair.

You must also have employment with a Northern Ireland registered company confirmed.

Assessment

50% Coursework, 50% Exam. Required to complete an ePortfolio which consists of written essay type assessments and work reports. This is combined with online exams.

Work Placement

As an Apprentice you will already be employed in the Automotive Industry. Our Open Days are also a great opportunity to meet employers

Your Future Career

On successful completion of Level 3 qualification progression can be to Level 4/5 and Degree programmes and our Lecturers have all come through the Apprenticeship programme.

Your Future Career

With experience, you could become a senior technician, workshop supervisor or garage manager. You could work as a breakdown engineer or MOT tester, or specialise in a particular area like motorsport engineering.

You could also work on electric and hybrid cars, or specialise in tuning and modifying vehicles for higher performance. You could also set up your own business.

Average salaries within the industry:

- Starter - £20,000
- Experienced - £25,000 to £27,000
- Highly Experienced - £28,000 to £35,000





OCN NI Level 2 Traineeship Motor Vehicle Skills

Course Code
610/2946/4

Campus
Springtown (Derry~Londonderry)
Greystone (Limavady)

Length of Study
2 Years

Additional Fees
Uniform: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Cost will be covered by the College.

Awarding Body
Institute of Motor Industry (IMI)

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Progression



Course Overview

This course combines the practical hands-on experience of the workplace with the knowledge, skills and understanding gained in the College classroom and workshops enabling you to successfully achieve a Level 2 VRQ in Motor Vehicle Maintenance and Repair.

This course entails everything from bumper to bumper on a light vehicle that will allow you to competently work on all aspects of light vehicles.

Topics covered in the course include:

- Positive Working Relationships
- Fabrication
- Vehicle Servicing
- Engine Principles and Operation
- Vehicle Electrical Systems
- Vehicle Chassis Systems
- Vehicle Transmission Systems

Our students also have the opportunity to compete in Regional and UK Competitions with the aim of competing at World Skills.

To succeed every NWRC student requires determination, an interest of the subject, commitment to your studies and a good work ethic.

Core Modules

- Vehicle engine, chassis and electrical systems
- Job Roles
- Health and Safety
- Tools and Materials
- OCN Level 2 Diploma in Motor Vehicle Skills

Optional Modules

- Maintenance and Repair vehicle Transmission Systems

Entry Requirements

UK: 4 GCSEs Grades D-G to include Maths Grade D and English Grade E.

ROI: 4 OLCs (Grade O5-O8 or above) or equivalent to include English (Grade O6 or above) and Maths at (Grade O5 or above).

Applicants presenting with a Junior Cert or Junior Cycle qualification should have attained a majority of higher-level subjects including English and Maths.

Assessment

50% Coursework, 50% Exam.

The qualification requires you complete an E-portfolio which includes written assessment. This is combined with online exams for each module.

Work Placement

Students will be required to attend work experience which will be organised on a weekly basis or in blocks throughout the calendar year.

Further Study

On successful completion of the Level 2 Traineeship it is possible to progress onto full time employment on Apprenticeship NI programme..

Your Future Career

With experience, you could become a senior technician, workshop supervisor or garage manager.

You could work as a breakdown engineer or MOT tester, or specialise in a particular area like motorsport engineering.

You could also work on electric and hybrid cars, or specialise in tuning and modifying vehicles for higher performance. You could also set up your own business.

Typical salaries:

- Starter - £18,000
- Experienced - £21,000 to £27,000
- Highly Experienced - £28,000 to £35,000



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Jargon Buster

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terms and phrases?
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OCN NI Level 2 Apprenticeship NI Motor Vehicle Skills

Course Code

610/2946/4

Campus

Springtown (Derry~Londonderry)
Greystone (Limavady)

Length of Study

2 Years

Additional Fees

Uniform: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Cost will be covered by the College.

Awarding Body

Institute of Motor Industry (IMI)

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Progression



Course Overview

This course combines the practical hands-on experience of the workplace with the knowledge, skills and understanding gained in the College classroom and workshops enabling you to successfully achieve a Level 2 NVQ in Motor Vehicle Maintenance and Repair.

This course entails everything from bumper to bumper on a light vehicle that will allow you to competently work on all aspects of light vehicles.

Our students also have the opportunity to compete in Regional and UK Competitions with the aim of representation at World Skills.

To succeed every NWRC student requires determination, an interest of the subject, commitment to your studies and a good work ethic.

Students who enter programme without Maths, English and ICT at grade C or above must also attend additional essential skills which allows for progression to Level 3.

Core Modules

- Health and Safety
- Positive Working Relationships
- Fabrication
- Vehicle Servicing
- Engine principles and operation
- Vehicle Electrical Systems
- Vehicle Chassis Systems
- Vehicle Transmission Systems

Optional Modules

As required by Industry.

Entry Requirements

UK: GCSE Maths and English at Grade C or above.

ROI: Leaving Certificate English and Maths at Grade O5 or above.

You must also have employment with a N.Ireland registered company confirmed.

Applicants without ICT at Level 2 must commit to additional class for this to be achieved in first year of programme. Part-Time evening ICT classes at NWRC available prior to September 2024.

Assessment

50% Coursework, 50% Exam. To complete an apprenticeship an e-portfolio must be successfully achieved which includes written assessment. Also, online exams to be successfully completed.

Work Placement

You are employed so you attend the College one day per week to complete the Level 2 qualification. You will also be assessed on site by an NWRC Assessor.

You may also be required to attend college on days outside of the normal class day should Essential Skills be required.

Further Study

On successful completion of Level 2 qualification it is possible to complete Level 3 through Apprenticeship NI route or part time FE route.

Students go on to Level 4/5 and Degree programmes and our Lecturers have all come through the Apprenticeship programme.

Your Future Career

With experience, you could become a senior technician, workshop supervisor or garage manager. You could work as a breakdown engineer or MOT tester, or specialise in a particular area like motorsport engineering.

You could also work on electric and hybrid cars, or specialise in tuning and modifying vehicles for higher performance. You could also set up your own business.

Typical salaries:

- Starter - £18,000
- Experienced - £21,000 to £27,000
- Highly Experienced - £28,000 to £35,000





City & Guilds Level 1 Certificate / Diploma Painting and Decorating

Course Code
600/8778/X

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
1 Year

Awarding Body
City & Guilds

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Non-term time
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Progression

Course Overview
This qualification is aimed at learners aged 16 and above who work or want to work in the construction industry and specialize in the area of painting and decorating.

The Level 1 qualification are aimed at people wishing to learn some skills in painting and decorating, to progress on to becoming skilled in their chosen trade, or to progress through an apprenticeship and work towards becoming a master craftsman.

As part of the programme students will undertake essential skills in Maths, English and ICT that will allow progression on to Level 2 Traineeship or employment on to Apprenticeship programme.

The programme will also have additional support available based on learner needs to support successful completion of the course.

Core Modules

- Erecting and dismantling access equipment working platforms
- Preparing surfaces for decoration
- Applying paint systems by brush and roller to non complex areas
- Principles of building construction, information and communication
- Applying foundation and plain papers
- Producing specialist decorative finishes
- Health, safety and welfare in construction

Entry Requirements
No formal entry requirements. Applicants must have the potential to achieve full qualification.

Assessment
60% Coursework, 40% Exam.

Practical assessment in workshop environment along with online and written knowledge assessments.

Work Placement
Work placement is optional component of this course, which would be encouraged for those wishing to pursue a career in this field.

Further Study
There are excellent progression routes from the Level 1 course on to Level 2 Traineeships or to employment on the Level 2 Apprenticeship programme, completing trade at Level 3.

Your Future Career
Painters have excellent opportunities to become self-employed and start their own businesses.

Once the Level 3 Apprenticeship has been completed painters can progress to higher education courses to further develop their careers in the construction industry with job opportunities as site manager, project managers, Health & Safety officers and teaching.



City & Guilds Level 2 Traineeship Painting and Decorating

Course Code
600/8584/8

Campus
Springtown (Derry~Londonderry)

Length of Study
2 Years

Additional Fees
Uniform: PPE required. Cost covered by College.

Awarding Body
City & Guilds

Course Contact
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Non-term time
Admissions Office
(028) 7127 6000

Progression

Course Overview
Your day-to-day tasks may include:

- Measuring surface areas and working out how much paint or wall covering is needed
- Preparing the materials you need
- Stripping off old wallpaper or layers of paint
- Filling holes and cracks and making sure surfaces are level
- Covering surfaces with primer and undercoat
- Mixing paint to the right shade, often using computerised colour-matching equipment
- Applying coats of paint, hanging wallpaper and adding special finishes like glazes or marbling
- Tidying up after finishing, and cleaning your tools

On industrial jobs, use of abrasive methods like sandblasting to remove old paintwork, and apply finishes with spray-painting equipment.

Core Modules

- Preparing surfaces for decoration
- Applying paint systems by brush and roller to complex areas
- Applying standard papers to walls and ceilings
- Producing specialist finishes for decorative work
- Erecting and dismantling access equipment and working platforms
- Creating and applying colour
- Health, safety and welfare in construction
- Principles of building construction, information and communication

Optional Modules
Depending on Industry need.

Entry Requirements
UK: 4 GCSEs Grades D-G to include Maths and English Grade E.

ROI: 4 OLCs (Grade O5-O8 or above) or equivalent to inc English and Maths at Grade O6 or above. Applicants presenting with a Junior Cert or Junior Cycle qualification should have attained a majority of higher-level subjects including English and Maths.

Assessment
60% Coursework, 40% Exam.
The course is assessed in college in the form of practical tasks carried out in the workshop with task having a theory multiple choice question paper. In addition there is also two theory only online assessed exams.

Work Placement
Students will be required to attend work experience which will be organised on a weekly basis or in blocks throughout the calendar year.

Further Study
Students without Maths and English at Grade C or above will have the opportunity to complete essential skills to Level 2 as part of the programme of study. On successful completion of the course it is possible to progress onto full-time employment on Apprenticeship NI programme.

Your Future Career
Self-employed painters and decorators set their own pay rates. With experience, you could become a team supervisor or move into related areas like estimating, contract management, interior or set design, or apprentice training.





City & Guilds Level 2 Apprenticeship NI Painting and Decorating

Course Code
603/7633/8

Campus
Springtown (Derry~Londonderry)

Length of Study
2 Years

Additional Fees
Uniform: PPE required for workshop activities - Safety Boots and Overalls. Cost is covered by the College.

Awarding Body
City & Guilds

Course Contact
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Non-term time
Admissions Office
(028) 7127 6000

Progression



Course Overview
There is a shortfall in the number of qualified Painters and Decorators qualifying and therefore employment opportunities are good.

Your day-to-day tasks may include:

- Measuring surface areas and working out how much paint or wall covering is needed
- Preparing the materials you need
- Stripping off old wallpaper or layers of paint
- Filling holes and cracks and making sure surfaces are level
- Covering surfaces with primer and undercoat
- Mixing paint to the right shade, often using computerised colour-matching equipment
- Applying coats of paint, hanging wallpaper and adding special finishes like glazes or marbling
- Tidying up after finishing, and cleaning your tools.

On industrial jobs, you will use abrasive methods like sandblasting to remove old paintwork, and apply finishes with spray-painting equipment. If you like to work with surfaces, have a good eye for detail and are creative then this is the course for you.

Students without Maths, English and ICT at Grade C (or above) must also attend additional Essential Skills classes which allow progression to the Level 3 qualification.

Core Modules

- Level 2 Diploma in Painting and Decorating 6707-23
- Level 2 NVQ in Decorative Finishing and Industrial Painting Occupations (Construction) - Painter 6572-21

Optional Modules

As required by industry.

Entry Requirements

UK: GCSE Maths and English at Grade C or above;

ROI: Leaving Certificate English and Maths at Grade O5 or above.

You must also have employment with an N.Ireland registered company confirmed. Applicants without ICT at Level 2 must commit to additional classes for this to be achieved in first year of programme.

Attendance at a course information session is advised but not mandatory.

Assessment

60% Coursework, 40% Exam.

To complete the apprenticeship the candidate is required to complete a Level 2 Diploma e-portfolio done in college and also a NVQ e-portfolio completed with evidence from site.

Work Placement

You are employed so you attend NWRC one day per week to complete the Level 2 qualification and you will also be assessed on site. You may also be required to attend College on days outside of your normal class day, should Essential Skills be required.

Further Study
On successful completion of the Level 2 Apprenticeship it is possible to progress to a Level 3 Apprenticeship in Painting & Decorating, through Apprenticeship NI.

Options for further progression include a Higher National Certificate, Higher National Diploma, NEBOSH, or a degree.

Your Future Career
Self-employed painters and decorators set their own pay rates.

With experience, you could become a team supervisor or move into related areas like estimating, contract management, interior or set design, or apprentice training.

Average salaries:

- Starter - £15,000 to £18,000
- Experienced - £21,000 to £25,000
- Highly Experienced - £25,000 to £30,000





OCN NI Level 2 Traineeship Plumbing Skills

Course Code
610/2678/5

Campus
Springtown (Derry~Londonderry)

Length of Study
2 Years

Awarding Body
Open College Network NI (OCN NI)

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Non-term time
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Progression
H £



Course Overview
The qualification is aimed at learners 16 and above who have a desire to work in the Plumbing and Heating Industry and gain full time employment.

This course will provide a range of skills and learning that participants can achieve which are directly related to the domestic Plumbing and Heating industry. The students will study a broad range of topic areas that are taught and assessed over the period of the course.

Over the course the students must participate in course enriching work placement and as part of the traineeship also, students will undertake and develop transversal skills and the necessary Maths, English or ICT essential skills.

The successful students from this course can progress into full time employment with the necessary pre-requisites.

- Core Modules**
- Health and Safety In the Plumbing Industry
 - Installing and Maintaining an Open Vented Hot Water System
 - Installing and Maintaining Cold Water Pipework Systems
 - Installing and Maintaining Sanitary Systems
 - Installing and Maintaining an Open Vented Hot Water System
 - Installing Underfloor Heating Systems
 - Planning and Preparing for the Installation of a Central Heating System

- Plumbing Industry Processes, Techniques and Principles
- Practical Plumbing Project
- Sustainability in the Plumbing Industry

Entry Requirements
UK: 4 GCSEs Grades D-G to include Maths and English Grade D or above.

ROI: 4 OLCs (Grade O5-O8 or above) or equivalent to include Maths and English at Grade O5 or above. Applicants presenting with a Junior Cert or Junior Cycle qualification should have attained a majority of higher-level subjects including English and Maths.

Assessment
80% Coursework, 20% Exam. Ongoing theory and practical module assessments during the course with one a accumulative test near the end of the course.

Work Placement
All Students will be offered placement as part of the Traineeship

Further Study
Transversal Skills, Maths-English- ICT Essential Skills

Your Future Career
This course can offer a pathway to F/T employment within the Plumbing and Heating industry. This career choice opens up many opportunities - a reliable pattern of work, self-employment, diversify into areas of Gas, Oil, Renewables, Industrial/ Commercial work or progress into higher education within the building services/construction industry.





City & Guilds Level 2 Apprenticeship NI Plumbing

Course Code
501/1981/3

Campus
Springtown (Derry~Londonderry)

Length of Study
2 Years

Additional Fees
Uniform - PPE required for workshop activities - Safety Boots and Overalls. Cost is covered by the College.

Awarding Body
City & Guilds

Course Contact
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Non-term time
Admissions Office
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Progression
H £



Course Overview
Plumbers install complex cold / hot water, sanitation and heating systems. Plumbers can work across many industries, including Gas, Renewables and Oil. Plumbing is well recognised as a necessary skill for the future economy and the rewards are high for those that produce quality work.

Optional Modules
As required by industry.

Entry Requirements
UK: GCSE Maths and English at Grade C or above;
ROI: Leaving Certificate English and Maths at Grade O5 or above.

You must also have employment with a N.Ireland registered company confirmed. Attendance at an information session is also required.

Assessment
50% Coursework, 50% Exam.

Work Placement
You are employed so you attend NWRC one day per week to complete the Level 2 qualification and you will also be assessed on site by NWRC Assessor.

Core Modules

- Apply safe working practices in building services engineering working environment
- Pipework Processes
- Central Heating
- Environmental Technologies

You may also be required to attend college on days outside of the normal class day should Essential Skills be required.

Further Study
On successful completion of the Level 2 it is possible to progress to a Level 3 Apprenticeship. Further options including the Higher National Certificate; Higher National Diploma; NEBOSH or Degree options.

Your Future Career
Many plumbers progress to design, consultancy, teaching and management, making the plumbing and heating industry a career with a long-term future.

Depending on where you work or if you are employed/self-employed you can earn a good hourly and weekly wage. London and big city plumbers wages can exceed the average wage of £15,000 to £40,000.

If you work hard and are recognised as a good plumber, your earnings will give you a good standard of living.





City & Guilds Level 3 Apprenticeship NI Plumbing

Course Code
600/1122/1

Campus
Springtown (Derry~Londonderry)

Length of Study
2 Years

Awarding Body
City & Guilds

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Progression

Course Overview
Plumbers can work across many industries, including Gas, Renewables and Oil. Plumbing is well recognised as a necessary skill for the future economy.

You will participate in a range of enrichment workshops built into all Level 3 programmes. Our students have the opportunity to compete in Regional and UK Competitions with the aim of progressing to World Skills. Participation in competition and winning awards enhances the student's CV and may lead to exciting employment opportunities.

Many students that have completed the Plumbing Level 3 qualification have went on to have very successful careers such as opening their own business, site supervisors, diversifying into other building services jobs in the fast growing renewable energy area.

- Core Modules**
- Organise Resources within the BSE
 - Oil Fired Appliance(Design,Install, Commission, Service and Maintain)
 - Central Heating (Design,Install, Commission, Service and Maintain)
 - Sanitation (Design,Install, Commission, Service and Maintain)
 - Complex Cold Water (Design, Install, Commission, Service and Maintain)
 - Complex Hot Water (Design, Install, Commission, Service and Maintain)
 - Understand and Carry Out Electrical Work on Domestic Plumbing and Heating Systems and Components (Awareness)

Optional Modules
Industry relevant units.

Entry Requirements
UK: GCSE Maths, English and ICT at Grade C or above;
ROI: Leaving Certificate English, Maths and ICT at Grade O5 or above.

You must also have employment with a N. Ireland registered company confirmed AND hold a L2 Plumbing and Heating NVQ prior to entry. Attendance at a course information session is advised but not mandatory.

Assessment
50% Coursework, 50% Exam. To complete a Level 3 apprenticeship all units within the qualification which have both theory and practical assessments has to be achieved including on site evidence. The core pathway is oil fired central heating.

Work Placement
You will be employed and attend college one day per week.

Further Study
On successful completion of the Level 3 Diploma through Apprenticeship NI further progression options including the Higher National Certificate; Higher National Diploma; NEBOSH; or Degree options.

Your Future Career
Many plumbers progress to design, consultancy, teaching and management, making the plumbing and heating industry a career with a long-term future. Plumbers with GCSE English, Maths and ICT can also become College Lecturers.



City & Guilds Level 1 Skills for Life and Work

Course Code
601/8755/4

Campus
Greystone (Limavady)

Length of Study
2 Years

Additional Fees
Person Protective Equipment (PPE): College cover costs.

Awarding Body
City & Guilds

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Progression

Course Overview
This course provides the ideal introduction to the construction industry and preparation for employment.

Students take part in "real life" Project Based Learning opportunities in addition to attending a work placement. Essential Skills in English and Maths is an integral part of the programme.

All students must undertake work placement as part of the programme. The placement model will see students attending college three days per week and placement two days per week during academic year, then during summer students attend placement five days per week.

Students will focus on construction trades however depending on student needs timetabling of other vocational trade areas are possible.

- Core Modules**
- City & Guilds Level 1 in Construction
 - Employability & Personal Development
 - Recycling and Waste Management
 - Essential Skills Literacy
 - Essential Skills Numeracy
 - Essential Skills ICT

Entry Requirements
No formal entry requirements for this course, however applicants must have the potential to successfully gain the qualification.

All students must have the potential to undertake work placement during this programme. Attendance at an Information Session is required.

Assessment
90% Coursework, 10% Exam. The course is assessed in college in the form of practical tasks carried out in the workshop alongside theory based job knowledge. The programme will also require the student to partake in a work placement.

Work Placement
Work placement is an integral part of the programme (three days in College and two days on work placement).

Further Study
Students on completion of the Level 1 in Construction and the required level of Essential Skills can progress into employment, a Level 2 Traineeship or Apprenticeship NI Level 2.

Your Future Career
This programme looks at individual needs of students as part of the course our awarding winning Careers Academy team work with students to help them progress onto a pathway that best suits their own ambitions.





OCN NI Level 2 Traineeship Wet Trades (Wall and Floor Tiling)

Course Code
610/2945/2

Campus
Springtown (Derry~Londonderry)
Greystone (Limavady)

Length of Study
2 Years

Additional Fees
Uniform: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Cost will be covered by the College.

Awarding Body
Open College Network NI (OCN NI)

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Progression
H £

Course Overview
This course allows candidates to learn, develop and practise the skills required for employment and/ or career progression in Wall and Floor Tiling. Throughout the course, you will develop the knowledge required to understand the processes and procedures while learning the hands-on skills required to become a competent wall and floor tiler.

Assessment
60% Coursework, 40% Exam.
Online exams and Practical Assessment.

Work Placement
Students will be required to attend work experience which will be organised on a weekly basis or in blocks throughout the calendar year.

Our students also have the opportunity to compete in Regional and UK Competitions. To succeed every NWRC student requires determination, an interest in the subject, commitment to your studies and a good work ethic.

Further Study
Students without Maths and English at grade C or above will have the opportunity to complete essential skills to Level 2 as part of the programme of study. On successful completion of the Level 2 Dip or employment status/ pre-entry criteria it is possible to progress onto full time employment on Apprenticeship NI programme.

- Core Modules**
 - Health, safety and welfare in construction
 - Principles of building construction, information and communication
 - Preparing backgrounds for tiling
 - Forming sand and cement screeds
 - Tile wall surfaces
 - Tile floor surfaces
- Your Future Career**
With experience and extra training, you could become a site supervisor, clerk of works or contract manager. You could also work as a trainer and assessor on tiling courses or set up your own business.

Entry Requirements
UK: 4 GCSEs Grades D-G to include Maths Grade D and English Grade E

ROI: 4 OLCs (Grade O5-O8 or above) or equivalent to include English (Grade O6 or above) and Maths at (Grade O5 or above).

Applicants presenting with a Junior Cert or Junior Cycle qualification should have attained a majority of higher-level subjects including English and Maths.





OCN NI Level 2 Apprenticeship NI Wet Trades (Wall and Floor Tiling)

Course Code
610/2945/2

Campus
Springtown (Derry~Londonderry)
Greystone (Limavady)

Length of Study
2 Years

Additional Fees
Uniform: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Cost will be covered by the College.

Awarding Body
Open College Network NI (OCN NI)

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Progression
H £



Course Overview
This course allows candidates to learn, develop and practise the skills required for employment and / or career progression in Wall and Floor Tiling. Throughout the course, you will develop the knowledge required to understand the processes and procedures while learning the hands-on skills required to become a competent wall and floor tiler.

- You will develop the knowledge and skills in wall and floor tiling by undertaking such units as:
- Health and Safety
 - Preparing Backgrounds for tiling
 - Forming sand and cement screeds
 - Tile Wall Surfaces
 - Tile Floor Surfaces

Our students also have the opportunity to compete in Regional and UK Competitions with the aim of representing your country at World Skills.

To succeed every NWRC student requires determination, an interest in the subject, commitment to your studies and a good work ethic.

Students who enter the programme without Maths, English and ICT at Grade C or above must also attend additional essential skills which allows for progression to Level 3.

- Core Modules**
- Level 2 Diploma in Wall and Floor Tiling (6710-23)
- Optional Modules**
Principles of construction.
- Entry Requirements**
UK: GCSE Maths and English at Grade C or above.

ROI: Leaving Certificate English and Maths at Grade O5 or above.

You must also have employment with a N.Ireland registered company confirmed. Applicants without ICT at Level 2 must commit to additional class for this to be achieved in first year of programme.

Part-Time evening ICT classes at NWRC available prior to September 2024.

Assessment
60% Coursework, 40% Exam.

To achieve the full apprenticeship at Level 2 the candidate must complete a Diploma which is assessed in college in the form of practical tasks carried out in the workshop with tasks having a theory multiple choice question paper and two theory-only online assessed exams.

Completed evidence gathered from the workplace can also be used.

Work Placement
As an Apprentice you will already be employed. If you are struggling to find employment our dedicated team of Employment Liaison Officers will support you.

You may also be required to attend college on days outside of the normal class day should Essential Skills be required.

Further Study
You can progress to an Apprenticeship at Level 3.

Your Future Career
With experience and extra training, you could become a site supervisor, clerk of works or contract manager. You could also work as a trainer and assessor on tiling courses or set up your own business.

- Typical salaries:
- Starter - £17,000 to £20,000
 - Experienced - £20,000 to £30,000
 - Highly Experienced - £30,000 to £38,000





NOCN Level 3 Apprenticeship Wall and Floor Tiling

Course Code
500/4254/3
603/5463/X

Campus
Springtown (Derry~Londonderry)
Greystone (Limavady)

Length of Study
2 Years

Additional Fees
Uniform: PPE required for workshop activities (safety boots and overalls) - Costs are covered by the College.

Awarding Body
NOCN

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Non-term time
Admissions Office
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Progression
H £



Course Overview
This qualification enables the learner, to demonstrate and recognise your skills, knowledge and understanding so you can work as a Wall and Floor Tiler within the construction industry.

During the course the learner will be trained to industry standard and assessed against the awarding body criteria. The full apprenticeship qualification is also mandatory. Apprenticeship Framework Ireland. The Level 3 Diploma also has Level 3 NVQ qualification. The Level 3 Diploma will be awarded within the College using a range of learning and assessment.

The Level 3 NVQ will be achieved by evidence gathered from the workplace and also assessed on site by a college lecturer.

Our students also have the opportunity to compete in Regional and UK Competitions with the aim of representing your country at World Skills. To succeed every NWRC student requires determination, a love of the subject, commitment to your studies and a good work ethic.

- Core Modules**
- Produce tiles, mosaic and stone surface finishes
 - Provide drainage for tiled surfaces
 - Produce Internal and external sand and cement backgrounds
 - Prepare the background and tile out a wet room
 - Knowledge of building methods and construction technology

- Knowledge of information, quantities and communicating with others
 - Know how to carry out safe working practices in construction
 - Building methods and construction technology
 - NOCN Level 3 NVQ in wall and floor tiling (QUA851)
- Entry Requirements**
UK: GCSE Maths, English and ICT at Grade C or above AND Level 2 vocational examination in Wall and Floor tiling is required prior to course entry.

ROI: Leaving Certificate English, Maths and ICT at Grade O5 or above AND Level 2 vocational qualification in Motor Vehicle Maintenance Repair.

You must also have employment with a N.Ireland registered company.

Attendance at a course information session is advised but not mandatory.

Assessment
50% Coursework, 50% Exam.

To achieve the Level 3 Diploma a mix of online exams and Practical Assessment will be undertaken at the college and a e-portfolio completed.

The NVQ is based on evidence gathered from the workplace and evidence from lectures site visits to complete an e-portfolio.

Work Placement
You are employed so your attendance at NWRC is one day per week to complete the Level 3 qualification and you will also be assessed on site by NWRC Assessor.

Further Study
On completion of this qualification you will have obtained the skills, knowledge and understanding to progress on to a higher level supervisory or management qualifications to include the Higher National Certificate / Diploma, NEBOSH and Degree options.

Your Future Career
With experience and extra training, you could become a site supervisor, clerk of works or contract manager. You could also work as a trainer and assessor on tiling courses or set up your own business.

Average salaries within the industry:

- Starter - £17,000 to £20,000
- Experienced - £20,000 to £30,000
- Highly Experienced - £30,000 to £38,000





OCN NI Level 2 Traineeship Woodworking Skills

Course Code
603/7904/2

Campus
Springtown (Derry~Londonderry)
Greystone (Limavady)

Length of Study
2 Years

Additional Fees
Uniform: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Cost will be covered by the College.

Awarding Body
Open College Network NI (OCN NI)

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Non-term time
Admissions Office
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Progression
H £



Course Overview

Carpentry & Joinery enables you to work internally or externally on a range of projects, making furniture, stairs, and roofing systems - the variety for a skilled professional is always challenging. Finishing to a high standard and job satisfaction are integral to success.

CNC engraving and milling is an additional woodcraft which you may gain experience with at NWRC.

Enrichment activities include personal development workshops on mental health, road safety, and cultural diversity amongst others. Our students also have the opportunity to compete in Regional and UK Competitions.

Within the Traineeship course, you will also take part in real-life working projects based on the Project-Based learning Model.

Core Modules

- First and Second Fix Carpentry Techniques
- Health, Safety and Welfare in Woodworking Occupations
- Interpreting Construction Drawings and Information
- Maintain and Use Woodworking Hand and Power Tools
- Practical Woodworking Project
- Setting, Marking Out and Manufacturing of Joinery Products
- Understanding Construction Methods

Entry Requirements

UK: 4 GCSEs Grades D-G to include Maths Grade D and English Grade E.

ROI: 4 OLCs (Grade O5-O8 or above) or equivalent to include English (Grade O6 or above) and Maths at (Grade O5 or above).

Applicants presenting with a Junior Cert or Junior Cycle qualification should have attained a majority of higher-level subjects including English and Maths.

Assessment

100% Coursework. Students must complete knowledge and competence qualification Level 2 Diploma in Woodworking Skills from Apprenticeship framework which allows for seamless transition onto Apprenticeship Level 2 programme.

Work Placement

Students will be required to attend work experience which will be organised on a weekly basis or in blocks throughout the calendar year.

Further Study

On successful completion of the Level 2 qualification it is possible to progress on to the Apprenticeship NI programme with further options for progression including HNC/D, NEBOSH or a Degree.

Your Future Career

- Newly trained bench joiners: £14,000 - £17,000
- Trained with experience bench joiners: £20,000 - £35,000
- Senior/master craft bench joiners: £30,000 - £50,000

Carpenters and Joiners with the right skills and qualifications can become College Lecturers.



OCN NI Level 2 Apprenticeship NI Woodworking Skills

Course Code
603/7904/2

Campus
Springtown (Derry~Londonderry)
Greystone (Limavady)

Length of Study
2 Years

Awarding Body
Open College Network NI (OCN NI)

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Progression
H £



Course Overview

Carpentry & Joinery can mean you work internally or externally on a range of projects, making furniture, stairs, roofing systems - the variety for a skilled professional is always challenging. Finishing to a high standard and job satisfaction are integral to success. CNC engraving and milling is an additional woodcraft which you may gain experience with at NWRC.

Our students also have the opportunity to compete in Regional and UK Competitions with the aim of continuing to World Skills.

Students who enter programme without Maths, English and ICT at grade C or above must also attend additional essential skills which allows for progression to Level 3.

Core Modules

- First and Second Fix Carpentry Techniques
- Maintain and Use Woodworking Hand and Power Tools
- Practical Woodworking Project
- Setting, Marking Out and Manufacturing of Joinery Products
- Understanding Construction Methods
- Health, Safety and Welfare in Woodworking Occupations
- Interpreting Construction Drawings and Information

Entry Requirements

UK: GCSE Maths and English at Grade C or above.

ROI: Leaving Certificate English and Maths at Grade O5 or above.

You must also have employment with a NI registered company confirmed.

Applicants without ICT at Level 2 must commit to additional class for this to be achieved in first year of programme.

Assessment

100% Coursework. The candidate is required to complete a combined knowledge and competence qualification, Level 2 Diploma in Woodworking Skills. This qualification allows for both assessment in the workplace or in College.

Work Placement

You are employed so you attend NWRC one day per week to complete the Level 2 qualification. You will be assessed on site by NWRC Assessor.

Further Study

On successful completion options for further progression include Higher Level Apprenticeships, HNC/D, NEBOSH and Degree options.

Your Future Career

- Newly trained bench joiners: £14,000 - £17,000
- Trained with experience bench joiners: £20,000 - £30,000
- Senior/master craft bench joiners: £30,000 - £40,000

Self-employed Bench Joiners set their own pay rates. Carpenters and Joiners with the right skills and qualifications can become College Lecturers.



City & Guilds Level 3 Apprenticeship NI Carpentry and Joinery

Course Code
602/5962/6
600/7995/2

Campus
Springtown (Derry~Londonderry)

Length of Study
2 Years

Additional Fees
Uniform: PPE required for workshop activities safety boots and overalls). Cost covered by the College.

Awarding Body
City & Guilds

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Non-term time
Admissions Office
(028) 7127 6000

Progression
H £



Course Overview
Site carpentry and joinery focus on the installation of the joinery components, and on the setting out and fabrication of timber elements used in construction.

Carpentry and Joinery enables you to work internally or externally on a range of projects, making furniture, stairs, roofing systems - the variety for a skilled professional is always challenging. Finishing to a high standard and job satisfaction are integral to success. CNC engraving and milling is an additional woodcraft which you may gain experience with.

Our students also have the opportunity to compete in Regional and UK Competitions with the aim of continuing to World Skills.

Participation in competition and winning awards enhances the student's CV and may lead to exciting employment opportunities.

Core Modules

- Level 3 Diploma in Site Carpentry
- Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Wood Occupations (Site Carpentry)

Entry Requirements
UK: GCSE Maths , English and ICT at Grade C or above.

ROI: Leaving Certificate English, Maths and ICT at Grade O5 or above -----
A Level 2 qualification in Carpentry and Joinery is also required prior to entry. You must also have employment with a N.Ireland registered company confirmed.

Assessment
50% Coursework 50% Exam. To complete the apprenticeship the candidate is required to complete a Level 3 Diploma e-portfolio and also a NVQ e-portfolio completed with evidence from site. The units in the NVQ will be discussed with you and your assessor to ensure you are undertaking the correct pathways available within the qualification.

Work Placement
You will be employed, attending college one day per week for the full academic year. Employment must be maintained to complete the course due to the work based assessment element of the programme.

Further Study
On successful completion of the Apprentice NI Level 3 Diploma, options for further progression include the Higher National Certificate, Higher National Diploma, NEBOSH and Degree options HE.

Your Future Career
Self-employed bench joiners set their own pay rates. Carpenters and Joiners with the right skills and qualifications can become College Lecturers. Salaries depend on location, employer, level of responsibility, and the amount of overtime worked

- Newly trained bench joiners: £14,000 - £17,000
- Trained with experience bench joiners: £20,000 - £30,000
- Senior/master craft bench joiners: £30,000 - £40,000



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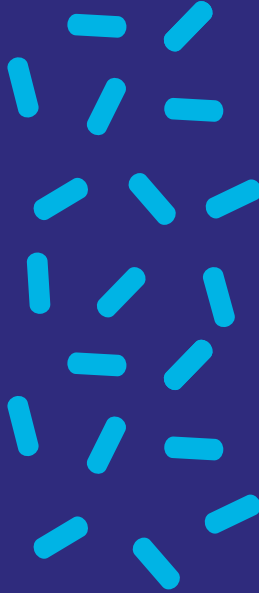


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Aoife Harvey
Level 3 Diploma in Art and Design
2023 NWRC Graduation Honorary Award Winner



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UAL Level 3 Diploma / Extended Diploma

Creative Practice: Art, Design and Communication

Course Code
603/5302/8 (Diploma)
603/5303/X (Extended Diploma)

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
2 Years

Awarding Body
University of the Arts London (UAL)

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Non-term time
Admissions Office
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Progression
H £ U

ual: awarding body

Course Overview
If you have committed your career to Art and Design then this course will provide you with the creative experience you've been looking for.

You will have the chance to explore a range of areas including: Drawing, Painting, Photography, 2D Design, 3D Design, History of Art, Design & Communication, Textiles, Fashion, Graphics, Multimedia, Fine Art, and Design Crafts.

Work is project led and assessed through course work which allows you to monitor your own progress, and you will work in specialist Art and Design facilities in the Lawrence building.

You will complete the course with a comprehensive portfolio of work to support your application at Art College or University.

You will undertake a number of cultural visits to galleries, craft exhibitions in addition to attending workshops with visiting artists.

- Core Modules**
Year One
- Unit 1 The Creative Process
 - Unit 2 Developing Creative Practice
 - Unit 3 Responding to a Set Brief

- Year Two:**
- Unit 4 Researching a Specialist Industry Practice
 - Unit 5 Specialist Technical Skills Development
 - Unit 6 Specialist Creative Outcome

Entry Requirements
UK: 4 GCSEs (Grade C or above) to include Art or an art related subject (Moving image / Digital / Design).

ROI: 4 OLCs (Grade O5 or above) to include Art or an art-related subject (Moving image / Digital / Design) OR Leaving Cert Applied.

As well as the required academic qualifications, applicants must attend an interview, during which you will present a portfolio of recent work.

Assessment
100% Coursework. Assessments are portfolio-based and include sketch book work, presentations and written work. Students must successfully complete Units 1-2 in Year 1 before moving onto Unit 3. In Year 2 they must complete Units 4-5 before moving onto Unit 6.

Further Study
This course has a strong track record of progressing students to Level 3 Foundation in Art & Design and HND courses at NWRC, as well as Degree programmes at universities across the United Kingdom and Ireland.

Your Future Career
Former students have found employment in areas including teaching, graphic design, fine art, illustration, product design, photography, set design, fashion illustration and professional artistry. Our Level 3 courses are valued by employers, as successful students possess practical experience and a qualification equivalent to 3 A-Levels.





UAL Level 3 Diploma / Extended Diploma

Creative Practice: Art, Design and Communication [Design Crafts]

Course Code
603/5302/8 (Diploma)
603/5303/X (Extended Diploma)

Campus
Limavady

Length of Study
2 Years

Awarding Body
University of the Arts London (UAL)

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Non-term time
Admissions Office
(028) 7127 6000

Progression



ual: awarding body

Course Overview

Ever thought how great it would be to focus all your time on the subject you love the most rather than dividing up your time between a range of different ones? If you are someone who would love a job in the creative industries and are passionate about Art & Design above all else, then this course could be just perfect for you!

This course will develop your art and design practice more than a traditional 'A' Level, providing you with an exciting, challenging and diverse experience led by a team of specialist lecturers working in dedicated studios and workshops in the Limavady Main Street campus.

It's an exciting alternative to A-Level study that gives students a much broader art and design education due to the wide range of specialist areas and experiences on offer, that many students may never have had the opportunity to try before.

Work is project-led and assessed through coursework which allows you to monitor your progress.

Core Modules

Year One

- Unit 1 The Creative Process
- Unit 2 Developing Creative Practice
- Unit 3 Responding to a Set Brief

Year Two:

- Unit 4 Researching a Specialist Industry Practice
- Unit 5 Specialist Technical Skills Development
- Unit 6 Specialist Creative Outcome

Entry Requirements

UK: 4 GCSEs (Grade C or above) to include Art or Art related subject (e.g Moving image, Digital imaging, Technology and Design).

You will be required to attend an Interview presenting a portfolio of work which showcases your creative skills and abilities.

ROI: 4 OLCs (Grade O5 or above) to include Art or Art related subject (e.g Moving image, Digital imaging, Technology and Design). You will be required to attend an Interview presenting a portfolio of work which showcases your creative skills and abilities.

Assessment

100% Coursework. Assessments are portfolio-based and include sketch book work, presentations and written work.

Students must successfully complete Units 1-2 in Year 1 before moving onto Unit 3, and in Year 2 students must complete Units 4-5 before moving onto Unit 6.

Further Study

Completion of this course provides you with a significant portfolio of work for application to progress your studies to a one year Foundation Art & Design course, or a HND programme at NWRC.

Successful completion will also allow you to progress to degree level at your chosen university.

UCAS Tariff Points

This course is accredited by the University of the Arts London (UAL) and is equivalent to 3 A-Levels over two years (extended diploma).

Diploma

- Pass = 36
- Merit = 60
- Distinction = 84

Extended Diploma

- Pass = 72
- Merit = 120
- Distinction = 168

Your Future Career

This course will give you an insight into the career options available within this ever growing industry.

Former students have found employment in areas including:

- Teaching
- Graphic design
- Fine art
- Illustration
- Product design
- Photography
- Set design
- Fashion illustration
- Visual merchandising
- Marketing,
- TV / Film industry
- Tattoo artistry





UAL Level 3 Foundation Diploma Art and Design

Course Code
603/3138/0

Campus
Derry~Londonderry
Limavady

Length of Study
1 Year

Awarding Body
University of the Arts London
(UAL)

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Limavady campus
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Non-term time
Admissions Office
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Progression

ual: awarding
body

Course Overview
The aim of this qualification is to encourage creativity, experimentation and enquiry. The course builds upon students prior experience, linking skills already acquired with ideas and challenges, which will expand their critical independence and enable them to make informed decisions when applying to Higher Education, or seeking employment within a related industry.

The course is characterised by student- centred learning encompassing exploratory and investigative practices, contextual research and material testing and provides a transition from general education to specialist art and design education.

During the course you will be introduced to a range of techniques and processes in Graphic Design, Fashion and Textiles, 3D Design, Illustration, Print and Fine Art.

Erasmus opportunities are often available during course study, which allow students to work and study abroad - See page 18 for details.

- Core Modules**
During the 1 year course you will study three mandatory units:
- Unit 1: Diagnostic Investigation into Creative Practice
 - Unit 2: Developing Specialist Practice
 - Unit 4: Consolidating Practice

Entry Requirements
UK: 5 GCSEs (Grade C or above) to include Art or Design and 1 A-Level, or equivalent Level 3 Qualification, in Art & Design or a relevant creative subject.

You will be required to attend an interview session and must present an A-Level standard portfolio.

ROI: 5 OLCs (Grade O5 or above) to include Art or Design and Higher Level H5 or Ordinary Level O1 in Art or equivalent Level 3 qualification in Art and Design or in a relative creative subject

Assessment
100% Coursework. Assessments are portfolio based and include sketchbook work, written work and presentations.

Units 1 - 2 must be successfully completed to allow for progression to Unit 4 (graded at Pass, Merit or Distinction).

Further Study
Successful participants can progress to higher level study within NWRC:

- HND in Art & Design (Fine Art),
- HND in Art and Design (Textiles),
- HND in Digital Design

Students can also progress to Hons Degree programmes throughout the UK, Ireland and Europe.

UCAS Tariff Points
This course is included in the UCAS tariff and attracts tariff points of:

Pass=80, Merit=96, Distinction=112.

Your Future Career
Former students have found employment in areas including:

- Costume design for productions such as Game of Thrones and Peaky Blinders
- Fashion design for John Rocha, and Marks & Spencer
- Theatrical costumes and Victoria's Secret Lingerie
- Graphic design
- Teaching and lecturing
- Glass design
- Interior design for Ikea
- Fashion and news photography
- Program production with the BBC
- Fashion/jewellery design
- Book and TV animation
- Product design for Lego, Denmark

Students have also availed of entrepreneurial opportunities in areas such as Tattoo practice, Exhibitions, Fine Art commissions and retail/craft business development.





Pearson BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma Art and Design (Textiles)

Course Code
603/0909/X

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
2 Years

Awarding Body
Pearson BTEC

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Admissions Office
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Progression

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Course Overview

This is an intensive 2 year course offering the opportunity to experience a wide range of textile practices and design skills through exploration and experimentation.

The 1st year of the course will encourage you to explore a variety of techniques, including printed and embellished textiles, weave and mixed media. In 2nd Year you will move towards specialised work where you will refine ideas to produce more resolved design outcomes.

You will participate in public exhibitions at NWRC and beyond.

The course provides a framework to support you to develop specialist in-depth knowledge and skills. This course will encourage practical and intellectual skills in a stimulating and supportive environment.

Core Modules

- Professional Practice
- Applied Practice Collaborative Project (Pearson-set)
- Advanced Textile Studies
- Professional Development
- Contextual Studies
- Individual Project (Pearson-set)
- Techniques and Processes
- Computer Aided Design (CAD)
- Fashion and Textiles Practices

Optional Modules

Surface Design; Advanced Art Practice; Accessories; Material Selection and Specification.

Optional modules may change depending upon curriculum needs.

Entry Requirements

UK: 32 UCAS points at A-Level (to include Art or Art related subject) together with 4 GCSEs (Grade C or above) to include Art, Maths and English (Level 2 Essential Skills in Numeracy and Literacy also accepted); OR Level 3 Extended Diploma in Art & Design, Level 3 Art & Design Foundation Diploma or equivalent Level 3 qualification.

ROI: 32 UCAS points to include Art at Higher Level and 4 OLC's (Grade O4 or above) to include Art, Maths and English (Level 2 Essential Skills in Numeracy and Literacy also accepted); OR Level 3 Extended Diploma in Art & Design, Level 3 Art & Design Foundation Diploma or equivalent Level 3 qualification.

A portfolio of work demonstrating your suitability and aptitude for this course must be presented at interview. Minimum age for entry is normally 18, which may be waived in exceptional cases.

Assessment

100% Coursework. Assessment will be based upon research work, practical work and presentations.

Further Study

Students have progressed to Universities in the UK. Some have made direct entry into the final year whilst others have progressed to Year 2 of an Honours Degree (This is at the discretion of the university).

Your Future Career

Careers include: Textile designer, Print designer, Textile technician, Retail buyer, Visual merchandiser, Teaching.





Pearson BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma

Fine Art

Course Code
610/1795/4

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
2 Years

Awarding Body
Pearson BTEC

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Progression

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Course Overview

This course offers the opportunity to experience a range of Fine Art Practices with a focus on Contemporary Fine Art, offering the chance to develop a personal visual language through exploration and experimentation with processes, materials and ideas.

The course will expose you to contemporary practices within Fine Art including Painting, Sculpture, Printmaking, Digital multimedia and installation work and will provide opportunities for you to exhibit your work to the public. As a student you will develop the underlying knowledge and skills that will enable you to begin your journey in the Fine Art industry.

Combining research, development and production, you will explore the knowledge, understanding and technical skills required to progress within the creative Industries sector.

This course requires independent study outside of the timetabled hours.

Core Modules

Year One

- Unit A1: Concept and Development
- Unit A2: Creative Project

Year Two:

- Unit B1: Personal Professional Development
- Unit B2: Professional Project

Entry Requirements

UK: 32 UCAS points at A-Level (must include Art or Art related subject) together with 4 GCSEs (Grade C or above) to include Art,

Maths and English (Level 2 Essential Skills in Numeracy and Literacy will also be accepted); OR Level 3 Extended Diploma in Art and Design, Level 3 Art and Design Foundation Diploma or equivalent Level 3 qualification.

ROI: 32 UCAS points to include Art at Higher Level and 4 OLC's (Grade O4 or above) to include Art, Maths and English (Level 2 Essential Skills in Numeracy and Literacy will also be accepted); OR Level 3 Extended Diploma in Art and Design, Level 3 Art and Design Foundation Diploma or equivalent Level 3 qualification.

A portfolio of work demonstrating your suitability and aptitude for this course must be presented at interview. Minimum age for entry is normally 18, which may be waived in exceptional cases.

Assessment

100% Coursework. Assessment is based upon individual submission of practical work, sketchbooks, presentations and written reports / assignments.

Further Study

You can to progress into a relevant degree programme at university with exemption of Year 1 and 2 in some cases, or seek employment opportunities in this field. University places are often subject to interview.

Your Future Career

Professional Practicing Artist / Gallery Assistant / Curator Education / Teaching Studio assistant working within the Creative Industries.



Built Environment & Renewable Technologies



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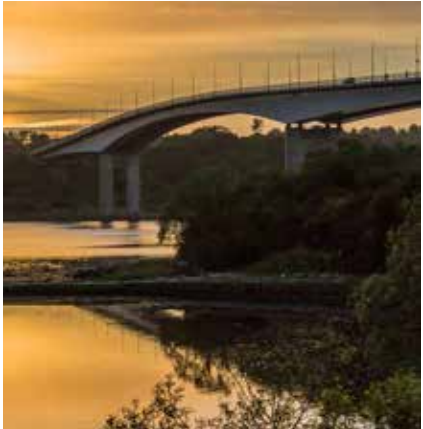


Career Paths

- › Civil Engineer
- › Architect
- › Quantity Surveyor
- › Structural Engineer
- › Building Manager
- › Estates Manager
- › Environmental Engineer
- › Infrastructure Designer
- ...plus many more!

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in this subject area

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I was so prepared for Uni.



I've always been interested in construction and architecture. My HND was the perfect stepping-stone to university.

The knowledge I gained at NWRC helped me understand elements of my Degree course much more easily and I was able to complete my assignments to a higher standard.

Eva McLaughlin
HND in Construction and the Built Environment



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Pearson BTEC Level 3 Advanced Vocational Technical Award Construction and the Built Environment

Course Code
603/0861/8

Campus
Derry~Londonderry
Limavady

Length of Study
2 Years

Awarding Body
Pearson BTEC

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Progression
  



Course Overview
This is a nationally recognised construction qualification aimed at students who wish to follow a career in the construction industry. The Extended Diploma is a two-year, full-time course that is equivalent to 3 A-Levels.

The course will provide opportunities for students to progress within the industry and to higher level study, including Higher National Diploma, Foundation Degree or other degree programmes. The course can also support learners who want to progress directly to employment in job roles in the construction industry and to Higher Level Apprenticeships in the construction sector.

Throughout the course you will get the opportunity to gain excellent practical and academic skills, knowledge and experience. You will learn to use industry standard Computer Aided Design software to produce plans and specifications of domestic and commercial buildings. Assessment projects are designed to be directly related to real life construction industry scenarios.

- Core Modules**
- Construction Principles
 - Construction Design
 - Tendering and Estimating
 - Construction Technology
 - Health and Safety in Construction
 - Surveying in Construction
 - Graphical Detailing in Construction
 - Building Regulations and Control in Construction
 - Management of a Construction Project

- Optional Modules**
- Offsite and Onsite Alternative Construction Methods
 - Provision of Primary Services in Construction
 - Building Surveying in Construction
 - Construction in Civil Engineering
 - Renewable Energy for Housing
 - Housing Design Project

Entry Requirements
UK: Level 2 Diploma in Construction OR 4 GCSEs (Grade C or above) to include English and Maths.

ROI: Level 2 Diploma in Construction OR 4 OLCs (Grade O5 or above) to include Maths and English OR Leaving Cert Applied - Merit.

Assessment
67% Coursework 33% Exam.

The Extended Diploma consists of 15 units which have been developed in collaboration with employers and representatives from higher education and relevant professional bodies to ensure that content is up to date and that it includes the knowledge, understanding, skills and attributes required in the construction sector.

There are nine mandatory units. Six units are internally assessed (coursework) and three are externally assessed requiring learners to sit an examination.

A further six optional units which are also internally assessed make up the remainder of the course.

Further Study
Successful completion of this qualification will allow you to progress to Higher National Certificate/Diploma courses within NWRC.

You can also progress to university to study a Degree course in areas, such as:

- Architecture
- Architectural Technology
- Civil Engineering
- Quantity Surveying
- Planning
- Building Services Engineering
- Construction / Site Management

Your Future Career
The course will provide opportunities for you to progress directly into employment at technician level in areas such as architecture, quantity surveying, building services or civil engineering.

You could also potentially work for building contractors as a site engineer or construction manager trainee.





Pearson BTEC Level 3 Apprenticeship Civil Engineering



Course Code
603/1217/8

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
2 Years

Awarding Body
Pearson BTEC

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Progression



Course Overview

NWRC is the education provider for this course which is designed for learners wishing to gain an apprenticeship within the Civil Engineering industry. This course will provide you with the skills and knowledge you need to start working and/or pursue a career in Civil Engineering.

Admission to the course is dependent on already having employment from a Civil Engineering company. You must also meet the entry criteria for the apprenticeship programme. Further information as to how you can apply for an apprenticeship can be found through Apprenticeship Connect (NI).

The apprenticeship course is a 2 year, full-time course and is equivalent in size to 2 A-levels. One extended day will be spent at NWRC and four days are spent with the employer.

Throughout the course you will get the opportunity to gain excellent practical and academic skills, knowledge and experience, achieved through work-based learning and directed training within the workplace and college.

Core Modules

- Construction Principles
- Construction Technology
- Construction Design
- Health and Safety in Construction
- Site Engineering for Construction
- Further Mathematics for Construction
- Construction in Civil Engineering

Optional Modules

- Specialist Civil Engineering Techniques
- Management of a Construction Project
- Surveying in Construction

Entry Requirements

Applicants must be in employment or have secured employment with a relevant employer prior to commencing the course and meet the entry criteria below:

UK: Level 2 Diploma in Construction, OR 4 GCSEs (Grade C or above) to include English and Mathematics.

ROI: Level 2 Diploma in Construction, OR 4 OLCs (Grade O5 or above) to include English and Mathematics; OR Leaving Cert Applied - Merit.

Assessment

33% Coursework, 67% Exam.

The Diploma consists of 10 units which have been developed in collaboration with employers and representatives from higher education and relevant professional bodies to ensure that content is up to date and that it includes the knowledge, understanding, skills and attributes required in the construction sector.

There are 7 mandatory units and 3 optional units. Of the mandatory units, and 2 are externally assessed, requiring learners to sit an examination and 5 are internally assessed (coursework).

A further 3 optional units which are also internally assessed make up the remainder of the course.

Work Placement

Apprentices will be employed full time within the construction industry working a minimum of 21 hours per week.

Further Study

Successful completion of this course will allow you to progress to a Level 4 Higher National Certificate in Civil Engineering, Modern Construction and Renewables or to a Higher-Level Apprenticeship at NWRC. Students could also progress to a relevant university degree course if they attain the necessary UCAS points.

Your Future Career

The course will provide opportunities for you to progress directly into employment at technician level in civil engineering.

You could also potentially work for building contractors as a site engineer or construction manager trainee.





Pearson BTEC Level 4/5 Higher National Certificate/Diploma Modern Construction and Renewables

Course Code
610/0928/3 (HNC)
610/0929/5 (HND)

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
1 Year (HNC) / 2 Years (HND)

Awarding Body
Pearson BTEC

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Non-term time
Admissions Office
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Progression



Course Overview

This course is designed to equip students with the skills, knowledge and the understanding necessary to achieve high performance in the global built environment and renewable technologies construction sector. Construction and the Built Environment is a priority skills area and there are many opportunities for those qualified in this area to progress into employment as designers, engineers, contractors or as consultants.

The Higher National Certificate and Diploma qualifications have been updated for 2023 to link more directly to sector career pathways. The course will allow you the opportunity to find your specialism/ pathway in the areas of Construction Management, Architectural Technology, Modern Methods of Construction, Quantity Surveying or Civil Engineering.

In Year 1 of the course, you will complete a Higher National Certificate in a chosen construction pathway. Successful completion of Year 1 will allow you to progress into Year 2 and complete the Higher National Diploma qualification.

The course will provide you with an understanding of the way technologies are transforming the industries of construction, renewable technologies and the built environment to prepare you to work with these technologies within a challenging and rewarding industry.

- Core Modules**
- Construction Design Project (Pearson-set)
 - Construction Technology
 - The Construction Environment
 - Tender and Procurement
 - Digital applications for Construction Information
 - Building Information Modelling
 - Group Project (Pearson-set)
 - Personal Professional Development
 - Legal and Statutory Requirements in Construction
 - Project Management
 - Advanced Construction Drawing and Detailing
 - Construction Technology for Complex Buildings Projects

- Optional Modules**
- Measurement and Estimating
 - Science and Materials
 - Civil Engineering Technology
 - Principles of Off-site Construction
 - Surveying, Measuring and Setting-out

Entry Requirements

UK: Applicants must have achieved the equivalent of 48 UCAS Tariff and a minimum of 5 passes at GCSE Grade C or above which must include Mathematics, English Language or equivalent Level 2 qualifications;

OR a BTEC National Diploma at MP grade or above;

OR a BTEC National Extended Diploma at PPP grade or above in a relevant area of study (including GCSE Mathematics, English Language or equivalent Level 2 qualification).

ROI: 48 UCAS points and minimum of 5 OLCs at Grade 04 or above to include English and Mathematics; OR a BTEC National Diploma at MP grade or above;

OR a BTEC National Extended Diploma at PPP grade or above in a relevant area of study (including OLC Mathematics, English or equivalent Level 2 qualification).

Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning (APEL) can be considered for entry. See page 34 for details.

Assessment

100% Coursework. The course consists of core units (which are mandatory), specialist units (which have been designed to provide a specific occupational focus to the qualification) and optional units.

The make-up of units will depend on the sector career pathway chosen.

Units are assessed in several ways including written assignments, research work, group activities, practical work and presentations.

Further Study

Successful completion of the HNC course will allow students to progress to the Level 5 Higher National Diploma qualification at NWRC or to another higher education qualification such as a university degree in a construction, renewable technologies or a built environment related area.

Students who complete the HND qualification can be offered second year entry to built environment programmes at University, subject to meeting their entry requirements.

Successful completion of the HND at NWRC allows students to gain direct entry to Year 2 of the BSc (Hons) in Architectural Technology and BSc (Hons) in Construction Management courses at Atlantic Technological University (ATU) Donegal, formerly LYIT, subject to university requirement approval.

Students can also choose to study the Tender and Procurement unit as part of their qualification which will allow direct entry into Year 2 of the professionally accredited BSc (Hons) Quantity Surveying course at ATU.

Your Future Career

This is an industry recognised qualification.

In developing the programme, the Awarding Body, Pearson BTEC, have aligned content to meet requirements of a number of professional bodies, including the Institution of Civil Engineers, Chartered Institute of Architectural technologists and the Chartered Institute of Building.

The course will prepare students for employment in a range of careers in construction and the built environment either with design consultants, contractors or the public sector.

- Career paths include:
- Architectural Technology
 - Civil Engineering
 - Building Services Engineering
 - Quantity Surveying
 - Construction Management

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in this subject

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Business



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Career Paths

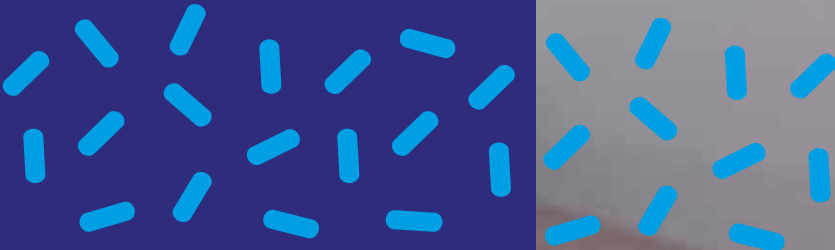
- Project Manager
- Entrepreneur
- Accountant
- Customer Service Officer
- Financial Advisor
- Marketing Manager
- Personal Assistant
- Business Analyst
- ...plus many more!

We also offer
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Apprenticeships
in this subject area

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I'm learning the skills to start my own business.



NWRC is a place where I can feel independent, but also 100% supported.

Each unit I'm learning about is helping me to have a good grasp of the business world and where I think I will fit in best. I want to go on to work in global business as an Accountant.

Rebekah Loughlin
Level 3 Extended Diploma in Business



Scan to find out why our students loves NWRC





Pearson BTEC Level 1 / Level 2 Certificate Work Skills Programme

Course Code

603/7627/2
603/7631/4

Campus

Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study

1 Year

Awarding Body

Pearson BTEC

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Non-term time

Admissions Office
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Progression



Course Overview

Are you unclear of your preferred career path? The Work Skills programme is offered at Level 1 and Level 2. During an information and advice session you will receive advice and guidance on the programme level that will suit your individual needs.

Our provide opportunities to gain skills to help you progress into employment or on to further studies at the College.

You will be given the opportunity to achieve the following qualifications:

Certificate in Work Skills

- Searching for a job
- Career progression
- Applying for a job
- Planning an enterprise activity
- Preparing for an interview
- Running an enterprise activity
- Interview skills

Occupational Studies

- Business Enterprise
- Specialised Crafts
- Essential Skills in Literacy, Numeracy and ICT

Core Modules

- Developing Job Application Skills
- Building Working Relationships with Customers
- Using a CV and Covering Letter to Apply For a Job

- Career Progression
- Understanding Employment Responsibilities and Rights
- Planning and Running Enterprise Activity
- Essential Skills Literacy and Numeracy

Entry Requirements

UK: 2 GCSEs (Grade D-F).
ROI: 2 OLCs (Grade O6-O8).

Attendance at an interview is required.

Assessment

100% Coursework.

Assessment for Work Skills units is via assignments and project research. Essential Skills Literacy and Numeracy at Level 1 and Level 2 are assessed through examination.

Entry level Essential Skills Literacy and Numeracy are assessed through portfolio and a desktop task.

Further Study

You will work with your tutor to develop a career plan to help you decide what to do next.

Your Future Career

There may be opportunities for progression to entry level employment opportunities.



Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma Business with Extended Certificate in IT

Course Code

601/7161/3 (Diploma Business)
601/7575/8 (Ext Certificate IT)

Campus

Limavady

Length of Study

2 Years

Awarding Body

Pearson BTEC

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Non-term time

Admissions Office
(028) 7127 6000

Progression



Course Overview

BTEC National qualifications are widely recognised by industry and higher education as the principal vocational qualifications at level 3. Equivalent to 3 A-Levels, this course combines both Business and IT allowing you to progress to further study in both subject areas.

The course will provide the knowledge, understanding and skills necessary if you wish to pursue a career in either IT or Business. It is designed to meet the needs of employers and allow progression to higher study e.g. Foundation Degree in Business and Enterprise (Validated by Ulster University) at NWRC or Foundation Degree in Information Technologies (Validated by Ulster University).

Exploring Business

- Exploring Business
- Developing a Marketing Campaign
- Personal and Business Finance
- Managing an Event
- International Business
- Principles of Management
- Information Technology Systems
- Creating Systems to Manage Information
- Using Social Media in Business

Optional Modules

- Recruitment and Selection
- Website Development
- Investigating Customer Service

Entry Requirements

UK: 4 GCSE's (Grade C or above) to include English or equivalent. Level 2 Diploma in IT or Business with English GCSE Grade C or equivalent.

ROI: 4 OLC's (Grade O5 or above) to include English or equivalent. Level 2 Diploma in IT or Business with English OLC Grade O5 or equivalent.

Assessment

60% Coursework; 40% Exam. Assessment includes assignments and externally set examinations/case studies practical timed exam.

Further Study

After completing the Level 3 qualification you may progress on to a number of higher level study options within the College, including:

- Foundation Degree in Business and Enterprise;
- Foundation Degree in Hospitality, Tourism and Events Management;
- Foundation Degree in Computing
- Foundation Degree in Cyber Security (Validated by Open University);
- Foundation Degree / Higher Level Apprenticeship (HLA) in Fintech (Financial Technologies);
- BSc Hons Business with Specialisms at Ulster University
- Business related Degree programmes at other UK universities

NB: Any student wishing to progress to a Level 6 Degree will require GCSE in Mathematics

Your Future Career

Successful completion of this qualification will enable you to apply for entry level employment in the fields of Business, Management or Information Technology.



Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma / Extended Diploma Business

Course Code
601/7161/3 (Foundation Diploma)
600/7160/1 (Extended Diploma)

Campus
Derry~Londonderry
Limavady

Length of Study
2 Years

Awarding Body
Pearson BTEC

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Progression



Course Overview

If you have a keen interest in exploring real business practices, then this course is perfect for you. You will learn by completing projects, assignments based on realistic workplace situations and externally set and marked exams.

The Foundation Diploma is a one year programme which would suit learners wishing to top-up existing qualifications for entry to Higher Education. The course carries UCAS points and is recognised by higher education providers as contributing to meeting admission requirements to many relevant business Foundation Degrees and HNDs.

The Extended Diploma is a two year, full-time course that meets entry requirements for learners who want to progress to higher education courses in business areas before entering employment. It can also support learners who want to progress directly to employment in job roles in business or business management and the Higher-Level Apprenticeships in Business, or Accounting.

Core Modules

- Exploring Business
- Developing a Marketing Campaign
- Personal and Business Finance
- Managing and Event
- Principles of Management
- Business Decision Making
- International Business

Optional Modules

- Financial statements for Specific Businesses
- Recruitment and Selection

- Team Building in Business
- Digital Marketing
- Pitching for a New Business
- Investigating Customer Service

Entry Requirements

UK: 4 GCSEs (Grade C or above) including English or equivalent; If you do not hold a level 2 qualification in Numeracy, you will be expected to complete Essential Skills Numeracy during this course.

ROI: 4 OLCs (Grade O5 or above) including English or equivalent or Leaving Cert Applied - Merit If you do not hold an OLC grade O5 or above or equivalent in Maths, you will be expected to complete Essential Skills Numeracy during this course.

Assessment

60% Coursework; 40% Exam. Assessment includes assignments and externally set examinations and case studies.

Further Study

Successful completion of the Extended Diploma will enable you to apply for higher education courses with us, such as the Foundation Degree in Business and Enterprise or Degree courses in Business, or related subjects at university.

Your Future Career

Successfully completing this course will enable you to apply for entry level employment in Finance, Human Resource Management, Marketing or Business Management.



Ulster University Level 5 Foundation Degree (FdSc) Business and Enterprise

Course Code
N/A

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
2 Years (Full-Time)
2.5 Years (Part-Time)

Additional Fees
Exam fee may apply

Awarding Body
Ulster University

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Progression



Course Overview

This innovative course, based on industry needs, will give you the opportunity to develop business enterprise knowledge and business skills and employment experience. A key feature of this course is the work based learning which provides the opportunity to work in a company on a 'live' project. Students find this aspect of the course particularly interesting and very useful.

Knowledge and skills will be gained through activities and application to 'real world' business issues and opportunities. Practical aspects of people management, marketing and finance will feature strongly.

Core Modules

- Principles of Marketing
- Principles of Economics
- Introduction to Financial Accounting
- Principles of Management
- Foundations of Entrepreneurship
- Professional Skills
- Marketing Management
- Work-Based Learning
- Academic and Career Enhancement Skills
- High Performance Work Enterprises
- Accounts and Ethics for Business Managers

Entry Requirements

UK: 64 UCAS Tariff points + GCSE Maths Grade C or equivalent (e.g. Essential Skills Level 2 Numeracy); AND GCSE English Grade C or equivalent (e.g. Essential Skills Level 2 Communication).

Access: 50% (includes Level 2 in Communications and Mathematics);

ROI: 64 UCAS Tariff points equivalent + OLC (Grade O4 or above) in English and Maths. Access - 50% (which includes Level 2 in Communications and Mathematics);

Applicants who do not meet the formal entry requirements may be eligible to apply through Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning (APEL). For more details see page 34.

Assessment

70% Coursework; 30% Exam. Assessment includes assignments and externally set examinations and case studies.

Work Placement

Work placement takes place in the second year of the course, 2-3 days per week over 24 weeks.

Further Study

This course is a degree in its own right but also provides the opportunity to progress to the final year of the Honours Business degree at Magee (after successful completion of a summer bridging module at Magee subject to entry criteria).

Students who choose this option would see completion of a BSc (Hons) Business degree in three years full-time study (e.g. two years at NWRC, plus one year at Magee).

Your Future Career

Progression opportunities include careers in Marketing, Finance, Business Development and Human Resources.

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- › Nurse
- › Radiography Assistant
- › Paramedic
- › Midwife
- › Carer
- › Social Worker
- › Paediatric Nurse
- › Dental nurse
- ...plus many more!





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I'm getting real practical experience while working in the Trauma and Orthopaedics department of Altnagelvin Hospital.

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Rebekah Mullan
Level 4 Higher Education Certificate
in Healthcare

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OCN NI Level 1 and Level 2 Certificate / Diploma Transition

Course Code
601/3888/9

Campus
Derry~Londonderry
Limavady

Length of Study
2 Years

Awarding Body
Open College Network NI
(OCN NI)

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Progression



Course Overview
This course is designed for those with mild to moderate learning disabilities, and provides a wide range of learning opportunities to help with employment or progression onto further courses. Classes are small with a high lecturer to student ratio, as well as classroom support staff. The aim is to provide students with the opportunity to improve educational qualifications and improve future work opportunities. For some students, this means working on areas such as self-esteem, social anxiety and self-confidence. We incorporate health and wellbeing throughout the course. After two years, students will receive OCN Level 1/2 certificates in Vocational Skills and Employability Skills.

Students can take an optional project-based learning module -This involves using the students ideas to create new products and run small enterprises. This exciting and innovative way of learning provides opportunities for team working, leadership and development of communication skills.

All applicants will be interviewed, and parents, and relevant professionals may attend. Arrangements for meeting individual support needs will be discussed to ensure that students have every opportunity to succeed.

- Core Modules**
- Numeracy
 - Literacy
 - Business Retail
 - Vocational Skills
 - Employability Skills

- Personal, Social, and Health Education
- Information Technology
- Retail

- Optional Modules**
- Healthy Living
 - Joinery
 - Art
 - Drama
 - Project Based Learning
 - Alcohol Awareness
 - Catering
 - Life Skills and First Aid

Entry Requirements
Meeting with course team.

Assessment
100% Coursework. Includes written assignments and creating products, e.g. Bird table in joinery.

Work Placement
We offer a 4-week Mencap 'Job Club', giving students the opportunity to discuss previous work experience, work interests with Mencap staff and prepare for work placement.

Work placement will be arranged and supervised by Mencap staff for one day a week.

Further Study
Previous students have progressed to a range of courses within our College, employment and external training providers.

Your Future Career
Previous students have obtained employment opportunities in retail and hospitality.



Pearson BTEC Level 1 Diploma First Diploma Health and Social Care

Course Code
601/0170/2

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
1 Year

Additional Fees
Materials: £10

Awarding Body
Pearson BTEC

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Progression



Course Overview
This course is equivalent to GCSEs and is designed as an introduction to the health and social care sector.

External visits and visiting speakers will enable students to develop a deeper knowledge about this sector. Additional education in the area of visual awareness and sensory loss will be provided.

Successful completion at the appropriate level enables students to apply for progression onto the Level 3 pathways such as Extended Diploma in Health & Social Care/Health Studies/Health Sciences.

Students who have successfully completed this qualification may be able to progress to Level 2 Traineeship Health and Social Care.

- Core Modules**
- Human Lifespan Development
 - Health and Social Care Values
 - Effective Communication in Health and Social Care
 - Equality and Diversity in Health and Social Care
 - Individual Rights in Health and Social Care
 - Healthy Living
 - Carrying out a Research Project in Health and Social Care

- Optional Modules**
- The Impact of Nutrition on Health and Wellbeing
 - Promoting Health and Wellbeing
 - An Introduction to Basic First Aid
 - Infection Control in Health and Social Care
 - Creative and Therapeutic Activities in Health and Social Care
 - Skills and Qualities for Working in the Health and Social Care Sector

Entry Requirements
No formal entry requirements.

Assessment
88% Coursework, 12% Exam. External Examination short answer questions for two units - Healthy Living and Lifespan Units - are completed in January.

The remaining units are assessed internally as coursework units.

Further Study
Students who have successfully completed this qualification may be able to progress to Level 2 Traineeship Health and Social Care.

Your Future Career
You may be able to progress to Traineeship at Level 2 which will help you experience real work situations in Health and Social Care.



Pearson BTEC Level 2 Traineeship Health and Social Care

Course Code
601/0170/2

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
1 Year

Additional Fees
Uniform: £20-£40
Materials: £10

Awarding Body
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(OCN NI)

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Progression
 

Course Overview
This course is equivalent to GCSEs and is designed as an introduction to the health and social care sector. In addition to the core qualification, students will undertake transversal skills and project based learning enhancing their employability and holistic learning.

External visits and visiting speakers will enable students to develop a deeper knowledge about this sector.

Additional education in the area of visual awareness and sensory loss will be provided.

Successful completion at the appropriate level enables students to apply for progression onto Level 3 pathways such as Extended Diploma in Health & Social Care/Health Studies/Health Sciences.

This pathway also supports progression to the Level 3 Apprenticeship NI course.

Optional Modules

- Creative and Therapeutic Activities in Health and Social Care
- Skills and Qualities for Working in the Health and Social Care Sector
- The Impact of Nutrition on Health and Wellbeing
- Promoting Health and Wellbeing
- An Introduction to Basic First Aid
- Infection Control in Health and Social Care

Entry Requirements
UK: 4 GCSEs Grade D-G or above to include Maths Grade D and English Grade D. Students who do not hold Grade D in English and Maths will be able to apply to complete the Full-Time Level 1 First Diploma in Health and Social Care.

ROI: 4 OLCs Grade O5-O8 or above to include Maths and English Grade O5 or above. Students who do not hold Grade O5 in English and Maths will be able to apply to complete the Full Time Level 1 First Diploma in Health and Social Care.

Core Modules

- Human Lifespan Development
- Health and Social Care Values
- Effective Communication in Health and Social Care
- Equality and Diversity in Health and Social Care
- Individual Rights in Health and Social Care
- Healthy Living
- Carrying out a Research Project in Health and Social Care

Applicants presenting with a Junior Cert or Junior Cycle qualification should have attained a majority of higher-level subjects including English and Maths.

Note: Students who do not hold Level 2 qualifications in Literacy and Numeracy will be required to complete these during this course.

Assessment
88% Coursework, 12% Exam.

External Examination short answer questions for two units (Healthy Living and Lifespan) are completed in January. The remaining units are assessed internally as coursework.

Work Placement
Work placement is an essential component of this course. Enrolment on this course is subject to checks, including a satisfactory Access NI check.

As placement is an integral part of your qualification, a self-declaration of current health status is necessary as part of the overall risk assessment process. Students must be deemed fit for placement.

Further Study
Students who have successfully completed this qualification with the required grade can progress to Level 3 Health and Social Care pathways.

Your Future Career
Past students who have not continued their studies at further education have gained employment in the health and social care sector, working as care assistants, domiciliary carers, or support workers.





City & Guilds Level 3 Apprenticeship Dental Nursing

Course Code
603/7221/7

Campus
Limavady
Strabane

Length of Study
2 Years



Awarding Body
City & Guilds

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Progression





Course Overview

This course is aimed at those already employed or about to be employed as a dental nurse, and who wish to develop their skills and knowledge to enable progression within their chosen area of work or in a specialist area. The qualification focuses on the technical skills / knowledge required of a professional dental nurse.

Units of study include direct chairside work and support during a range of dental treatments, organisational and legal requirements which underpin high quality dental care, and the role of the dental nurse in meeting patients' needs.

You will complete the City & Guilds Level 3 Diploma and the Level 2 Award in Employment Rights and Responsibilities as part of the full course in a weekly 6 hour class and will also receive one-to-one support from an assessor.

Core Modules

- The impact of health and safety legislation on working practices in the dental setting
- Recognising and supporting actions during first aid and medical emergencies
- The safe use of ionising radiation to produce quality radiographic image
- The safe use of ionising radiation to produce quality radiographic image
- Preparing for Professional Practice in Dental Nursing
- Provide information and support to individuals on the protection of their oral health

- Assessment of oral health and planning
- Dental Radiography
- Management of oral health diseases and dental procedures
- First Aid Essentials
- Reducing the risk to health and safety in the dental setting
- The role and responsibilities of a dental nurse
- Prepare and maintain environments, instruments, and equipment for clinical dental procedures
- Principles of infection control in the dental environment
- Provide chairside support for the assessment of patients oral health
- Contribute to the production of dental images
- Provide chairside support for the prevention and control of periodontal disease and caries and the restoration of cavities
- Provide chairside support for the provision of fixed and removable prostheses
- Provide chairside support for non-surgical endodontic treatment
- Provide chairside support for the extraction of teeth and minor oral surgery

Entry Requirements

Apprenticeships NI Level 3 is open to employees aged 16+ or those about to take up permanent paid employment with a Northern Ireland-based company and be contracted to work a minimum of 21 hours per week. They will attend one full day of directed training in College.

If students do not have Level 2 Essential Skills in Numeracy, Literacy and ICT (or equivalent) this will be a mandatory element of the course. Interview with course team to demonstrate the potential to gain the qualification successfully. Interview with course team to demonstrate the potential to gain the qualification successfully.

Assessment

90% Coursework, 10% Exam. Students will be assessed in the workplace and will build a portfolio of evidence of observed practice. They must also successfully complete a synoptic multiple choice test covering all eleven units.

Work Placement

Apprentices must be employed or about to take up employment.

Further Study

On completion of this qualification learners may pursue on-going professional development or higher education.

Your Future Career

On completion of this qualification learners may progress to employment as a Dental Nurse registered with the GDC. Opportunities may include:

- Specialist dental nursing roles
- Dental hygiene or therapy
- Dental technology
- Dental decontamination
- Teaching or mentoring
- Practice management in a dental setting





OCN NI Level 3 Apprenticeship Health and Social Care

Course Code
603/6716/7



Campus
Derry~Londonderry
Limavady

Length of Study
2 Years

Awarding Body
Open College Network NI
(OCN NI)

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Progression
 



Course Overview
Students initially complete the Level 3 Certificate Induction into Adult Social Care and continue to the Level 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care.

These work based qualifications allow students to work and study using their work role to support completion of the qualification. The course supports development of the knowledge and skills fundamental to the many diverse work roles within the Health and Social Care sector and is universally recognized by employers.

Students will attend the College one day per week for a 3 hour class and will also receive the one to one support of an assessor to build their portfolio of evidence. Optional units are chosen from a wide range to support the student's role within the work place.

Core Modules

- Communication and Information Sharing (Theme 1)
- Health and Wellbeing (Theme 2)
- Principles and Values (Theme 3)
- Continuing Professional Development in the context of Health and Social Care (Theme 4)

Optional Modules
Examples of optional units include:

- Infection Prevention and Control
- Dementia Care
- Providing Personal Care
- Supporting Leisure Activities
- Moving and Handling

Entry Requirements
ApprenticeshipsNI Level 3 is open to employees aged 16+ or those about to take up permanent paid employment with a Northern Ireland-based company and be contracted to work a minimum of 21 hours per week (including 3 hours of class in College) with one employer.

If students do not have Level 2 Essential Skills in Numeracy and Literacy (or equivalent) this will be a mandatory element of the course.

Assessment
100% Coursework. The qualification is formed of mandatory and optional units. The mandatory units cover core competencies that have been categorised around four key themes.

The optional units allow learners to choose from a wide variety of areas to tailor the qualification to their needs and interests, and to reflect the context of their work.

Work Placement
As part of paid employment.

Further Study
The successful completion of this course can lead to entry to the Level 4 Certificate in Principles of Leadership and Management in Adult Social Care.

Your Future Career
Successful students have been able to progress to team leader roles within a wide range of settings.





Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma Health Studies (Health Science Pathway)

Course Code
601/7198/4

Campus
Derry~Londonderry
Limavady
Strabane

Length of Study
2 Years

Awarding Body
Pearson BTEC

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Progression

Course Overview
This is an exciting refresh to our long-standing Health Science qualification with updates in all subject areas for currency of knowledge and practice. It is an alternative to A-Levels that will prepare you for employment and university in areas such as nursing and allied health professions.

Entry Requirements
UK: Level 2 Diploma in Health and Social Care – Merit or above; AND GCSE (Grade C or above) in either English or Maths OR a minimum of 4 GCSEs (Grade C or above) is required for entry to the course including one of the following: English, Maths or Science.

ROI: Level 2 Diploma in Health and Social Care – Merit or above; AND OLC (Grade O5 or above) in either English or Maths OR 4 OLCs (Grade O5 or above) - including one of the following English, Maths or Science OR Leaving Cert Applied – Merit.

Assessment
70% Coursework, 30% Exam.
This new and exciting course is assessed through a combination of exam and coursework.

Work Placement
100 hours of work placement is a compulsory element of this course and is highly valued by students.

Core Modules

- Anatomy and Physiology for Health and Social Care
- Enquiries into Current Research in Health and Social Care
- Meeting Individual Care and Support Needs
- Work Experience in Health and Social Care
- Principles of Safe Practice in Health and Social Care
- Working in Health and Social Care
- Human Lifespan and Development
- Promoting Public Health

Optional Modules
Modules of study will be health, caring and science based units.

Placements have been carried out in hospital settings, residential and nursing homes, community day care facilities, schools, veterinary clinics and other community settings as arranged by NWRC.

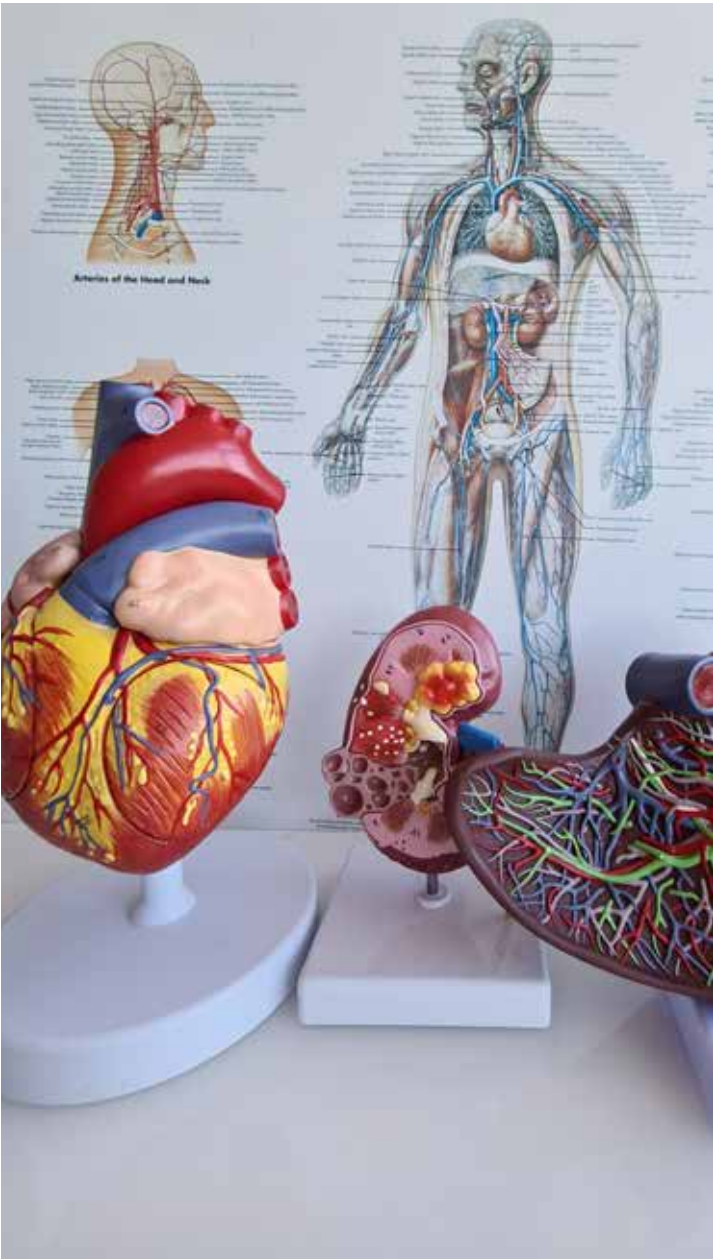
Further Study
This programme leads to Degree level of study across a range of subject areas including:

- Nursing (All branches - Mental Health, Learning Disability, Children's and Adult)
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Midwifery
- Occupational Therapy
- Podiatry
- Diagnostic Radiography
- Therapeutic Radiotherapy
- Paramedics

It can also lead to STEM programmes in Biomedical Science, Forensic Science/Criminology, Pharmaceutical Science, Food Technology, Nutrition and Veterinary Nursing.

Former students have also entered primary and secondary teaching programmes.

Your Future Career
Many students, via valued work placement, have gained employment in the health sector.





Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma /
Extended Diploma / Advanced Vocational Technical Award (AVTA)
Health and Social Care

Course Code
601/7199/6 (Foundation Diploma)
601/7198/4 (Extended Diploma)

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
2 Years

Awarding Body
Pearson BTEC

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Progression



Course Overview
This course is aimed at learners who are interested in developing skills, knowledge and understanding for working in the field of Health and Social Care. Learners can exit at the end of Year 1, obtaining a National Foundation Diploma in Health and Social Care or progress onto Year 2, to achieve the full National Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care.

Learners can expect to develop strong interpersonal and communication skills and develop knowledge of roles and responsibilities, of professionals working in the sector.

Learners will study 13 units over two years that will help provide a strong foundation in care. Key themes such as safeguarding, health and safety and compassionate care values will be explored.

- Core Modules**
- Enquiries into Current Research in Health and Social Care
 - Meeting Individual Care and Support Needs
 - Work Experience in Health and Social Care
 - Principles of Safe Practice in Health and Social Care
 - Promoting Public Health
 - Physiological Disorders and their Care
 - Policy in Health and Social Care

- Caring for Individuals with Dementia
- Understanding Mental Wellbeing
- Supporting Individuals with Additional Needs
- Human Lifespan Development
- Working in Health and Social Care
- Anatomy and Physiology for Health and Social Care

- Optional Modules**
- Additional Needs
 - Physiological Disorders
 - Dementia
 - Understanding Mental Wellbeing Policy in Health and Social Care

Entry Requirements
UK: 4 GCSEs (Grade C or above) to include English; or Level 2 Diploma in Health and Social Care, Merit or above + GCSE English (Grade C or above), or Equivalent.

ROI: 4 OLCs (Grade O5 or above) to include English; or Level 2 Diploma in Health and Social Care, Merit or above + OLC English (Grade O5 or above), or equivalent.

Learners applying to the course without a pass qualification in Maths / Numeracy or ICT will be required to attend Essential Skills classes as part of the course.

Assessment
70% Coursework, 30% Exam.
Units are internally and externally assessed by coursework and exams. Students will sit two exams in both Year 1 and Year 2.

Work Placement
Learners will undertake 100 hours of work experience and will observe the roles of health and social care workers in practice; and use their experience to link theory into practice.

Previous students have gained work experience in day centres, care homes, residential care homes, special needs schools, mental health settings, and learning disability facilities.

Further Study
Progression to the Foundation Degree Science in Health and Social Care (validated by Ulster University); and/or University degrees in Nursing, Social Work, Teaching, Psychology, Criminology, or Youth and Community work, Housing etc.

Your Future Career
Past students who have not continued their studies at higher education, have gained employment in the health and social care sector, working as care assistants, domiciliary carers, or support workers.





Open University Level 4 Certificate of Higher Education Healthcare Practice

Course Code
N/A

Campus
Derry~Londonderry



Length of Study
2 Years

Additional Fees
Uniform: £30 approx
Materials: £10 approx

Awarding Body
Pearson BTEC

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Progression




Course Overview
This is a new, innovative and challenging programme for those wishing to progress on to degrees in Nursing, Midwifery, Occupational Therapy and Paramedic Science, or those wishing to work in the Healthcare sector.

You will study practical modules that are very relevant to working in healthcare, and complete a substantial placement of 770hrs (24hrs/week) where you will gain relevant skills, knowledge and experience for working in a modern healthcare environment.

Some of the topics you will cover during the course include:

- Person-centred care
- Communication
- Infection Control
- Medicines Management
- Acute and Emergency Care
- Mobility
- Hygiene, skin integrity and wound care

Core Modules

- Introduction to Healthcare Practice
- Introduction to Health and Social Care
- Work Placement in Health and Social Care

Entry Requirements
UK: 48 UCAS points or equivalent, plus English GCSE Grade C or equivalent (Essential Skills Level 2) OR Extended Diploma – PPP profile plus GCSE English at Grade C or above, or equivalent (Essential Skills Level 2).

ROI: 48 UCAS points or above. Students must also have English at Grade 05 and above (equivalent to pass in GCSE);

Note: Whilst ILC 05/D1 is acceptable for entry to this Level 4 programme, students must be made aware that they should check the criteria for progression to their universities of choice as university entry requirements vary.

Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning (APEL) may also be considered for applicants who do not meet the criteria outlined above, but have evidence of substantial knowledge or relevant industrial experience and skills, are also eligible to apply. See page 34 for details.

Attendance at information session and interview is required. AccessNI check required for all successful applicants.

Please note:
Maths GCSE Grade C (or Essential Skills Level 2) although not essential on entry, must be completed in addition to course studies.

Assessment
90% Coursework, 10% Exam.

The Level 4 is assessed using a range of assessment methods including assignments, presentations, portfolios, class tests, reports and in-practice assessment.

Work Placement
All students will complete a mandatory 770hrs (average 24hrs/ week) practice placement within the Western Health & Social Care Trust, in addition to attending College for one full day each week.

Further Study
Students can progress directly from this course onto several degree pathways including Nursing (Adult, Mental Health, Learning Disability), Midwifery, Paramedic Science and Occupational Therapy.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to check the entry requirements for each university and to ensure that GCSE entry requirements for university are met before enrolling on a course at the College.

Your Future Career
Following successful completion of the Level 4 programme, students can progress to degree-level study in the area of health and care or employment in the healthcare sector.

The opportunity also exists to continue your Nursing degree with the Open University if specific employment is secured within the WHSCT and the Trust agrees to release you to undertake this study.

Completing this course is not a guarantee of employment with the Trust and securing employment with the Trust is not a guarantee that you will be released for further study.





Pearson BTEC Level 4 Higher National Certificate Healthcare Practice

Course Code
603/2293/7

Campus
Limavady

Length of Study
1 Year

Awarding Body
Pearson BTEC

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Non-term time
Admissions Office
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Progression

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Course Overview
Developed with input from employers, educators, students and service users, this exciting course offers an innovative and contemporary approach to study. The qualification focuses on the core knowledge, skills, values and behaviours required of practitioners in the sector.

Students will require appropriate dress/uniform for work in health and social care setting and be deemed 'placement ready' by the College.

- Core Modules**
- Law, Policy and Ethical Practice in Health and Social Care
 - Demonstrating Professional Principles and Values in Health and Social
 - Supporting the Individual Journey through Integrated Health and Social
 - Sociological and Psychological Perspectives on Health
 - Fundamentals of Anatomy and Physiology for Health and Ill-Health
 - Effective Reporting and Record-keeping in Health and Social Care
 - Fundamentals of Evidence-based Practice

Entry Requirements
UK: 64 UCAS points or equivalent plus 5 GCSEs at Grade C or above to include English GCSE and Maths GCSE or equivalent (Essential Skills Level 2) OR Extended Diploma – MPP profile plus 5 GCSEs at Grade C or above to include English GCSE and Maths GCSE or equivalent (Essential Skills Level 2); OR Access - 45%.

ROI: 64 UCAS points or above plus 5 OLCs to include English and Maths at Grade O5 and above (equivalent to pass in GCSE); Extended Diploma – MPP profile plus 5 OLCs at Grade O5 or above to include English OLC and Maths OLC or equivalent (Essential Skills Level 2); OR Access - 45%.

PLEASE NOTE: Whilst ILC O5/D1 is acceptable for English Leaving Cert Ordinary for entry to HNC students must be made aware that they should check the criteria for progression to their universities of choice as university entry requirements vary.

Information Session, Access NI
Check and interview required.

Assessment
100% coursework which will include work placement, presentations, assignments, portfolios, class tests and reports.

Work Placement
225 hours mandatory work placement.

Further Study
This course seeks to facilitate entry to university to study degrees such as Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Paramedic Science and other health related degrees.

Your Future Career
Successful completion of the HNC programme can lead to employment within the healthcare sector.



Open University Level 5 Foundation Degree Housing Practice*

Course Code
N/A

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
2 Years (Full-Time or Part-Time)

Awarding Body
Open University (OU)

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Non-term time
Admissions Office
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Progression

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We also offer an
Apprenticeship
in this subject area
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Course Overview
This new and innovative Foundation Degree in Housing Practice has been co-designed with Housing employers from across Northern Ireland to ensure that the programme delivered is economically relevant, demand led and responsive to local industry needs. Graduates of the Foundation Degree will be equipped with the appropriate knowledge and professional skills required in Housing.

The programme will help enable Housing graduates to progress into professional roles (including leadership positions) to make a meaningful contribution to the local and regional economy.

Students must successfully complete Year 1 to enter into Year 2 of the programme.

- Core Modules**
- CIH Level 4 Certificate in Housing
 - The Effective Learner and Reflective Practitioner
 - Work-Based Learning (WBL)
 - Effective Communication
 - Sustainable Cities and Society
 - Partnership Working for Housing Developments and Rental Markets
 - Health and Housing
 - Housing Management

Entry Requirements
UK: 48 UCAS points or above, plus GCSE Mathes and English Language at Grade C or above (or equivalent). Entry can also be made from National Certificate/Diploma, HE Access, NVQs or by the College's policy relating to APL/APEL (see page 34 for details).

ROI: 48 UCAS points or above, plus OLC (Grade O4 or above) in Maths and English. Entry can also be made from National Certificate/ Diploma, HE Access, NVQs or by the College's policy relating to APL/APEL (see page 34 for details).

Assessment
100% Coursework.

Assessment methods will include reports, portfolios, assignments, presentations and class tests.

Work Placement
Students will be required to undertake a work placement in Year 2 of the programme (minimum 240 hours).

Further Study
It is anticipated that a Degree in Housing Practice will be developed later and delivered in Northern Ireland (a one year top-up potential via Foundation Degree), that will provide further opportunities for those working in the Housing sector.

Please note that this is subject to approval.

Your Future Career
The programme will help enable Housing graduates to progress into professional roles (including leadership positions) within the Housing sector.



Ulster University Level 5 Foundation Degree in Science (FdSc) Health and Social Care

Course Code
N/A

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
2 Years

Additional Fees
Books: £50-£100

Awarding Body
Ulster University

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Non-term time
Admissions Office
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Progression
 



Course Overview

This is an innovative and contemporary course from Ulster University which will be attractive to both students and employers in the Health and Social Care sector.

The aim of this course is to address the needs of the local market by preparing graduates to gain the range of knowledge, skills, attitudes and values required to meet the current and future evolving needs of Health and Social Care services in Northern Ireland.

You will study a variety of modules relevant to the health and social care setting. Furthermore, students will complete 240 hours of Work Based Learning (work placement) which will also be assessed.

Core Modules

- Effective Communication in Health and Social Care
- Introduction to Public Health
- Work Based Learning
- Safeguarding and Managing Risk
- Evidence Based Practice
- Innovative Practices to Support Health and Wellbeing
- Psychology
- Anatomy and Physiology for Health and Social Care
- Professional Conduct and Ethical Practice
- The Effective Learner
- Social Theories and Concepts

Entry Requirements

(a) Satisfy the University's general entry requirements; AND

(b) Have attained Grade A, B or C at GCSE in 5 subjects (to include GSCE English) or an equivalent standard in an approved qualification; AND

(c) Provide evidence of competence in numeracy (GCSE Grade C or above or equivalent – this requirement may be met within (b) and can be met with Level 2 Essential Skills Application of number);

(d) hold a BTEC Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care or a related Level 3 subject area, or one GCE A Level pass or equivalent (with a minimum of 48 UCAS points) to include at least two grades at H4 or higher (ROI only).

OR as an alternative to (a), (b), (c) and (d):

(e) Provide evidence of their ability to undertake the programme through the accreditation of prior experiential learning (APEL). See page 34.

All applicants must also satisfy an Access NI Enhanced Disclosure. Applicants will also be invited to a mandatory information session and interview.

Assessment

90% Coursework, 10% Exam. Assessment is varied and includes:

- Individual / Group Presentations
- Essays
- Research Reports
- Exams

Work Placement

In addition, all students must complete 240 hours of Work Based Learning (placement) which will also be assessed.

Further Study

Students can progress onto Degree pathways.

Progression pathways on to Year 2 or Year 3 of some Degrees exist, for example BSc Health and Wellbeing and BSc Applied Health Studies. Students can also consider professional degrees in Health and Social Care, such as Nursing or Social Work.

Your Future Career

As the Foundation Degree incorporates Work Based Learning (240 hours), students will also progress onto a range of Health and Social Care jobs.

The course combines both academic studies and Work Based Learning.



Computing & IT



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Career Paths

- › Software Developer
- › Web Developer
- › Cybersecurity Officer
- › Games Designer / Developer
- › Graphic Designer
- › Networking Engineer
- › Computer Analyst
- › IT Support
- ...plus many more!*





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In the future I want to work in Programming and Artificial Intelligence (AI) to create software.

My siblings and I were all home schooled. Ten of us chose to study with NWRC. My sister Aileen received the JP McManus Bursary last year and I'm delighted to have been successful this year.

Brian Barber
Level 3 Extended Diploma in IT

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OCN NI Level 2 Traineeship Information Technology*

Course Code

TBC

Campus

Derry~Londonderry
Limavady

Length of Study

1 Year

Awarding Body

Open College Network NI
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Progression



Course Overview

The Level 2 Traineeship will enable you to achieve a qualification which is equal to 4 GCSEs. The practical nature of the course will introduce you to the computer industry and gives you an insight into a range of available careers. It gives you an insight into the IT industry with a view to further study or employment.

The course is assessed with coursework and exams covering a broad range of IT skills. The Traineeship will contain OCN NI Transversal Skills at Level 2, Essential Skills Numeracy and Literacy.

Note: This Traineeship is in development and the detail regarding the content and the assessment etc is to be confirmed early 2023.

Core Modules

- Unit 1: IT Essentials
- Unit 2: IT Systems
- Unit 3: IT Applications
- Unit 4: Practical IT Project
- Unit 9: 2D games Development
- Unit 10: Website Development
- Unit 12: Graphic Design
- T (Transversal) Skills

Entry Requirements

UK: 4 GCSEs Grades D-G to include Maths and English Grade D

ROI: 4 OLCs Grades O5-O8 to include Maths and English Grade O5.

Applicants presenting with a Junior Cert or Junior Cycle qualification should have attained a majority of higher level subjects including English and Maths

Assessment

100% Coursework. All students will work towards their Vocational Qualification (Coursework), T Skills (Coursework) and Essential Skills in Literacy / Numeracy. Opportunity will also be given to work towards GCSE Maths / English.

Work Placement

60 hours of placement or simulated placement to be carried out over the year either as blocks or a small number of hours per week.

Further Study

The qualification will allow you to choose your progression route from a wide range of Level 3 Diploma courses at NWRC depending on the results obtained from the Vocational Qualification, Essential Skills Qualifications and T Skills qualifications.

Your Future Career

The qualification will the first steps towards a career in as a Web Designer, A Software Developer, a Network Administrator or a career within Information Technology.



*Subject to validation



*National Student Survey (NSS), 2023



Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate / Diploma Esports with Extended Certificate in Information Technology

Course Code
601/7575/8 (Extended Certificate)
603/5424/0 (Diploma)

Campus
Derry~Londonderry
Limavady

Length of Study
2 Years

Awarding Body
Pearson BTEC

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Progression
 



Course Overview
Esports is defined as organised competitive gaming, which is human versus human, either as individuals or in teams. The Esports industry is a fast-growing global industry. In February 2019, Newzoo published its 2019 Global Esports Market Report. This stated that, in 2018, the global esports market was valued at U.S. \$655 million. This rose to nearly U.S. \$865 million in 2019 and was projected to reach U.S. \$1.79 billion by 2022.

This suite of qualifications has been developed to meet this upcoming demand for skills in Esports. The qualifications include a breadth of transferable skills that enable learners to experience different areas of esports to aid their progression to employment, either directly or via further study.

Esports offers a unique opportunity to study a sector that crosses over multiple subject areas such as sport, marketing, enterprise, IT and the creative industry. It provides an opportunity for alignment of social, physical, mental and financial skills into one qualification to deepen and expand learning. These are skills that are highly valued in the changing and fluid workplace.

The course will enter at least one team into the British Esports Championships, a national esports competition for schools and colleges. Online fixtures take place on a Wednesday afternoon.

Other opportunities for students include:

- Entry of teams into other local / national / international competitions/tournaments
- Organisation and hosting of own tournaments, competitions and events

- Core Modules**
- Esports Skills, Strategies and Analysis
 - Enterprise and Entrepreneurship in the Esports Industry
 - Live-streamed Broadcasting
 - Video Production
 - Introduction to Esports
 - Computer Networking
 - Social Media in Esports
 - Health, Wellbeing and Fitness for Esports Players
 - Information Technology Systems
 - Creating Systems to Manage Information
 - Using Social Media in Business
 - Website Development
 - Esports Events

Entry Requirements
UK: 4 GCSEs (Grade C or above) to include English and Maths

ROI: 4 OLCs (Grade O5 or above) to include English and Maths OR Leaving Cert Applied – Merit.

Assessment
15% Coursework; 85% Exam.

The majority of the course is Internally assessed coursework, proving competence across all of the practical elements of eSports and Information Technology. The Extended Cert in IT involves two exam based units and two coursework assessed units.

Further Study
As this course covers IT and Esports, progression opportunities onto local Foundation Degree and Degree programmes in both disciplines are possible via NWRC, Ulster University and Queen's University Belfast.

Universities and Colleges offering Esports degrees in UK include Nottingham Trent, Staffordshire University, the University of Roehampton and the University of Chichester.

For more information visit:
britishesports.org

Your Future Career
Jobs that are available in these areas include:

- Esports player
- Team coach
- Events organiser
- Social media influencer
- Video production editor
- Data analyst
- Technologist





Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma / Extended Diploma Advanced Vocational Technical Award (AVTA) Information Technology

Course Code
603/0455/8 (Diploma)
603/0454/6 (Extended Diploma)

Campus
Derry~Londonderry
Limavady
Strabane

Length of Study
2 Years

Awarding Body
Pearson BTEC

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Progression



Course Overview

This course is part of the Advanced Technical Award and will provide a broad range of subjects which will prepare you for employment or further/higher study in the areas of general computing.

The course is practical and enjoyable. It will allow you to develop your interest in computing, while achieving a qualification equivalent to 3 A-Levels (Extended Diploma). It is designed to meet the needs of employers (placement opportunity), and opportunity to progress to Foundation Degree courses at NWRC or University.

You will learn by completing projects, coursework and timed assignments.

You will also have opportunity for a placement. As part of any job you will have to demonstrate, what are called Transversal Skills, this includes; Problem Solving & Decision Making, Digital Literacy, Work Professionalism, Self Management, Working with Others, Citizenship.

Core Modules

- Data Modelling
- Web Site Development
- Mobile App Development
- Programming
- Games Development
- Software Testing
- Information Technology Systems
- Creating Systems to Manage Information
- Using Social Media in Business
- IT Project Management
- Cyber Security and Incident Management

- IT Service Delivery
- Computer Animation

Entry Requirements

UK: Level 2 Diploma in Information and Creative Technology AND Essential Skills Numeracy and Literacy at Level 2; OR 4 GCSEs (Grade C or above) to include English and Maths.

ROI: Level 2 Diploma in Information and Creative Technology AND Essential Skills Numeracy and Literacy at Level 2; OR 4 OLCs (Grade O5 or above) to include English and Maths OR Leaving Cert Applied – Merit.

Attendance at an information session is advised but not mandatory.

Assessment

40% Coursework; 60% Exam.
Four units are externally assessed by Pearson - IT Systems, Creating Systems, Cyber Security and IT Service Delivery.

This is broken down into two exam units and two units which are set tasks – learners take the assessment during a defined window and demonstrate understanding through completion of a vocational task. All remaining units are coursework assessed, internally.

Students who do not achieve the required modules in the first year to complete the Extended Diploma will be reduced to the Diploma qualification (Equivalent 2 A-Levels).

Work Placement

You will also be provided with an opportunity to apply for a placement within the programme.

This will take place at the end of each academic year, approximately 4 weeks with a suitable employer and give you the skills to work in the real world after your qualification is complete.

Your Future Career

This course can enable students to progress to the Foundation Degree in Software Engineering or Foundation Degree in Information Technologies delivered at NWRC, subject to entry requirements being met.

Past successful students have progressed to degree programmes at Ulster University, Queens - Belfast and other computing related Degree programmes.

Your Future Career

With this qualification, potential careers paths include:

- Computer Games Designer
- Computer Hardware Engineer
- Database Administrator
- Interactive Media Designer
- IT Product Developer
- IT Trainer
- Network Manager
- Software Developer / Programmer
- Systems Analyst
- Technical Support Person
- Web Designer / Developer





Open University Level 5 Foundation Degree Cyber Security

Course Code
N/A

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
2 Years (Full-Time)
3 Years (Part-Time)

Awarding Body
Open University (OU)

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Progression
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Course Overview
The course aims to create and prepare future professionals in the area of cyber security, whilst enhancing the learner's technology knowledge and skills.

The course team who will be involved in delivering the programme is committed to cultivating learners to develop their personal and professional technological skills and promote a lifelong learning ethos in the area of cyber security.

The course will provide a broad-based learning environment that prepares graduates, who have successfully achieved the Foundation Degree, to either follow a productive career as professionals in the cyber security industry or to proceed to a higher academic qualification.

Areas to be studied will include:

- Equip students with a knowledge and understanding of the theory and principles underlying modern cyber security;
- Compare, analyse and evaluate a range of techniques, theories and methods applied to the development of applications and solutions;
- Develop students' abilities in the evaluation, selection, application and integration of a range of tools and facilities;
- Develop students' ability to carry out a programme of supervised work within a team.

Core Modules

Year One:

- Networking Fundamentals (20 Credit Points)
- Programming Essentials (20 Credit Points)
- Network Data Security (20 Credit Points)
- Cyber Security Fundamentals (20 Credit Points)
- Computing Mathematics (20 Credit Points)
- Ethical Hacking (20 Credit Points)

Year Two:

- Mobile Devices and Cloud Security (20 Credit Points)
- Responsive Incident Management (20 Credit Points)
- Server Management and Security (20 Credit Points)
- Cyber Security Implementation (20 Credit Points)
- Work Based Learning or Project Management (Project Management for International Students Only) (40 Credit Points)

Entry Requirements
48 UCAS points; Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning (APEL) is applicable for entry onto this course. For more details see page 34.

Any of the below qualifications are acceptable:

- Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Information Technology;

- Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Information Technology;
- Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Computing;
- Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Computing;
- Access Diploma/Degree (General)

Assessment
50% Coursework, 50% Exam.

Work Placement
Work placement in Year 2 of the Full-Time programme. Year 3 of the Part-Time programme.

Further Study
Top-up Degree Year.

Other nearby colleges offer Level 3 OCR Qualifications and successful students will also be able to apply to the FdSc Cyber Security; OCR Cambridge Technical Diploma in IT; OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma in IT.

Your Future Career
The Foundation Degree in Cyber Security is aimed at individuals who intend to follow either a professional or academic career pathway in the area of Cyber Security.





Ulster University Level 5 Foundation Degree (FdSc) Computing*

Course Code
N/A

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
2 Years (Full-Time or Part-Time)

Awarding Body
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Progression



Course Overview
This course is aimed at those who have an interest in Computing and would like to develop key industry specific skills and knowledge with a desire to pursue a career within the sector. It will give students the ability to study a range of modules with opportunities to explore different specialisms and a chance to consider a wide range of career opportunities within IT and Computing.

The course is developed in close partnership with Ulster University, and a consortium with other colleges in Northern Ireland to design a course to meet the needs of the growing sector. It will provide students with a thorough understanding of the key concepts required to work within a thriving sector or undertake further study at honours degree level.

The course will allow students to enhance industry networks and prospects in a range of job roles within the sector. There will be many opportunities to link with local employers through work-based learning including arranged guest speakers, site visits and career networking events.

- Core Modules**
- Programming Fundamentals
 - Database Design
 - Object-oriented Programming
 - Mathematics for Computing
 - Web Development
 - Computer Technologies
 - Work Based Learning
 - Cyber Security
 - Software Testing
 - AI Fundamentals

- Optional modules:**
- UX Design
 - Introduction to Virtualisation
- Entry Requirements**
UK: 64 UCAS points plus GCSE Maths Grade C minimum AND GCSE English Grade C OR Essential Skills Level 2 Communications; OR APEL - see page 34 for details.
- ROI:** 664 UCAS points plus OLC (Grade 04 or above) to include Maths and English; OR APEL - see page 34.

Work Placement
To enhance career opportunities students will undertake a 400-hour Work Based Learning module during their final year of study. Students will be supported to find a suitable work placement.

Further Study
Successful completion of the course depending on grade enables progression to the second year of the BSc (Hons) Computer Science at Ulster University, to similar degrees at other universities, or directly into Computing & IT related employment.

- Your Future Career**
A pathway to a diverse range of Computing and IT related career opportunities, including;
- Web developer
 - Mobile application developer
 - Software engineer
 - Data engineer
 - Computer programmer
 - Network engineer
 - System analyst
 - Service desk engineer



Early Years (Childcare)



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Career Paths

- › Playworker
- › Classroom Assistant
- › Youth Worker
- › Primary School Teacher
- › Social Worker
- › Special Needs Teacher
- › Paediatric Nurse
- › Childminder
- ...plus many more!

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in this subject area

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for details



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Natalie Devine

*Level 3 Diploma in Children's Care,
Learning and Development*



I have glaucoma, which affects my left eye, but I've received great support.

I decided I wanted to study something that I loved. There is a really great atmosphere in the Early Years department, and I've met so many amazing people.

I'm looking forward to what the future holds.



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CACHE Level 1 Diploma Caring for Children

Course Code
501/1015/9

Campus
Derry~Londonderry
Limavady
Strabane

Length of Study
1 Year

Additional Fees
Uniform: £30-£40

Awarding Body
Council for Awards in Care,
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Progression
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Course Overview

This qualification is an excellent introduction to a career in Early Years. Whilst learning about topics such as Play, Safeguarding Children and Craft Activities, you will also have the opportunity to develop skills needed in the workplace such as:

- IT skills
- Effective communication skills
- Creativity and imagination
- Planning and organisational skills
- Teamwork and leadership skills
- The ability to work with children in a sensitive and positive way

There are no exams in this course. The course will be assessed through the creation of a portfolio of evidence consisting of written coursework, posters, leaflets and practical tasks such as the creation of Story Boxes and sensory resources.

Weekly practical sessions will introduce you to arts and crafts, our early years specialist room and the opportunity to care for our 'Real Care Babies'. Educational outings also form part of our curriculum.

Optional Modules

Units which reflect current practice.

Entry Requirements

UK: Attempted 2 GCSEs (Grade D-G). Attendance at an information session is required.
ROI: Attempted 2 OLC's Grade O6-O8. Attendance at an information session is required.

Assessment

100% Coursework. Portfolio based qualification

Further Study

After successful completion, you may be able to move on to the Level 2 Diploma for Children's Care, Learning and Development Traineeship.

Your Future Career

Early Years settings all require appropriately qualified practitioners and therefore salary scales depend on your level of qualification.

It is important that you understand that you will have to work hard to achieve your English, Maths and ICT qualifications as well as Early Years to progress your career for example, as a nursery assistant, pre-school assistant, playgroup assistant, nanny or childcare worker.



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*NWRC Learner Satisfaction Survey, 2022



CACHE Level 2 Traineeship Children’s Care, Learning and Development

Course Code
TBC

Campus
Derry~Londonderry
Limavady
Strabane

Length of Study
1 Year

Additional Fees
Uniform: £30-£40

Awarding Body
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Progression

Course Overview

This course is designed to develop the understanding and skills relating to children’s care, learning and development.

It will provide you with the required qualification for working in a supervised role in the early years and childcare sector as a pre-school, nursery or playgroup assistant, classroom assistant or care assistant.

You will work in an Early Years’ specialist resource room which is fully equipped with play equipment to plan weekly practical activities, explore sensory resources and have opportunities to care for the ‘Real Care Babies, as well as outdoor trips and competitions.

Previous years have included working alongside Norwegian students and exploration of forest schools.

Skills that you will develop to perform well in the workplace include:

- Excellent communication skills
- The ability to work with children in a sensitive and positive way
- Creativity and imagination while creating monthly displays
- Planning and organisational skills

Core Modules

- Context, principles and values that underpins practice
- Communication and partnership working

- Safeguarding children
- Keeping children safe, healthy and well
- Support children’s personal care, and nutrition
- Support children’s development
- Support children’s play, learning and development
- Contribute to care of children with disabilities and/or special needs
- Employability /Personal Development
- Literacy and Numeracy for those who do not have an equivalent of a GCSE Grade C in English and Maths

Entry Requirements

UK: 4 GCSEs Grades D-G to include Maths and English Grade D or above;

ROI: 4 OLCs (Grade O5-O8 or above) or equivalent to include Maths and English at Grade O5 or above.

Applicants presenting with a Junior Cert or Junior Cycle qualification should have attained a majority of higher-level subjects including English and Maths.

Assessment

100% Coursework. Portfolio and competence based assessment in the workplace. Attendance at work placement is a mandatory requirement in order to achieve the qualification.

Students will be assessed through written assignments, project based practical projects and tasks, as well as workplace assessment. There are no exams to sit.

Work Placement

Work placement is a mandatory component of this course.

Enrolment on this course is subject to checks, including a satisfactory Access NI check. As placement is an integral part of your qualification, a self-declaration of current health status is implicit as part of the overall risk assessment process.

Further Study

Upon completion you may progress onto the Level 3 Diploma for Children’s Care, Learning and Development.

Your Future Career

Some students move into employment in the Early Years sector, however many Level 2 students choose to progress to a higher level course with us before progressing to become Childcare Managers, Teachers and Social Workers.

Students hoping to advance their careers at university must achieve the university admissions criteria.





CACHE Level 3 Diploma / Extended Diploma Children’s Care, Learning and Development

Course Code
501/1024/X

Campus
Derry~Londonderry
Limavady
Strabane

Length of Study
2 Years

Additional Fees
Uniform: £30-£40

Awarding Body
Council for Awards in Care,
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Progression



Course Overview
This qualification confers occupational competence for childcare, learning and development in Northern Ireland.

Students will have the option of completing the course in 1 year or 2 years. The course will prepare you for employment in the field of Early Years and Childcare, as a qualified Early Years / Foundation Stage classroom assistant and Day Care, Pre-school, Nursery, Crèche or Special Needs Assistant or childminder.

You will have access to our Early Years Specialist Resource Room which is fully equipped with indoor and outdoor play and practical resources.

You will benefit from assessed work experience in Early Years settings, Day Care Nurseries, Crèche, Primary, Nursery and Additional Needs and Irish Medium classrooms.

The skills that you will develop are:

- Excellent communication skills
- Building knowledge and skills while working with children and staff in a sensitive and positive way
- Creativity and imagination for play opportunities
- Planning and organisational skills
- IT skills

Core Modules

- Context and principles for the early years sector
- Communication and partnership working
- Safeguarding children

- Keeping children safe, healthy and well
- Support children’s personal care and nutrition
- Supporting children’s development
- Supporting children’s play opportunities and experiences of play
- Contribute to the support of children with disabilities and/or special needs
- Support the learning and development of children with health needs
- Understand the needs of children and young people who are vulnerable and experiencing poverty and disadvantage
- Enable parents to develop ways of handling relationships and behaviour that contribute to everyday life with children

Entry Requirements
UK: 4 GCSEs (Grade C or above) to include English and Maths or equivalent Essential Skills Level 2 in Communication and Numeracy; or

Level 2 Diploma for Children’s Care, Learning and Development and Essential Skills Level 2 in both Communication and Numeracy or Level 2 Diploma in Playwork and Essential Skills Level 2 in both Communication and Numeracy; or

Level 2 Diploma / Qualification from another curriculum area as well as the required English and Maths qualifications or equivalent Essential Skills Level 2 in Communication and Numeracy.

ROI: 4 OLCs (Grade O5 or above) to include English and Maths or equivalent Essential Skills Level 2 in Communication and Numeracy or Level 2 Diploma for Children’s Care, Learning and Development and Essential Skills Level 2 in both Communication and Numeracy; or

Level 2 Diploma in Playwork and Essential Skills Level 2 in both Communication and Numeracy; or

Level 2 Diploma / Qualification from another curriculum area as well as the required English and Maths qualifications or equivalent Essential Skills Level 2 in Communication and Numeracy.

Enrolment on this course is subject to checks, including a satisfactory Access NI check.

Assessment
100% Coursework. This is a competence based course requiring both completed portfolio and work placement assessment. Grading system is competent / not yet competent.

Work Placement
You will be required to undertake work placement in a variety of childcare settings for 2-3 days per week over the 2 years of the course, while working with children 0-5 years, 11 months. As placement is an integral part of your qualification, a self-declaration of current health status is implicit as part of the overall risk assessment process.

Further Study
In order to progress to Level 3 Extended Diploma in Children’s Care, Learning and Development (CCLD) students MUST have successfully achieved the Level 3 Diploma in CCLD as well as GCSE Grade C or equivalent in English, e.g. Essential Skills Level 2 or OLC Grade O5.

Please note in some universities OLC Grade O5 may not be accepted as equivalent to GCSE Grade C.

Successful completion of the Extended Diploma qualification also provides opportunities to progress into a diverse range of job roles in employment and you may be able to extend your knowledge in other areas of Early Years by progressing to university or HND in Early Childhood Education and Care or Foundation Degree in Early Childhood Studies at NWRC.

Your Future Career
Learners could progress to the following job roles:

- Early Years/Foundation Stage classroom assistant
- Childminder
- Nursery practitioner
- Pre-school worker
- Out-of-school childcare worker

With additional study you may progress into higher education or university to further your qualifications in Teaching, Infant Mental Health specialist, Social Work or Psychology.





Pearson BTEC Level 4 Higher National Certificate Early Childhood Education and Care

Course Code
603/3899/4

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
1 Year

Additional Fees
Uniform: £20 - £40

Awarding Body
Pearson BTEC

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Non-term time
Admissions Office
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Progression



Course Overview

Students will complete the Higher National Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care by completing the mandatory Level 4 units and 375 hours in three distinct placement settings.

The course is very practical and graduates have excelled at University and in Industry. You will be expected to critically analyse information and think independently. You will use the Early Years Specialist Room fully equipped with a range of play and practical resources while completing this qualification.

As placement is an integral part of your qualification a self-declaration of current health status is implicit as part of the overall risk assessment process. Enrolment on this course is subject to a satisfactory Access NI check.

Grant support may be available during your studies. Contact Student Services for more details.

- Supporting and Promoting Children's Development - Young Children
- Promoting Healthy Living
- Preparing for Research
- Promoting Inclusive Early Childhood Education

Entry Requirements

UK: 48 UCAS points and minimum of GCSE English at Grade C or equivalent. Access 40%.

Applicants must have a Level 3 Qualification, e.g. A Levels, BTEC National Diploma, CACHE Level 3 Diploma/ Extended Diploma, DCE, Level 3 in Playwork, an AVC / Advanced GNVQ in an appropriate Vocational area.

ROI: Applicants must have a Level 3 Qualification, e.g. Leaving Certificate, BTEC National Diploma, CACHE Level 3 Diploma/ Extended Diploma, DCE, Level 3 in Playwork, an AVCE/ Advanced GNVQ in an appropriate Vocational area.

Please note in some universities OLC Grade O5 may not be accepted as equivalent to GCSE Grade C.

Assessment

100% Coursework. There will be a variety of assessment methods, written assignments, presentations, practical activity and assessment on placement

Core Modules

- Professional Development Through Reflective Practice
- Protecting Children in Early Childhood Education and Care Environments
- Play and Learning in Early Childhood
- Supporting and Promoting Children's Development- Babies and Toddlers

Work Placement

The number of hours in work placement will be 375 hours in a minimum of three distinct settings covering the age groups birth to one year 11 months, two years to four years 11 months and five years to seven years 11 months.

Further Study

Students can progress to the Level 5 HND in Early Childhood Education and Care or can choose to progress to university. Past students have progressed to Speech and Language, Nursing, Teaching, Social Work, Psychology or another related profession.

Your Future Career

Potential career paths include:

- Classroom assistant
- Playgroup leader
- Crèche leader
- Childminder
- Family Support Worker
- Special Educational Needs Assistant





Pearson BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma Early Childhood Education and Care

Course Code
601/8811/X

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
1 Year (HNC)
2 Years (HND)

Additional Fees
Uniform: £20 - £40

Awarding Body
Pearson BTEC

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Non-term time
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Progression
 

Course Overview

In the first two semesters of the course (Year 1) of the course students will complete the Higher National Certificate in ECEC by completing the mandatory Level 4 units (Units 1-8) and 375 hours in three distinct placement settings. While Level 5 modules are completed in the second half of the course (Year 2) as well as a further 150 hours of placement.

The course is very practical and graduates have excelled at University and in Industry. You will be expected to critically analyse information and think independently. You will use the Early Years Specialist Room fully equipped with a range of play and practical resources while completing this qualification.

As placement is an integral part of your qualification a self-declaration of current health status is implicit as part of the overall risk assessment process. Enrolment on this course is subject to a satisfactory Access NI check.

Grant support may be available during your studies. Contact Student Services for more details.

Core Modules

- Professional Development Through Reflective Practice
- 2 Protecting Children in Early Childhood Education and Care Environments
- Play and Learning in Early Childhood

- Supporting and Promoting Children's Development- Babies and Toddlers
- Supporting and Promoting Children's Development - Young Children
- Promoting Healthy Living
- Preparing for Research
- Promoting Inclusive Early Childhood Education
- Investigating Childhood: Action Research for Early Childhood Practitioners (Pearson-set Project)
- Improving Quality in Early Childhood Education and Care Environments
- Innovative Approaches to Children's Play and Learning in Practice

Optional Modules

- Current and Emerging Pedagogies in Early Childhood Education and Care
- Trauma in Childhood: Addressing the Impact of Adverse Experiences on Child Health and Wellbeing
- Outdoor Play and Learning

Entry Requirements

UK: 48 UCAS points and minimum of GCSE English at Grade C or equivalent. Access 40%.

Applicants must have a Level 3 Qualification, e.g. A Levels, BTEC National Diploma, CACHE Level 3 Diploma/ Extended Diploma, DCE, Level 3 in Playwork, an AVCE/ Advanced GNVQ in an appropriate Vocational area.

ROI: 48 UCAS points and minimum of OLC English at grade O5. Access 40%.

Applicants must have a Level 3 Qualification, e.g. Leaving Certificate, BTEC National Diploma, CACHE Level 3 Diploma/ Extended Diploma, DCE, Level 3 in Playwork, an AVCE / Advanced GNVQ in an appropriate Vocational area.

Please note in some universities OLC Grade O5 may not be accepted as equivalent to GCSE Grade C.

Assessment
100% Coursework.

There will be a variety of assessment methods, written assignments, presentations, practical activity and assessment on placement.

Work Placement

The number of hours in work placement will be 525 hours in a minimum of three distinct settings covering the age groups birth to one year 11 months, two years to four years 11 months and five years to seven years 11 months.

375 placement hours should be completed in Year 1 of the full-time programme.

Further Study

You can progress into employment or to university - Teacher Training qualification, an (Hons) Degree in Early Childhood Studies, Psychology, Nursing, Paediatrics, Social Work, Youth Work or another related profession.

We work closely with our partners in universities to develop opportunities for our students to continue their studies at degree level.

In addition our students are well sought after in the local area for jobs as classroom assistants and early years practitioners.

Your Future Career

Potential career paths include:

- Teacher Training
- Classroom assistant
- Playgroup leader
- Crèche leader
- Childminder



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QUB Level 5 Foundation Degree Early Childhood Studies

(Stranmillis University College)

Course Code
N/A

Campus
Derry~Londonderry



Length of Study
2 Years (Full-Time)
3 Years (Part-Time)

Additional Fees
Uniform: £20-£40

Awarding Body
Queen University Belfast (QUB)

Course Contact
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Non-term time
Admissions Office
(028) 7127 6000

Progression
 



Course Overview
This course will provide you with an opportunity to develop a thorough knowledge and understanding of early years and related issues, enabling you to become a confident and competent, well qualified Early Years Practitioner. It will also give you a nationally recognised qualification and evidence of your ability to work in the Early Years sector.

You will study a range of modules linked to curriculum, Psychology and child Development. Application is made through UCAS. Full time will be run over 2 years, part time will be run over 2.5 years to 3 years.

Tuition fees are £3,167 per annum for this course (subject to change).

- Core Modules**
- Professional Practice
 - Child Development
 - Shared Perspectives
 - Acquisition of Language
 - Managing Behaviour
 - Anti-Discriminatory Practice

Entry Requirements
Applicants must apply through UCAS directly. UCAS course code: LX53
FdAVECS Campus code: 7- North West Regional College.

Enrolment on this course is subject to a satisfactory Access NI check.

UK: 72 UCAS points plus GCSE (Grade C or above) in English and Maths – Essential Skills Level 2 in Communications will be accepted as an alternative to GCSE English.

ROI: 72 UCAS points plus OLC (Grade 04 or above) in English and Maths – Essential Skills Level 2 in Communications will be accepted as an alternative to OLC English.

Assessment
80% Coursework, 20% Exam.
There will be a variety of assessment methods, written assignments, case studies, presentations, practical activity and placement assessments.

Work Placement
As work placement is an integral part of your qualification a declaration of current health status is implicit as part of the overall risk assessment process.

Further Study
Successful completion of the Foundation Degree at a required level will allow you to progress to Year 2 of the BA (Hons) Early Childhood Studies. You can also study towards a Teacher Training qualification, a (Hons) Degree in Early Childhood Studies, Psychology, Nursing, Paediatrics, Social Work, Youth Work or another related profession.

Your Future Career
You can progress into employment within the field of Psychology, Nursing, Paediatrics, Social Work, Youth Work or another related profession.





BSc (Hons) Level 6
Early Childhood Studies
(in partnership with Atlantic Technological University [ATU])

Course Code
N/A

Campus
Derry~Londonderry
and ATU

Length of Study
2 Years

Awarding Body
Atlantic Technological University
(ATU)

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Non-term time
Admissions Office
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Progression



Course Overview
We work in partnership with Atlantic Technological University to deliver the BSc (Hons) Early Childhood, Care, Health and Education Top Up for those who already hold a Level 5 qualification in Early Years. Entry onto the degree programme will be at Year 3 of the four-year programme. Students will develop the skills necessary to assimilate an understanding of the complex and diverse nature of the subject, as well as more general skills which will be widely transferable.

Students will become familiar with the Republic of Ireland curriculum developments and implement Aistear: the Early Childhood Curriculum Framework and Siolta, the National Quality Framework for Early Childhood in their placement, which can be in either Northern Ireland or the Republic of Ireland.

- Core Modules**
- Child and Family Support
 - Research
 - Research and Evidence Based Practice
 - Comparative Education
 - Communications in the Early Years
 - Professional Practice
 - Developmental Psychology
 - Leadership & Management
 - Children with Additional Needs
 - Effective Infant Education
 - Outdoor Play

Entry Requirements
UK: Students must have a UK Level 5 Childcare qualification;
ROI: Students must have an ROI Level 6 Childcare qualification;

The selection process is implemented by ATU. Students must complete the ATU Advanced Entry application form. To download visit: www.atu.ie

Access NI check, Health Declaration and attendance at an information session required for all applicants.

Accreditation of Prior Learning (APEL) may also be considered for entry onto this course. See page 34 for details.

Assessment
50% Coursework, 50% Exam. There will be a variety of assessment methods, written assignments, presentations, practical activity, assessment on placement

Work Placement
Learn from experience through supervised practice with opportunities for observation and engagement in needs assessment, early childhood curriculum planning and implementation. As placement is an integral part of your qualification a self-declaration of current health status is implicit as part of the overall risk assessment process.

Further Study
Post Graduate Certificate of Education (PGCE), Nursing, Social Work Educational Psychology, Masters in Early Years.

Your Future Career
Previous students have set up their own crèche / day care business or worked in the field of Early Years as a Special Needs Assistant, Nursery Assistant, Classroom Assistant or Childminder.



Engineering



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Career Paths

- › Manufacturing Engineer
 - › Mechanical Engineer
 - › Aeronautical Engineer
 - › Electrical & Electronic Engineer
 - › Robotics Engineer
 - › Telecoms Engineer
 - › Materials Design Engineer
 - › Product Design Engineer
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Matthew England
Foundation Degree in Mechanical Engineering

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I plan to pursue my studies further at university and move to Australia to achieve my dream of becoming a Mechanical Design Engineer.

I would 100% recommend my course. It has taught me what I need to know to succeed.

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Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma Engineering

Course Code
601/7588/6

Campus
Derry~Londonderry
Greystone (Limavady)

Length of Study
2 Years

Awarding Body
Pearson BTEC

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Progression



Course Overview

Studying Engineering will provide you with the opportunity to gain well-paid, prestigious employment, equipped with skills recognised around the world. Engineering is recognised as critical for the development of a knowledge economy.

Equivalent in size to 3 A-Levels. 15 modules including External assessment. This qualification has been designed as a two-year, full-time course that meets entry requirements in its own right for learners wanting to progress to employment in engineering.

The qualification specialises in design and manufacturing engineering and learners will gain relevant skills and knowledge from studying a range of content focused on the design and manufacturing of electrical/electronic and mechanical systems.

Learners will also benefit from close collaboration with the Product Design Centre in Greystone campus which is a state-of-the-art facility, equipped with the latest additive and subtractive technology, as well as an electronics laboratory.

Progression could be either directly to employment in Level 3 job roles, higher apprenticeship programmes or other appropriate higher education courses in engineering.

Core Modules

- Engineering Principles
- Delivery of Engineering Processes Safely as a Team
- Engineering Product Design and Manufacture
- Applied Commercial and Quality Principles in Engineering
- A Specialist Engineering Project
- Microcontroller Systems for Engineers
- Calculus to Solve Engineering Problems

Optional Modules

- Programmable Logic Controllers
- Principles and Applications of Fluid Mechanics
- Further Engineering Mathematics
- Computer Aided Design in Engineering
- Pneumatic and Hydraulic Systems
- Electronic Devices and Circuits
- Analogue Electronic Circuits
- Electronic Printed Circuit Board Design and Manufacture
- Mechanical Behaviour of Metallic Materials
- Static Mechanical Principles in Practice
- Dynamic Mechanical Principles in Practice

Entry Requirements

UK: Level 2 Diploma in Engineering OR 4 GCSEs (Grade C or above) to include Maths.

ROI: Level 2 Diploma in Engineering, OR 4 OLCs (Grade O5 or above) to include Maths OR Leaving Cert Applied – Merit.

Assessment

67% Coursework; 33% Exam. Assessment is specifically designed to fit the purpose and objective of the qualification. It includes a range of assessment types and styles suited to vocational qualifications in the sector. The main forms of assessment are: external and internal.

Externally-assessed units: Each external assessment is linked to a specific unit. Each assessment is taken under specified conditions, then marked by Pearson and a grade awarded. Learners are permitted to resit external assessments during their programme.

Internally-assessed units: Most units are internally assessed and subject to external standards verification. This ensures that learners are assessed using a variety of styles to help them develop a broad range of transferable skills.

Learners could be given the opportunity to:

- Write up the findings of their own research
- Use case studies to explore complex or unfamiliar situations
- Carry out projects for which they have choice over the direction and outcomes
- Demonstrate practical / technical skills using appropriate processes, devices, components, equipment, materials and consumables.

Work Placement

In previous years students were offered work placement during the summer weeks through a Sentinus programme. This was not an essential part of the Level 3 course, but only for student benefit.

Further Study This course will prepare you for entry into the Engineering industry as engineering technicians, or for entry into Higher Education to undertake Degree level studies.

Areas of higher study may include:

- Mechanical Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Chemical Engineering
- Automotive Engineering
- Aeronautical Engineering
- Marine Engineering
- Electronics and Computing
- Agricultural Engineering

These courses are available at various Universities including Queen's University Belfast, Ulster University, and at Liverpool, Glasgow and Edinburgh.

Another popular route includes Foundation Degree programmes with NWRC which allows access to the above courses at university (Year 2 entry).

Your Future Career

This qualification has been designed as a two-year, full-time course that meets entry requirements in its own right for learners wanting to progress to employment in engineering.

Learners gain relevant skills and knowledge from studying a range of content focused on electrical/ electronic and mechanical disciplines, for example electrical machines and maintenance of mechanical systems.

Progression could be either directly to employment in Level 3 job roles or via higher apprenticeship programmes.



Ulster University Level 5 Foundation Degree (FdEng)

Mechanical Engineering

Course Code
N/A

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
2 Years (Full-Time)
3 Years (Part-Time)

Awarding Body
Ulster University

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Non-term time
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Progression
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Course Overview

This course is a combination of mechanical engineering principles and design, manufacturing processes and systems. The course allows for a wide range of practical activities and opportunities for team working, data analysis and problem solving, incorporating various computer-based IT engineering applications.

Students have access to industry standard design software packages including Solid Works, AutoCAD, Cosmos FEA, and are encouraged to develop their IT skills using software such as Microsoft Office.

The course offers the opportunity to prepare for a range of technical and management careers in mechanical engineering and manufacture engineering.

Core Modules

- Mathematics for Engineering
- Mechanical Science
- Business Management and Improvement Techniques
- Parametric CAD with Engineering Design
- Strength of Materials
- Work Based Learning
- Graphical Communication & CAD
- Engineering Materials
- Electrical and Electronic Principles
- Engineering Mechanics
- Heat Transfer

Entry Requirements

UK: 64 UCAS points (Full-Time) or 56 UCAS points (Part-time).

Applicants must have Level 3 passes in at least one of Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Engineering, Science or Technology (or equivalent), and a minimum Grade C/4 in GCSE Mathematics and English (or University-approved equivalent).

Relevant Access Course with an overall mark of at least 45%, including passes in Mathematics and a Science subject.

ROI: 64 UCAS points (Full-Time) or 56 UCAS points (Part-time).

Applicants must have at least one of Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Engineering, Science or Technology at H5 Higher Level and 4 OLCs (Grade 04 or above) Maths and English at Grade H6 or above (Higher Level) or Grade 04 or above (Ordinary Level) if not sitting at Higher Level is also required.

Relevant Access Course with an overall mark of at least 45%, including passes in Mathematics and a Science subject.

As with all Higher Engineering courses, students require a good standard of mathematics and applied mathematics. Certain BTEC Level 3 Maths units (as instructed on an annual basis from the Faculty) may be acceptable in lieu of GCSE / OLC Maths. Level 2 Essential Skills in Communication is acceptable in lieu of GCSE and OLC English.

Assessment

73% Coursework; 27% Exam.

CAD modules, Work Based Learning and Business Management Improvement Techniques are 100% coursework, which includes presentations, written assignments, experimental analysis, engineering design and drawing, etc. All other modules are a combination of coursework and exam.

The Work Based Learning module requires students to arrange 400 hours of placement within an engineering environment. This occurs during Year 2.

Further Study

Completion of the Foundation Degree can lead to direct entry to second year of a Honours Degree at university (depending on your overall mark).

Your Future Career

Whether you want to specialise in mechanical, manufacturing, production, aeronautical, energy supply, renewables, communications or maintenance engineering, there is a wide range of engineering opportunities available in Ireland, the UK and abroad.



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Hairdressing & Beauty Therapy



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Career Paths

- › Salon Manager
 - › Hairdresser
 - › Barber
 - › Nail Technician
 - › Spa / Massage Therapist
 - › Make-Up Artist
 - › Beautician
 - › Colourist
- ...plus many more!*



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I decided to leave my university course and study Beauty at NWRC. It was the best decision I ever made.

I competed at the WorldSkills National Finals in Manchester and I'm officially one of the top beauty students in the UK. I'm now studying towards my HND in Hair and Beauty Management.

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Niamh Bratton
HND in Hair and Beauty Management



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City & Guilds Level 1 Certificate Hairdressing

Course Code
600/2752/6

Campus
Derry~Londonderry
Limavady
Strabane

Length of Study
1 Year

Additional Fees:
Uniform: £20
Kits: £100

Awarding Body
City & Guilds

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Progression



Course Overview
Are you interested in developing your skills to become a stylist or make-up artist of the future? Have you got the creative flair and do you want to learn all the tricks of the trade?

If YES, this course will provide you with the skills and knowledge necessary to decide which if you would like to become a hairdresser or beauty therapist.

This course will help you explore and develop the skills needed to turn your interests into a career. Determination and commitment are necessary attributes to be successful in this course. This course comprises of practical training and assessments carried out in our industry standard salons where you are taught by industry professionals.

Grant support may be available for uniform and kit. Contact Student Services for more details.

Core Modules

- Unit 003: Shampoo and Condition
- Unit 101: Introduction to the Hair and Beauty Sector
- Unit 102: Presenting a Professional Image in a Salon
- Unit 103: Follow Health and Safety
- Unit 105: Plaiting and Twisting
- Unit 106: Basic Make-Up Application
- Unit 107: Basic Manicure Treatments
- Unit 108: Basic Pedicure Treatments
- Unit 112: Create a Hair and Beauty Image
- Unit 113: Salon Reception
- Unit 115: Working with others
- Unit 215: Art of Dressing Hair
- Unit 217: Art of Colouring Hair

Entry Requirements
No entry requirement.

Assessment
100% Coursework

Further Study
Successfully completing Level 1 Hair and Beauty will allow you to progress to a Level 2 Traineeship in either Hair or Beauty Therapy and then further progression in one of our Level 3 courses.

Your Future Career
With experience, hairdressers and beauty therapists can command high salaries and are always in demand!

Salary depends on experience and expertise. You can own your own business or progress into teaching.





City & Guilds Level 1 Diploma Combined Hair and Beauty Therapy

Course Code
600/2752/6

Campus
Derry~Londonderry
Limavady
Strabane

Length of Study
1 Year

Additional Fees:
Uniform: £20
Kits: £100

Awarding Body
City & Guilds

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Non-term time
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Progression

Course Overview
The course will provide you with the basic skills and knowledge in order to progress to Level 2 Traineeship in Hairdressing. If you are artistic and have a natural flair for hair, and plenty of energy and stamina this course will help you explore the skills needed to progress through to Level 2.

Skills you require:

- Creative Skills
- Design Skills
- Customer Care
- Personal presentation
- Good communication skills
- Organisational and time-keeping skills

During your course you may have an opportunity to assist and participate in our competition which are judged by leading hairdressers.

You may be entitled to financial support for your uniform and kit. Contact Student Services for more information.

Core Modules

- Unit 101: Introduction to Hair and Beauty sector
- Unit 102: Presenting a Professional Image in a Salon
- Unit 113: Follow Health and Safety in the Salon
- Unit 115: Working with others in the Hair and Beauty Sector

Optional Modules

- Unit 003: Shampooing and Conditioning
- Unit 105: Plaiting and Twisting Hair
- Unit 112 Creating a Hair and Beauty Image
- Unit 215 The Art of Dressing Hair
- Unit 217 The Art of Colouring

Entry Requirements
No entry requirement.

Assessment
50% Coursework, 50% Exam

The emphasis is on 'learning by doing'. For this reason, candidates are required to complete a number of tasks and/or tests to show their attainment of practical skills and underpinning knowledge.

Further Study
Students will have a range of skills and experience leading to progress to Level 2.

Your Future Career
If you progress to level 2 and 3 in Hairdressing the career opportunities within this hairdressing industry can lead to jobs in top class salons, cruise liners, working abroad or teaching.



OCN NI Level 2 Traineeship Hairdressing

Course Code
TBC

Campus
Derry~Londonderry
Limavady
Strabane

Length of Study
1 Year

Additional Fees:
Uniform: £30
Kits: £70

Awarding Body
Open College Network (OCN)

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Non-term time
Admissions Office
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Progression

Course Overview
This course is designed for those wishing to have a fulfilling career in this fast paced and continuously evolving world-wide industry.

To become a successful Beauty Therapist you will need to have excellent people skills and love all things make-up and beauty!

You are taught in salons by professionals who have worked in industry or owned their own salons. Practical training and assessments are carried out on clients in a realistic working environment.

Students who choose to study on this popular course benefit greatly from our industry standard facilities, including the commercial salon, which is open to the public.

Our students have the opportunity to compete in Regional and UK competitions.

Grant support may also be available - Contact Student Services for more information.

Core Modules

- Shampoo and Conditioning
- Health, Safety and Science
- Colouring Hair
- Cutting Hair
- Styling, Dressing and Finishing Hair
- Practical Hairdressing Project

Entry Requirements
UK: 4 GCSEs Grades D-G to include Maths and English Grade D.

ROI: 4 OLCs Grades O5-O8 to include Maths and English Grade O5. Applicants presenting with a Junior Cert or Junior Cycle qualification should have attained a majority of higher-level subjects including English and Maths

Assessment
50% Coursework, 50% Exam.

The emphasis is on 'learning by doing'. For this reason, candidates are required to complete a number of tasks and/or tests to show their attainment of practical skills and underpinning knowledge.

The assessments for the qualification require the candidates to undertake practical tasks and online exams.

Work Placement
Salon experience is embedded into the programme.

Further Study
Students will have a broad range of skills and experience leading to progress to higher levels

Your Future Career
Career opportunities for former successful students include positions within top class salons, television, working abroad, on cruise liners, in demonstration work or teaching.





City & Guilds Level 2 Traineeship Barbering

Course Code
601/5699/5

Campus
Derry~Londonderry
Limavady
Strabane

Length of Study
1 Year

Additional Fees:
Uniform: £30
Kits: £170

Awarding Body
City & Guilds

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Non-term time
Admissions Office
(028) 7127 6000

Progression
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Course Overview

This course will provide you with the skills and knowledge necessary to become a competent and professional barber, working efficiently and effectively to a national standard. If you are artistic, creative and have a natural flair for male grooming and styling hair, this course will help you explore the skills needed to turn your interests into a career.

You will also need plenty of energy and stamina to succeed in this customer focused industry.

The NWRC Barbering facilities offer Salon Services to the public so training is reflective of industry standards.

Skills you will acquire:

- The creativity to design and interpret hairstyles
- Excellent customer service and communication skills
- Organisational & time-keeping skills

During your course you will have the opportunity to participate in an annual competitions, judged by leading barbers, hairdressers and beauty therapists. Our students also have the opportunity to compete in Regional and UK Competitions.

Grant support for uniform and kit may be available. Contact Student Services for more details.

Core Modules

- Advise and Consult with Clients
- Shampoo, Condition and Treat Hair
- Develop and Maintain your Effectiveness at Work
- Cut Men's Hair
- Cut Facial Hair Using Basic Techniques
- Dry and Finish Men's Hair
- Create Basic Outlines and Detailing in Hair
- Perm and Neutralise Hair
- Colour and Lighten Hair

Entry Requirements

UK: 4 GCSEs Grades D-G to include Maths and English Grade D or above.

ROI: 4 OLCs (Grade O5-O8 or above) or equivalent to include Maths and English at Grade O5 or above.

Applicants presenting with a Junior Cert or Junior Cycle qualification should have attained a majority of higher-level subjects including English and Maths.

Assessment

80% Coursework,20% Exam

The emphasis is on 'learning by doing'. For this reason, candidates are required to complete a number of tasks and/or tests to show their attainment of practical skills and underpinning knowledge.

Assessments for the qualification require the candidates to undertake practical tasks and online exams.

Work Placement

You will be placed in a Barbers 1 day per week to gain valuable experience in the Barbering environment.

As placement is an integral part of your qualification a self-declaration of current health status is implicit as part of the overall risk assessment process.

Further Study

Candidates showing flair and expertise at Level 2 are expected to progress onto the Level 3 Diploma programme.

Your Future Career

Career opportunities for successful students include positions within top class salons, television, working abroad, on cruise liners, in demonstration work or teaching.





City & Guilds Level 2 Diploma Beauty Therapy

Course Code
500/9076/8

Campus
Derry~Londonderry
Limavady
Strabane

Length of Study
1 Year

Additional Fees:
Uniform: £30
Beauty Kit: £70

Awarding Body
City & Guilds

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Progression



Course Overview

This course is designed for those wishing to have a fulfilling career in this fast paced and continuously evolving world-wide industry.

To become a successful Beauty Therapist you will need to have excellent people skills and love all things make-up and beauty.

You are taught in salons by professionals who have worked in industry or owned their own salons. Practical training and assessments are carried out on clients in a realistic working environment.

Students who choose to study on this popular course benefit greatly from our industry standard facilities, including the commercial salon, which is open to the public. Our students also have the opportunity to compete in Regional and UK competitions.

Grant support for uniform and kit may be available. Contact Student Services for more details.

Core Modules

- Working in the Beauty-related Industries
- Follow Health and Safety Practice in the Salon
- Client Care and Communication in Beauty-related Industries
- Provide Facial Skincare
- Promote Products and Services to Clients in a Salon
- Remove Hair Using Waxing Techniques
- Provide Manicure Treatments
- Provide Pedicure Treatments
- Apply Make-up

- Provide Eyelash and Eyebrow Treatments
- Create an Image-Based on a Theme Within the Hair and Beauty Sector

Entry Requirements

UK: 4 GCSEs Grades D-G to include Maths and English Grade D or above.

ROI: 4 OLCs Grade O5-O8 or above (or equivalent) to include Maths and English at Grade O5 or above.

Applicants with a Junior Cert or Junior Cycle qualification should have attained a majority of higher-level subjects including English and Maths.

If you do not hold a pass in Maths and English then you will complete Essential skills Numeracy and Communication alongside your vocational course.

You should also have determination, a love of the subject, commitment to your studies and a good work ethic. All qualities that you will need to succeed!

Assessment

80% Coursework, 20% Exam.

The emphasis is on 'learning by doing'. For this reason, candidates are required to complete a number of tasks and/or tests to show their attainment of practical skills and underpinning knowledge.

The assessments for the qualification require the candidates to undertake: practical tasks, and online exams.

Work Placement

Work placement is within the college salons.

Further Study

If you can demonstrate flair and expertise on this course, you should expect to progress onto our Level 3 Diploma programme

Your Future Career

Career opportunities for successful students, include positions within Beauticians, Health Spas, on Cruise Liners and or as Cosmetic Demonstrators as Salon Technicians.

Many of our students go on to have successful careers and some start up their own business.

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City & Guilds Level 3 Diploma Barbering

Course Code
601/5698/3

Campus
Derry~Londonderry
Limavady
Strabane

Length of Study
1 Year

Additional Fees:
Uniform and Kit required. You should have this from Level 2.

Awarding Body
City & Guilds

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Progression



Course Overview
This course is open to students who have successfully completed their Level 2 in Barbering. It will provide you with the advanced skills and knowledge necessary to become a competent and professional barber, designing new looks, following fashion trends whilst having the confidence to embrace new innovative ideas.

Barbering is a dynamic industry and you will require commitment to be successful in this evolving and fast-paced industry. Being a Barber requires you to make successful connections with your clients and therefore listening and communication skills are very important.

The NWRC Barbering facilities offer Services to the public so training is reflective of industry standards. During your course you will have the opportunity to participate in annual competitions, judged by leading barbers. Our students also have the opportunity to compete in Regional and UK Competitions.

Grant support for uniform and kit may be available.

- Core Modules**
- Provide Client Consultation
 - Colour and Lighten Men's Hair
 - Creatively Cut Hair Using a Combination of Barbering Techniques
 - Design and Create a Range of Facial Hair Shapes
 - Design and Create Patterns in Hair
 - Perming and Neutralising Hair
 - Provide Facial Shaving

Entry Requirements
Applicants should have a Level 2 Diploma in Barbering.

- Additional skills also required:
- Determination, a love of the subject, commitment to your studies and a good work ethic
 - Creativity to design and interpret hairstyles
 - Excellent customer service and communication skills
 - Organisational and time-keeping

Assessment
80% Practical, 20% Exam.

The emphasis is on 'learning by doing'. For this reason, candidates are required to complete a number of tasks and/or tests to show their attainment of practical skills and underpinning knowledge.

The assessments for the qualification require the candidates to undertake practical tasks and online exams.

Work Placement
One day per week in a Barber shop.

Further Study
You may progress to Level 5 OCN/NI in Hair and Beauty Management

Your Future Career
The course offers the opportunity to progress to supervisory and management positions, courses of higher education and careers in teaching and training.





City & Guilds Level 3 Diploma Beauty Therapy

Course Code
601/0560/4

Campus
Limavady
Strabane

Length of Study
1 Year

Additional Fees:
Uniform: £30
Kits: £30

Awarding Body
City & Guilds

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Progression

Course Overview

This course provides you with the necessary knowledge and skills required to achieve the standards for Level 3 accreditation as set out by the Beauty Industry Authority.

Beauty Therapy is a highly skilled profession with numerous career opportunities. It is a dynamic industry involving hard work, which provides satisfying and rewarding outcomes. We strive to include new techniques and developments which ensure that you are well prepared to provide clients with the best in modern treatments.

Past students have benefited greatly from our industry standard facilities, including the commercial salon, which is open to the public. Our students also have the opportunity to compete in Regional and UK competitions.

Core Modules

- Monitor and Maintain Health and Safety Practice in the Salon
- Client Care and Communication in Beauty-Related Industries
- Promote and Sell Products and Services to Clients
- Provide Facial Electrotherapy Treatments
- Provide Massage Using Pre-Blended Aromatherapy Oils
- Provide Indian Head Massage
- Provide Self-tanning
- Apply Individual Permanent Lashes
- Apply Micro-Dermabrasion
- Apply Stone Therapy Massage
- Provide Body Massage

Entry Requirements

Level 2 Beauty Therapy; OR Level 2 Combined Hair and Beauty.

Assessment

80% Practical, 20% Exam.

The emphasis is on 'learning by doing'. For this reason, candidates are required to complete a number of tasks and/or tests to show their attainment of practical skills and underpinning knowledge.

The assessments for the qualification require the candidates to undertake practical tasks and online exams

Work Placement

You will spend at least 1 day per week on placement in local beauty salons to gain vital client and industry experience. As placement is an integral part of your qualification a self-declaration of current health status is implicit as part of the overall risk assessment process.

Further Study

Successful students may choose to enhance their career opportunities by undertaking a range of Level 4/5 specialist units or OCN/NI in Hair and Beauty Management.

Your Future Career

There are many exciting opportunities open to the qualified therapist, such as Salon Ownership, Beauty Therapists, working aboard Cruise Ships and in prestigious Health Spas or opening your own business.



City & Guilds Level 3 Diploma Beauty Therapy (Body and Spa)

Course Code
500/8954/7

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
1 Year

Additional Fees:
Uniform: £30
Kits: £30

Awarding Body
City & Guilds

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Progression

Course Overview

Spas are considered 'the luxury' beauty market. They are defined as establishments that promote wellness through the provision of therapeutic and other professional services aimed at renewing the body, mind, and spirit and are a key component of the wellness industry.

Massage is known as the oldest healthcare treatment and there are more than 80 different types of massage. The popularity of Spa Training continues to grow with our past students working in industry across the world.

This course provides you with the necessary knowledge and skills required to achieve the standards for Level 3 accreditation as set out by the Beauty Industry Authority. NWRC has its own purpose built Spa area which supports specialist training. Beauty Therapy is a dynamic industry involving hard work, which provides satisfying and rewarding outcomes.

Past students have benefited greatly from our industry standard facilities, including the commercial salon, which is open to the public.

Core Modules

- Health and Safety
- Client Care
- Promote Products / Services
- Body Massage
- Pre-blended Aroma Massage
- Monitor Maintain Spa
- Provide Spa Treatments
- Provide Indian Head Massage
- Health and Wellbeing
- Working in the Beauty Industry

Optional Modules

As required by industry.

Entry Requirements

Level 2 Beauty Therapy; OR Level 2 Hair & Beauty Combined.

Assessment

80% Practical, 20% Exam.

The emphasis is on 'learning by doing'. For this reason, candidates are required to complete a number of tasks and/or tests to show their attainment of practical skills and underpinning knowledge.

The summative assessments for the qualification require the candidates to undertake practical tasks and online exams.

Work Placement

You will spend at least one day per week on placement in local beauty salons to gain experience of Spa.

Further Study

Successful students may choose to enhance their career opportunities by undertaking the OCN/NI in Hair & Beauty Management or other specialty Part-Time courses to improve their income potential.

Your Future Career

There are many exciting opportunities open to the qualified therapist, such as Salon Owners, Beauty Therapists, and Cruise Ships and Health Spas.





City & Guilds Level 3 Diploma Hairdressing

Course Code
601/5697/1

Campus
Derry~Londonderry
Limavady
Strabane

Length of Study
1 Year

Additional Fees:
Uniform: £30
Kits: £170

Awarding Body
City & Guilds

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Course Overview
Hairdressing has become a dynamic industry where flair and creativity are required alongside practical and technical skills. To succeed you need to be highly trained and possess an artistic passion for designing new looks, following fashion trends and have confidence in new ideas.

Our staff will provide the necessary knowledge and skills required to achieve the standards for Level 3 accreditation as set out by the Hairdressing Industry Authority.

During your course you will have the opportunity to participate in an annual Hairdressing and Beauty Showcase, a day of competition, judged by leading hairdressers and beauty therapists. Our students also have the opportunity to compete in Regional and UK Competitions.

You may be entitled to financial support for your uniform and kit. Contact Student Services for more information.

Core Modules

- Creatively style and dress hair
- Creatively cut hair using a combination of techniques
- Creatively colour and lighten hair
- Provide client consultation services
- Contribute to the financial effectiveness of the business
- Hair colour correction services
- Develop, enhance and evaluate your creative hairdressing skills

Entry Requirements
Level 2 Hairdressing; OR Level 2 Combined Hair and Beauty;

Additional skills you require:

- Determination, a love of the subject, commitment to your studies and a good work ethic
- Creativity to design and interpret hairstyles
- Excellent customer service and communication skills
- Organisational & time-keeping skills

Assessment
80% Practical, 20% Exam.

The emphasis is on 'learning by doing'. For this reason, candidates are required to complete a number of tasks and/or tests to show their attainment of practical skills and underpinning knowledge.

Candidates are required to undertake practical tasks and online exams.

Work Placement
You will be placed in a Hairdressing Salon one day per week to gain valuable experience in the working environment. As placement is an integral part of your qualification a self-declaration of current health status is implicit as part of the overall risk assessment process.

Further Study
Successful students may choose to enhance their career opportunities by undertaking the OCN/NI in Hair and Beauty Management

Your Future Career
The course offers the opportunity to progress to supervisory and management positions and careers in teaching and training.



Hospitality & Tourism



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Career Paths

- › Chef
- › Restaurant Manager
- › Barista
- › Patisserie Chef
- › Hotel Manager
- › Tour Guide
- › Events Manager
- › Airline Cabin Crew

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Daria Hrywniak
*Foundation Degree in Hospitality
and Tourism Management*



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industry
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abroad.

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work placements in Belgium
and Fuerteventura with the
Erasmus+ programme.

I was so grateful for the opportunity as
it allowed me to gain valuable industry
knowledge and experience. I've currently
been offered a 6-month position in Turkey
as a Holiday Rep with TUI.

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out why **Daria**
loves NWRC





City & Guilds Level 1 Certificate Hospitality Services

Course Code
501/0003/8

Campus
Derry~Londonderry
Limavady

Length of Study
1 Year

Additional Fees
Uniforms: £100-£150

Awarding Body
City & Guilds

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Progression
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Course Overview

The Hospitality industry is a large and diverse employer, and the sector is growing within Northern Ireland with more people travelling and eating out.

This provides many opportunities for a dynamic, and fulfilling career. Hospitality at level 1 is the beginning of this journey giving you the insight, skills and knowledge to develop in this career path.

The qualification is a well-structured learning programme delivered in modern facilities with a dedicated teaching team. This course will introduce you to basic cookery and help develop good work and organisational practices. It is suitable for those who need to gain more confidence in their abilities to prepare and cook food and will help them to develop a professional work aptitude.

You will work in the College's well equipped kitchens and the College Brasserie/Restaurant.

Your study includes NVQ Level 1 Certificate in Hospitality Services and Essential Skills in Communication and Numeracy at the appropriate level.

Core Modules

Will be discussed during meeting with course tutor.

Entry Requirements

Learners do not require any prior qualifications or experience to take this qualification.

Assessment

80% Coursework, 20% Exam.

All practical coursework and assessments will be completed in the College kitchens and restaurants. All UPK exams will be under test conditions in the classroom.

Further Study

Students may progress to Level 2 Professional Chef.

Your Future Career

With this qualification you can move directly into employment or to an Apprenticeship training programme.





City & Guilds Level 2 Apprenticeship NI Professional Chef



Course Code
500/9979/6

Campus
Derry~Londonderry
Limavady

Length of Study
2 Years

Additional Fees
Uniform: £100-£150
(Cost subject to change)

Awarding Body
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Progression
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Course Overview
This programme is an internationally recognised qualification designed to enable students to gain professional culinary skills.

You will train in the production of food to a high standard in modern kitchens and restaurant facilities. This is a dynamic programme which involves both food preparation and cookery elements, where you will prepare and cook a range of foods using a variety of cooking methods.

Essential Skills in Numeracy and Literacy are also included if equivalents not already achieved.

As an apprentice you are employed in the industry and typically work for an employer three to four days a week. One or two days a week will be spent at college studying your competency and knowledge based qualifications.

Core Modules
Will be discussed at interview.

Entry Requirements
UK: Students preferably should have GCSE English and Maths (Grade D). Those who do not have GCSE or Level 1 Essential Skills in Numeracy, Literacy and ICT (or equivalent) must attend additional classes in these subjects in college.

ROI: Students preferably should have OLC Maths and English (Grade O6 or above). Students who do not have the above or Level 1 Essential Skills in Numeracy, Literacy and ICT (or equivalent) must attend additional classes in these subjects in college.

Leaving Certificate - Applied Merit.

Apprenticeships NI Level 2 is open to employees aged 16+ or those about to take up permanent paid employment with a Northern Ireland based company and be contracted to work a minimum of 21 hours per week (including day release attendance at college).

Assessment
80% Coursework, 20% Exam.
Coursework will be made up of both practical assessments and underpinning knowledge tests.

Work Placement
You will typically work for you employer 3 to 4 days per week or at least 21 hours per week.

Further Study
Progression to Level 3 Professional Chefs apprenticeship.

Your Future Career
The skills acquired on the course will enable you to progress with your current employer or gain further employment within the hospitality industry.





FDQ Level 2 Traineeship Professional Chef

Course Code
500/9979/6

Campus
Derry~Londonderry
Limavady

Length of Study
2 Years

Additional Fees
Uniform: £100-£150
(Cost subject to change)

Awarding Body
FDQ

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Progression
H £ U

Course Overview
The course has been designed to challenge budding chefs in the next step of their academic career path. This programme is an internationally recognised qualification designed to enable students to gain professional culinary skills.

You will train in the production and service of food to a high standard in our modern kitchens and restaurant facilities.

This is a dynamic programme which involves both food preparation and cookery elements, where you will prepare & cook a range of foods using a variety of cooking methods.

Essential Skills in Numeracy and Literacy are also taught at Level 2 as a fundamental part of Recipe and menu engineering for the hospitality industry.

This course will provide you with a qualification and experience in a range of skills to prepare you for work in professional kitchens. The course covers a full range of basic skills needed to work in the industry.

Core Modules
Will be discussed at information session.

Entry Requirements
UK: NVQ Level 1 qualification AND 4 GCSEs Grades D-G to include Maths and English Grade E or equivalent.

ROI: NVQ Level 1 qualification AND 4 OLCs Grades O5-O8 to include Maths and English Grade O6 or equivalent.

Applicants presenting with a Junior Cert or Junior Cycle qualification should have attained a majority of higher-level subjects including English and Maths

Assessment
80% Coursework 20% Exam

All practical coursework / assessments will be completed in the College kitchens and restaurants. All UPK exams will be under test conditions in the classroom.

Further Study
Progression to a NVQ Level 3 qualification.

Your Future Career
You can progress into employment or Apprenticeship training.



NCFE Level 3 Diploma / Extended Diploma Travel and Tourism

Course Code
601/7936/3

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
2 Years

Additional Fees
Field Trips: £25;
Required for attendance on study visits – payable as and when trips are confirmed throughout the year.

Other: Residential;
A residential unit is a possibility for Year 2 of the programme and costs will vary depending on activities and location selected by the class cohort.

Awarding Body
Northern Council for Further Education (NCFE)

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Progression
H £ U

Course Overview
This course is equivalent to 2 to 3 A-Levels and can equip you with knowledge and skills required for a wide range of careers within the Travel and Tourism industry.

You will be given the opportunity to participate in a range of site visits that allows observation of the Tourism industry in practice. Some of these site visits involve a financial cost.

If you do not hold a Level 2 qualification in Numeracy or Literacy you will be given the opportunity to complete these during this course to enhance your employability and progression prospects.

Both Numeracy and Literacy are required for progression to Higher Level courses.

Core Modules
An exciting range of modules relating to the area of travel and tourism will be studied.

Optional Modules
Optional modules may include, but are not limited to the following:

- Work Experience in Travel and Tourism
- Visitor Attractions
- Cabin Crew
- Airport Operations
- Travel Agencies

Entry Requirements
UK: 4 GCSEs (Grade C or above) preferably to include English.

ROI: 4 OLCs (Grade O5 or above) preferably to include English; Leaving Cert Applied – Merit.

Assessment
100% Coursework. Units are assessed via a range of different assessment formats to include reports, essays, presentations.

Work Placement
Currently a work placement is required to be undertaken.

Students will have the opportunity to apply for and work in areas such as airports, hotels, restaurants, attractions, museums and with tour guiding companies.

Further Study
After completing this programme, you may choose to progress to the further study within Hospitality, Tourism & Events Management within the College or enter employment within the industry.

Your Future Career
There are multiple employment opportunities in areas such as airlines, airports, hotels, visitor attractions, travel agents and public sector organisations.





Open University Level 5 Foundation Degree Hospitality, Tourism and Events Management*

Course Code
N/A

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
2 Years (Full-Time)
2.5 Years (Part-Time)

Additional Fees
Field Trips: £40
Other: Optional International Residential, £400-£500 approx;
Additional Qualifications: £80;
To enhance skills for employment

Awarding Body
Open University

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Progression



*Subject to validation



Course Overview
This programme has been designed to prepare you for a career in the Hospitality, Tourism & Events industry.

Day trips, site visits and guest speakers play an important part of the programme along with additional qualifications to enhance employability and individual skills sets and it is recommended that all aspects are engaged with throughout the entire programme of study.

Core Modules
A wide range of modules will be studied in the subject areas of hospitality, tourism and events management. Work Based Learning.

Optional Modules
Depending on the specialist pathway (Hospitality, Tourism or Events) there are three additional subject modules.

Entry Requirements
UK: 48 UCAS Tariff points + GCSE English Grade C or equivalent (eg. Essential Skills Level 2 Literacy). Access – 50% (to include Level 2 Communications and Mathematics).

ROI: 48 UCAS Points plus OLC (Grade 04 or above) in English; Access – 50% (to include Level 2 Communications and Mathematics).

Applicants who do not meet the formal entry requirements may be eligible to apply through Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning (APEL). See page 34 for more information.

Attendance at course information session is required.

Assessment
80% Coursework, 20% Exam. Assessment includes individual and group presentations, essays, reports, class tests and examinations.

Work Placement
Placement is a compulsory part of the programme and this can be undertaken at home or abroad.

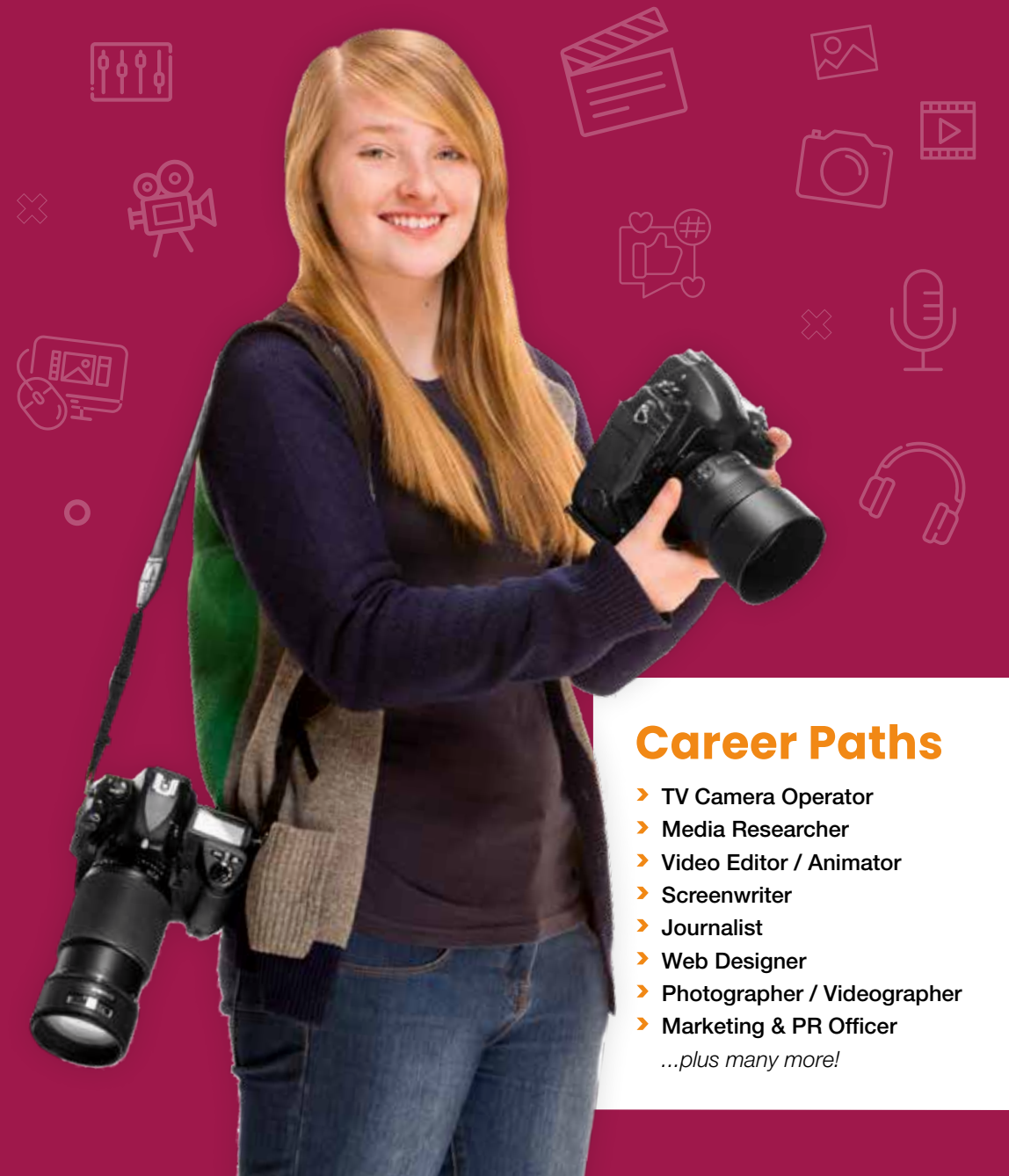
Further Study
Opportunities to progress to a Top-Up Degree or similar degree programme at another Higher Education college or university.

Exemptions for modules already achieved will be determined by the specific progression degree you apply to as well as the Universities regulations in relation to exemptions.

Your Future Career
Progress into a number of career paths within the sectors of Hospitality, Tourism, Travel and Events.



Media, Multimedia & Journalism



Career Paths

- › TV Camera Operator
- › Media Researcher
- › Video Editor / Animator
- › Screenwriter
- › Journalist
- › Web Designer
- › Photographer / Videographer
- › Marketing & PR Officer
- ...plus many more!





Ryan O'Connor
Level 3 Extended Diploma in Creative Media
(Film, TV and Radio)



I'm going to be a Film Director.



I've won 11 awards at independent film festivals, including Best Director and Best Short Film.

My lecturers were fantastic! They are experts in their field, so inspiring and lovely to work with. The support I received from them gave me the confidence to pursue my passion.



Scan to find out why **Ryan** loves NWRC





AIM Level 3 Diploma / Extended Diploma Gaming, Animation and VFX Skills*



Course Code
TBC

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
2 Years

Awarding Body
AIM

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Progression



- Course Overview**
The qualification is suitable for anyone interested in a career in a wide range of jobs in creative and digital media roles or to move into an apprenticeship or higher education.
- Core Modules**
The course contains the following components:
- Art Fundamentals for the Games, Animation and VFX Industries
 - Core Principles of Game Design
 - Fundamental Animation Skills for the Games, Animation and VFX Industries - possibly
 - Fundamental Product Programming Skills
 - Maths and Logic Fundamentals for the Games, Animation and VFX Industries
 - VFX Fundamentals for the Games, Animation and VFX Industries
 - 3D Tools: Creative and Technical 3D Modelling
 - Production Management for the Games, Animation and VFX Industries
 - Emerging Technologies/Trends in the Games, Animation and VFX Industries
 - Images and Sounds for Imagined Worlds
 - Story / Playboarding
 - Working in the Games, Animation and VFX Industries

- Entry Requirements**
UK: 15 points or greater at GCSE, consisting of at least 4 GCSEs at Grade C (which includes Maths Grade C or above);

OR BTEC Level 2 First Diploma or equivalent at Pass or above with an overall profile equating to 15 points; OR NVQ Level 2 (in relevant subject area).

ROI: Leaving Certificate – a profile equivalent to 12 points (of which 3 subjects must be achieved at Grade C3 or better at Ordinary Level) pre-2017.

From 2017 onwards, or entry in 2018, 3 subjects must be achieved at 04 or better at Ordinary Level.

- Assessment**
40% Coursework,60% Exam.

Two external set and marked exams; written assignment; development portfolio; project and research report.
- Core principles exam (Year 1)
 - Case study exam (Year 2)
 - Written assignment, Art Theory in Context
 - Asset development portfolio
 - Synoptic project (complete an industry set brief)
 - Research report on emerging technologies

- Further Study**
Students are well placed to progress to university as the Extended Diploma carries UCAS tariff points.

Options include:
- HND Digital Design NWRC
 - BDes Animation Ulster University
 - BDes Games Design and Development
 - BSc (Hons) Games Design and Development
 - BSc (Hons) Computer Games Technology, University of Abertay
 - BSc (Hons) Games Production Confetti Institute of Creative Technologies, Nottingham
 - BA (Hons) Graphics for Games University of Bradford
 - BSc (Hons) Film and Visual Effects Technology, University of Bradford
 - BSc (Hons) Computer Games Design University of Stafford
 - BSc (Hons) Computer Games Design Manchester Met University
 - BSc (Hons) Games Design University of Bolton
 - BA Games Design Brunel University
 - BA The Art of Visual Effects Pearson Business School

- Your Future Career**
Many students also progress onto Higher Level Apprenticeships:
- Junior 2D Artists
 - Digital Community Manager
 - Assistant Technical Directors
 - Digital Community Managers
 - Junior VFX Artists





Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma Creative Digital Media Production

Course Code
601/7470/5

Campus
Limavady

Length of Study
2 Years

Awarding Body
Pearson BTEC

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Progression

Course Overview
on the skills and expertise needed to work in various aspects of the film and animation industries.

This course is designed for anyone with a keen interest in the ever changing world of multimedia. Whether interested in designing and producing for the web, video or animation this course is helps students develop the required skills.

Students will learn a broad range of media skills including: camera person, designer, animator and interactive multimedia author - preparing them for a career in the world of digital communication with opportunities to work on real projects for industry, education or the voluntary sector.

Students will have the opportunity to work in state-of-the-art multimedia labs with industry production equipment. There will also be an opportunity to experience VR/AR technology as well as the latest Outside Broadcast Technology.

- Core Modules**
- Specialist Subject Investigation
 - Media Representations
 - Pre Production Portfolio
 - Media Campaigns
 - Digital Media Skills
 - Responding to a Commission

- Optional Modules**
- Film Editing
 - Film Production
 - Advertising Production
 - Film Editing
 - Multi Camera Techniques
 - Single Camera
 - Multi-Camera Techniques
 - Factual Production
 - Sound Production
- Entry Requirements**
UK: 4 GCSEs (Grade C or above) to include English.

ROI: 4 OLCs (Grade O5 or above) to include English; OR Leaving Cert Applied.

Assessment
75% Coursework; 25% Exam. Units are assessed through coursework assessments set by lecturers and one externally marked exam per semester.

Further Study
Equivalent to 3 A-Levels, this course allows you to progress to Higher Level study in Web and Multimedia Design, Media Studies, Animation and Media Production.

- Your Future Career**
Careers may include:
- Animation
 - Film and Television
 - Marketing
 - Social Media



Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma Creative Digital Media Production (Film and Television)

Course Code
601/7469/9

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
2 Years

Awarding Body
Pearson BTEC

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Progression

Course Overview
This course is focused on the skills and expertise needed to work in various aspects of the film and television industries.

This course is designed to help students become proficient in a range media disciplines and afford them an opportunity to specialise at the end of the second year. It will prepare students for work in most aspects of the media industry. Students work on live client briefs as part of an in-house production company.

This course is highly valued by employers, as successful students possess practical experience and a qualification equivalent to 3 A- Levels.

- Core Modules**
- Responding to a Commission
 - Working in the Creative Media Industry
 - Digital Media Skills
 - Pre Production Portfolio
 - Media Campaigns
 - Media Representations
 - Multi Camera Techniques
 - Film Editing
 - Ad Production
 - Film Production

- Optional Modules**
- Film Editing
 - Sound Recording
 - Ad Production
 - Film Production Fiction
 - Film Production Factual
 - Multi Camera Techniques

Entry Requirements
UK: 4 GCSEs (Grade C or above) to include English. Interview required.

ROI: 4 OLCs (Grade O5 or above) to include English; OR Leaving Cert Applied. Interview required.

All applicants will be interviewed before selection and should have portfolio evidence of an interest in media related matters. Applicants may also be required to demonstrate basic practical and academic skills in a portfolio.

Assessment
75% Coursework, 25% Exam. Units are assessed through coursework assessments set by lecturers and four externally marked exams (one at the end of each semester).

Work Placement
Although work experience is not part of the course, students have the opportunity to work on 'live' client briefs to ensure they are working to professional standards.

Further Study
This qualification can be used to gain employment in the media profession or to facilitate entry to higher-level courses.

- Your Future Career**
- Cameraperson
 - Editor
 - Director
 - Producer
 - Film Maker
 - Sound Technician





Pearson BTEC Level 4/5 Higher National Certificate / Diploma Creative Media Production (Film)

Course Code
603/2286/X (HNC)
603/2282/2 (HND)

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
1 Year (HNC)
2 Years (HND)

Awarding Body
Pearson BTEC

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Progression
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Course Overview
A highly respected course which aims to equip students with the knowledge and skills to progress to an undergraduate degree or find employment in the media industry.

The learning experience occurs in a fully equipped media suite with a high-spec TV studio with broadcast-quality camera equipment. We use the latest camera, sound and editing technology and focus on ‘project-based learning, replicating the industry environment so that our students gain valuable experience, knowledge and skills.

Students have an opportunity to work alongside industry professionals and to find paid work during the lifetime of their course. We support aspiring creative talent to reach their potential in broadcast, film, TV, podcasting and content creation.

- Core Modules**
- Creative Media Industries
 - Film and Video Editing
 - Individual Project
 - Advanced Film Production Studies
 - Film Practices
 - Personal Professional Development
 - Collaborative Project (Pearson-set)
 - Film Studies
 - Professional Practice
- Optional Modules**
- Film Studies
 - Multi Camera Production
 - Principles of Photography
 - Sound Production for Moving Image
 - Documentary

- Work Based Learning
 - Videography
- Entry Requirements**
UK: 32 UCAS Points plus GCSE (Grade C or above) in English. Interview also required.
- ROI:** 32 UCAS Points plus OLC (Grade 05 or above) in English. Interview also required.

Assessment
100% Coursework.

Assessment is through a series of assignments including research modules, hands-on practical exercises and group projects.

Units are interlinked to replicate “real world” scenarios and offer the opportunity for students to build a range of skills to maximise employment opportunities.

Work Placement
Students have access to industry placements, masterclasses and special events.

Further Study
Upon successful completion, students can progress onto the final two years of an Honours degree in film or media production in most UK universities.

Your Future Career
Students can enter employment in a wide range of roles within the film industry. Careers include screenwriting, directing, producing, documentary filmmaking or cinematography.





Pearson BTEC Level 4/5 Higher National Certificate / Diploma Creative Digital Media Production (Journalism)

Course Code
603/2286/X (HNC)
603/2282/2 (HND)

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
1 Year (HNC)
2 Years (HND)

Awarding Body
Pearson BTEC

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Progression



Course Overview
Journalism is a creative, challenging and hugely exciting subject area. It covers a wide range of topics and allows students to go behind the scenes of their areas of interest.

This course is designed to equip students with the knowledge and skills required for success in future employment, or for progression to an undergraduate degree or the NCTJ Diploma in Journalism course with NWRC. Covering TV, radio, photographic, print and online journalism, teaching will take place in the purpose designed media suite at Strand Road campus.

In Year 1 students will complete the HNC in Creative Media Production (Journalism) before progressing to the HND in Year 2. All students taking this course will contribute to the online multimedia weekly newspaper, iNews, and to the college radio station, 3CR.

Core Modules

- Creative Media Industries
- Individual Project
- Collaborative Project
- Digital Page Production
- Journalism Practices
- Advanced Journalism Studies
- Professional Practice
- Journalism and Society
- Personal Professional Development

Optional Modules

- Radio Production
- Investigative Journalism
- Social Media
- News and Editorial
- Radio Management

Entry Requirements
UK: 32 UCAS Points + GCSE (Grade C or above) in English.

ROI: 32 UCAS Points + OLC (Grade O5 or above) in English.

Interview also required

Assessment
100% Coursework. Students undertake a range of practical assignments including contributing to the online college publication iNews and running the college radio station.

Work Placement
Students undertake a work based learning module in the second year of the course.

Further Study
Students completing the HNC / HND Creative Media Production (Journalism) course progress to further Higher Education study, including possible entry to Year Two undergraduate journalism degree courses at some universities.

Students may also progress, depending on HND achievement, to the NCTJ Diploma in Journalism course at NWRC.

Your Future Career
BTEC Higher National qualifications are designed to address an increasing need for high quality professional and technical education pathways at Levels 4 and 5, providing students with a clear line of sight to employment or progression to further higher education study.





Pearson BTEC Level 4/5 Higher National Certificate / Diploma

Digital Design

Course Code
603/0908/8 (HNC)
603/0909/X (HND)

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
1 Year (HNC)
2 Years (HND)

Awarding Body
Pearson BTEC

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Progression
 



Course Overview
Find your specialism/pathway in the areas of Graphic Design, Illustration, Motion-Design, Animation, Video Production and Web Design. The programme also covers Marketing, Social Media Advertising, Promotions, Campaigns, Live Performance and Art Based Conceptual Projects.

You will use the latest industry software, including Adobe Creative Cloud (Photoshop, InDesign, Illustrator, Premiere, After Effects, Animate), FCPX, 3DSMax, Resolume /Touch Designer.

If you are from a Fine Art or Moving Image or Computing background then this course could be ideal for you. Driven by client led 'live' briefs and projects, this creative course is about producing and presenting high quality visual content for marketing, advertising, promotion and artistic purposes. You will also engage in campaigns for educational and commercial purposes.

This visual communication course will help you to find your specialism and develop your professional identity through experience of Live Projects, working with real clients.

The course encourages the development of imagination, initiative, original ideas and a professional work ethic for the production of the highest quality portfolio/show-reel of individual styles which places students in the best possible position when seeking employment or continuing to higher education.

- Core Modules**
- Professional Development
 - Advanced Digital Design Studies
 - Applied Collaborative Practice
 - Contextual Studies
 - Creative Industries Placement
 - Individual Project (Pearson Set)
 - Brand Professional Development
 - Techniques and Processes
 - Screen-based Practices
 - Digital Design Practices
 - Professional Practice
 - Applied Practice Collaborative Project (Pearson Set)

- Optional Modules**
- Communication in Art and Design
 - Visual Narratives
 - Techniques and Processes
 - Screen Based Practice
 - Moving Image
 - Conceptual Practice
 - Professional Practice
 - Creative Industries Placement

Entry Requirements
UK: 32 UCAS Points plus GCSE (Grade C or above) in English.

ROI: 32 UCAS Points plus OLC (Grade 05 or above) in English.

Interview also required.

Assessment
This course is 100% coursework based and has a main focus on portfolio development for style and quality. Students will work on tasks which match pass/merit/distinction outcomes for each unit. Eventually units will merge to create Major Projects in which students will begin to understand the nature of

synergy between the areas of graphic design for Print, Motion Design, Video Production and Web based applications.

This structure lends itself to real world industry scenarios. Ideally the student will be working on live projects while being graded at the same time.

Work Placement
Work Placement is part of the wider programme of learning and aims to bridge the transition from College to employment. Work experience, as described in this brief, can take a variety of forms:

- Shadowing professionals
- Freelance operation (freelance job sourced individually or provided by the College)
- Traditional placement (within a College company model or external company/business)

The Work Placement portfolio may comprise one or more of the above types. This brief does not prescribe any one form of work experience and can combine the above categories; negotiation with unit staff is essential to help you decide on the best form of work experience related to your intended career pathway.

As a professional, learning is a continuous and life-long process. Within the creative industries there is constant change in technology, materials, processes, legislation and practice.

In order to remain up-to-date, it is necessary to recognise the potential of both structured, classroom-based learning and the learning that is gained through professional activities in the studio, office, workshop or on-site. Whether through a traditional industry placement, a freelance opportunity or a simulated industry situation, it is important for students to recognise key industry structures and their related employment patterns and characteristics.

Effective workplace learning requires both the application of a skillset and the implementation of appropriate attitudes and behaviours. The development of broader employability attributes and the recognition that transferrable skills are likely to generate and enhance employment opportunities within the creative industries.

Work Placement provides a framework in which students have the opportunity to reflect upon and contextualise the learning that they gain from working within the industry. In coordination with tutors and an employer, students will define the scope, duration and content of their expected work-based learning experience.

Throughout the period of their work-based learning experience, students will be expected to record their experience and reflect upon their own learning.

Further Study
You can progress into any relevant degree programme at university or begin to explore employment opportunities in this creative field.

Students can enter directly into Year 2, and in some cases even into Year 3 on relevant Degree courses at University.

Your Future Career
Potential career pathways include:

- Graphic Design
- Illustration
- Motion Design
- Video Production
- Animation
- UX/UI Design
- Digital Marketing
- Advertising

Music



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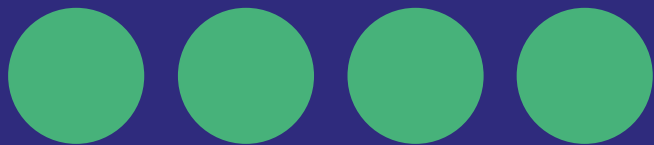


Career Paths

- › Singer / Musician
- › Songwriter
- › Composer
- › Sound Technician
- › Tour Manager
- › DJ
- › Studio Engineer
- › Music Producer

...plus many more!





I perform in front of live audiences.

Dearbhla Duddy
Level 3 Extended Diploma in the Creative Music Industry



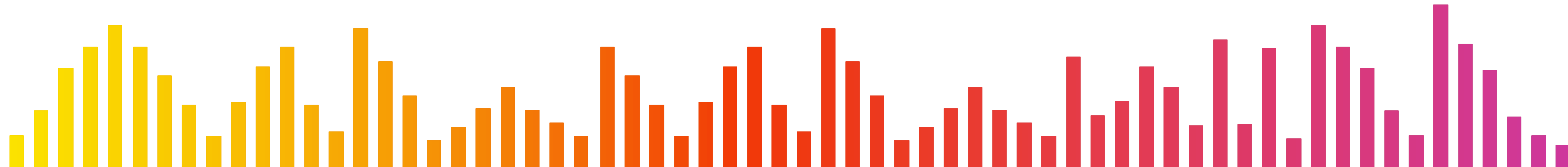
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There was no point in studying for 3 A-Levels I was never going to use.

I achieved 8 As and 2 Bs in my GCSEs. The College was perfect for me because I wanted to specialise in Music Production, which I couldn't do at school.

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RSL Level 2 Traineeship Music Practitioners (Technology)

Course Code
601/7992/2

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
1 Year

Additional Fees
Equipment: Headphones

Awarding Body
Rockschool Ltd (RSL)

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Progression

Course Overview
This course explores core components of music production such as recording, music sequencing, promotion and DJing.

Upon completion you should have acquired the experience and qualification required to be a suitable candidate for one of our Level 3 courses in music production or music performance.

You will learn and develop technical and creative skills as well as insight into the workings of the modern music industry. Our facilities include sound proofed practice rooms, recording studios, apple mac suites, a 170 seat performance theatre and the latest DJ equipment.

Assessment will be largely practical in nature with students taking part in various music production activities across the year.

Core Modules

- Music sequencing

Optional Modules

- DJ skills
- Remixing and Production
- Music Style in Context
- Using a Digital Audio Workstation with a Keyboard
- Sound Recording
- Careers in Music
- Composing for Media

Entry Requirements
UK: 4 GCSEs Grade D-G to include Maths and English Grade E or above plus satisfactory standard achieved at mandatory audition / interview.

ROI: 4 OLCs Grade O5-O8 or above to include Maths and English at Grade O6 or above plus satisfactory standard achieved at mandatory audition / interview.

Assessment
100% Coursework.

Assessments are a mix of practical activities, projects and reports.

Further Study
Potential to progress onto one of our Level 3 courses in music production or music performance (subject to interview/ audition).

Your Future Career
This course will provide you with an opportunity to gain a qualification and skills which can lead to working in the industry in a variety of careers.

Past students are currently working as performers, studio producers, lecturers, live sound engineers, road managers, songwriters, composers, recording engineers, college technicians and session musicians.



RSL Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma / Extended Diploma Creative Music Industry (Performance)

Course Code
603/5396/X (Subsidiary Diploma)
603/5398/3 (Extended Diploma)

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
2 Years

Awarding Body
Rockschool Ltd (RSL)

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Progression

Course Overview
If music is your passion, this exciting modern music course could enable you to pursue a career in the music industry. You will need to sing or play an instrument already.

Our facilities include 170 seat performance theatre, practice rooms, recording studios and Apple Mac suites. Learn and develop technical skills and benefit from the knowledge and experience of tutors and technicians who are actively working in the music industry. Benefit from meeting like-minded peers, develop your musicality, creativity and learn new skills to prepare you for a career in the music industry.

Previous students like ROE, Cherym, Elma Orkestra (and more) have gone on to be NI Music Prize winners. Students have also won three 1st prizes in the MUSIC SKILLS NI Inter College competitions as well as Gold and Silver in the UK World Skills Popular Music competition, and countless students have gone on to have successful careers working in all areas of the music industry.

Core Modules

- Performing Music Live

Optional Modules

- Rehearsing Music
- Collaborative Project
- Listening to Music
- Performing as a Session Musician
- Music Theory
- Using a Keyboard with a Digital Audio Workstation
- Practical Musicianship
- Performing Music for Recording

Entry Requirements
UK: 4 GCSEs (Grade C or above); or equivalent (e.g. Level 2 Diploma in Music) plus satisfactory standard achieved at mandatory audition / interview.

ROI: 4 OLCs (Grade O5 or above); OR Leaving Cert Applied – Merit, OR Level 2 Diploma in Music plus satisfactory standard achieved at mandatory audition/ interview.

Assessment
100% Coursework. Students produce a portfolio of practical work to be assessed. A wide range of assessment methods are used such as practical performances, compositions, reports and projects.

Work Placement
International partnership projects over many years with music colleges in Finland, Estonia and Scotland have created exciting opportunities for travel and cultural exchange which have benefitted many students.

Further Study
You may progress to higher level courses with NWRC or to a degree course at university. Many of our HND students have topped up to a full honours degree with just one additional year of study in England through our articulation agreements with Leeds College of Music and Leeds Beckett.

Your Future Career
Past students are currently working as performers, studio producers, lecturers, live sound engineers, road managers, songwriters, composers, recording engineers, college technicians and session musicians.





RSL Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma / Extended Diploma Creative Music Industry (Production)*

Course Code
603/5396/X (Subsidiary Diploma)
603/5398/3 (Extended Diploma)

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
2 Years

Awarding Body
Rockschool Ltd (RSL)

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Progression



Course Overview
If you have a passion for music, but are more interested in working behind the scenes, then our production pathway is the course for you. We focus on four main strands of work within the industry: music production, composition, studio and live music production. We also offer optional modules in DJ'ing, and instrumental and vocal performers may be able to work alongside the performers in the performance pathway in band /ensemble modules (subject to availability).

You will have access to two studios, apple macs with industry standard software, five practice rooms and a 170 seat theatre. You will be given the opportunity to develop technical and creative skills as well as knowledge and insight into the workings of the modern music industry.

Lecturers are highly experienced practitioners who continue to work in the music industry. Assessments are practical and always related to current industry standards and practices. You will be encouraged to collaborate with your classmates and with students from the wider college community.

- Core Modules**
- Music Sequencing and Production
 - Digital Recording and Production
- Optional Modules**
- Composing for Media Destinations
 - Practical Sound Reinforcement
 - Studio sound mixing
 - Producing a music video
 - DJ Skills
 - Listening to Music
 - Music Industry Revenue Flow

- Working in the Music Industry
 - Live Event Lighting
 - Analogue Synthesis
- Entry Requirements**
UK: 4 GCSEs (Grade C or above) or equivalent (e.g. Level 2 Diploma in Music) plus satisfactory standard achieved at mandatory interview.
- ROI:** 4 OLCs (Grade O5 or above) or equivalent (e.g. Level 2 Diploma in Music) plus satisfactory standard achieved at mandatory interview OR Leaving Cert Applied – Merit plus satisfactory standard achieved at mandatory interview.

Assessment
100% Coursework. A wide range of assessment methods are used including things like music production projects, observations of practical work, presentations and reports. By the end of the course students will have compiled a portfolio of practical work that will enhance their employment prospects.

Further Study
This course will enable students to progress to higher level courses such as our own HND in Music Production or to a degree course at university.

Your Future Career
This course will provide you with an opportunity to gain a qualification and skills which can lead to working in the industry straight away. Our previous students have gone on to become Performers, Composers, DJs, Producers, Tour Managers, Promoters, Studio Engineers, Live Engineers, Lighting Engineers, Programmers and Artist Managers





Pearson BTEC Level 4 Higher National Certificate / Diploma Music (Production Pathway)

Course Code
603/2275/5 (HNC)
603/2274/3 (HND)

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
1 Year (HNC)
2 Years (HND)

Awarding Body
Rockschool Ltd (RSL)

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Progression

Course Overview
In Year 1 students will study towards a HNC (general pathway) with the option to progress onto Year 2 of a HND in a specialist area of study.

This course could lead you into the music industry. Being able to play an instrument is not a requirement, however you will need to have an ear for music and an interest in a wide range of musical genres. You will acquire and develop the practical skills of music production, both recorded and live. You will collaborate with musicians to produce original material and work on live briefs. You will also learn about the business side of the music industry. By the end of the course you will have produced a portfolio of work and devised a career plan.

The outstanding facilities include state-of-the-art recording studios, practice rooms, Apple Mac creative suites with the latest music software, and a custom-built 170 seat theatre.

You will have the opportunity to learn and develop technical skills and benefit from the knowledge and experience of tutors and technicians who continue to work actively in the music industry. Success in this course can lead either to working in a music career straight away or to further study at university.

- Core Modules**
- Music industry
 - Marketing and promotion
 - Professional development
 - Creative research

- Optional Modules**
- Composing using technology
 - Arranging and remixing
 - Sound engineering fundamentals
 - Live sound techniques
 - Music production fundamentals
 - Advanced music production
 - Mixing and mastering
 - Musicology
 - Advanced composing using technology
 - Sound for media products
 - Project management

Entry Requirements
UK: 32 UCAS Points plus satisfactory standard achieved at mandatory interview and/or audition.

ROI: 32 UCAS Points equivalent plus satisfactory standard achieved at mandatory interview and/or audition.

Assessment
100% Coursework. The course is focused on practical project based learning. Every unit has written elements which include planning, written reports and self reflection.

Further Study
Direct entry to the final year of an Honours Degree programme is possible with both Leeds College of Music and Leeds Beckett University. Advanced entry into second year with Queen's University and various other universities is also a possibility.

Your Future Career
This course gives a general grounding in all aspects of the music business. Depending on the choice of subjects, graduates will leave prepared for a career as a performer or as a production professional.



Pearson BTEC Level 4 Higher National Certificate / Diploma Music (Session Musician Pathway)

Course Code
603/2275/5 (HNC)
603/2274/3 (HND)

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
1 Year (HNC)
2 Years (HND)

Awarding Body
Pearson BTEC

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Progression

Course Overview
In Year 1 students will study towards a HNC (general pathway) with the option to progress onto Year 2 of a HND in a specialist area of study.

If music is your passion, this exciting course could lead you into the music industry. You'll need to be able to play an instrument or sing.

On the course you will learn the skills required of a modern performer such as how to rehearse and perform in live gigs, how to make the most of working in a recording studio and also the business side of the music industry. Performance, theory, aural training and composition are combined with technology skills to provide a varied training programme.

The outstanding facilities include rehearsal spaces, recording studios, Apple Mac suites and a 170 seat theatre. You will have the opportunity to learn and develop technical skills and benefit from the knowledge and experience of tutors.

Students have recently won three 1st prizes in the MUSIC SKILLS NI inter college competitions as well as Gold and Silver in the UK World Skills Popular Music in recent years.

- Core Modules**
- Marketing and promotion
 - Creative research
 - Professional development
 - Music industry

- Optional Modules**
- Fundamentals of composition
 - Composing using technology
 - Applied music theory
 - Performing
 - Songwriting
 - Advanced performance skills
 - Live arrangement skills
 - Project management
 - Composing to a brief
 - Musicology

Entry Requirements
UK: 32 UCAS Points plus satisfactory standard achieved at mandatory interview / audition.

ROI: 32 UCAS Points equivalent plus satisfactory standard achieved at mandatory interview / audition.

Assessment
100% Coursework. The course is assessed using project based learning. Most units are a mixture of practical and theoretical elements and all units are assessed via coursework assignments.

Further Study
Direct entry to the final year of an honours degree programme is a possibility at both Leeds College of Music and Leeds Beckett.

Your Future Career
The course provides invaluable experiences working in real life scenarios that have led to many of our graduates successfully working in the industry as session musicians, music producers, sound engineers, teachers, managers, composers and more.

Performing Arts



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Career Paths

- > Actor
 - > Dancer
 - > Theatre Director
 - > Choreographer
 - > Scriptwriter
 - > Set and Sound Designer
 - > Stage Manager
 - > Lighting Technician
- ...plus many more!



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I love how you are treated like an adult and you don't have to wear a uniform.

Auditioning for a character written on paper and making them come to life is exhilarating! The voice reel I had to do for my voice-over class was so much fun to record.

Blake Walker-Dunlop
Level 3 Diploma in Creative and Performing Arts



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RSL Level 3 Diploma / Extended Diploma Creative and Performing Arts (Performing and Creating)

Course Code
601/8616/1 (Diploma)
601/8617/3 (Extended Diploma)

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
2 Years

Awarding Body
Rockschool Ltd (RSL)

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Non-term time
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Progression
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Course Overview
This exciting course provides an exceptional opportunity for anyone drawn to the world of theatre. You will explore the back-stage and on-stage disciplines of theatre. With a strong emphasis on personal creativity, the course provides a unique view of performance and production. It is a rewarding alternative to the traditional A-Level route. Equivalent to 3 A-Levels, it links theoretical preparation in lectures and workshops with practical classes.

Based on the idea of repertory theatre, students undertake public performances and musical / dance showcases. Students have been prize winners in the Northern Ireland Inter College Performing Arts Competitions.

The course is based in the Foyle Performance Theatre, complete with dressing rooms, costume store, stage craft and property workshops. AV equipment are of the highest professional standard. You will gain an invaluable insight into the world of theatre and develop professional skills in both public performance and technical support.

- Core Modules**
- Performance Preparation
 - Final Production

- Optional Modules**
- Elizabethan or Jacobean Theatre
 - Planning for a Career in Creative and Performing Arts
 - Set Design

- Vocal Techniques - Music
- Voice Over Acting
- Stage Management
- Dance Techniques and Performance
- Audition Techniques
- Musical Theatre Performance
- Acting for Camera
- Theatre in Education

Entry Requirements
UK: 4 GCSEs (Grade C or above) or equivalent (e.g. Level 2 Diploma in Music) plus satisfactory standard achieved at mandatory audition/ interview.

ROI: 4 OLCs (Grade O5 or above); OR Leaving Cert Applied – Merit or equivalent (e.g. level 2 diploma) plus satisfactory standard achieved at mandatory audition/ interview.

Assessment
100% Coursework. Students produce a portfolio of practical work that is assessed. The focus of assessment is on practical work supported by evaluations, reports and presentations.

Further Study
This course will develop your skills and insights to support potential progression to HND or university level in related fields.

Your Future Career
This course will provide you with an opportunity to gain a qualification and skills which can lead to working in the industry in a variety of careers.





Pearson BTEC Level 4 Higher National Certificate / Diploma Performing Arts (Acting Pathway)

Course Code
603/2377/2 (HNC)
603/2377/2 (HND)

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
1 Year (HNC)
2 Years (HND)

Awarding Body
Pearson BTEC

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Progression
 



Course Overview

In Year 1 students will study towards a HNC (general pathway) with the option to progress onto Year 2 of a HND in a specialist area of study.

This dynamic, multi-faceted course will provide you with a path to employment in a variety of on stage and off stage careers such as community performing arts, broadcasting, drama therapy and professional theatre.

Building on your previous qualifications and experience, the course will allow you to enhance your skills in preparation for further studies at university level. Students of the course have been prize winners each year in the Northern Ireland Inter College Performing Arts Competitions. The course is delivered in our exceptionally well resourced Foyle Building, complete with a 170-seat theatre, dressing rooms, stage craft and property workshops and costume store. Lighting and sound equipment are of the highest professional standard.

Numerous public performances take place here, and all students get many opportunities to be on stage or in off stage support roles.

In the last few years our programme has included ambitious live theatre versions of films such as Pulp Fiction, Reservoir Dogs, The Big Lebowski and Shaun of the Dead.

Core Modules

- Professional Development
- The Performing Arts Industry
- Creative Research

Optional Modules

- Acting 1
- Acting 2
- Acting for Camera
- Auditioning
- Choreography 1
- Choreography 2
- Dance for Camera
- Directing
- Management Role
- Musical Theatre History in Practice (Singing / Acting)
- Physical Theatre
- Sound Operation
- Stagecraft
- Working in the Performing Arts Industry

Entry Requirements

32 UCAS Points, plus satisfactory standard achieved at mandatory audition / interview.

Students with acting, dance or technical theatre experience are encouraged to apply.

Assessment

100% Coursework.

The assessment of the course is split between practical assessments, performances and written submissions; with an emphasis on project based learning.

Further Study

Students can progress to second year in a number of drama / performing arts degree courses at UCLAN, Queens, Ulster University and onto third year at the University of West of Scotland (UWS).

Previous students have also progressed to further study at LAMDA, RADA, Royal Birmingham Conservatoire and Mountview.

Your Future Career

Students can go on to work in a variety of areas within the arts including professional acting for stage and screen, backstage industries such as stage management, lighting, set and sound design and education.



Science



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Career Paths

- › Veterinary Nurse
- › Forensic Scientist
- › Dietitian
- › Chemistry Teacher
- › Pharmacist
- › Geneticist
- › Medical Lab Assistant
- › Biochemist
- ...plus many more!



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Hannah Kearney
Level 3 Extended Diploma in Applied Science
(Medical Science)





City & Guilds Level 2 Diploma Veterinary Care Assistants

Course Code
600/0106/9

Campus
Limavady

Length of Study
1 Year (Full-Time or Part-Time)

Awarding Body
City & Guilds

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Progression
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Course Overview
If you're passionate about animals and their health and well-being then this is the course for you.

The modern veterinary care service provider employs Veterinary Surgeons, Veterinary Nurses and Veterinary Care Assistants. This qualification is designed for those tasked with providing care to animals in a veterinary care environment under the direction and/or supervision of a Veterinary Surgeon.

It is designed to provide practical competence and the underpinning knowledge that is relevant to the role of veterinary carer in a modern veterinary practice while containing additional skills and knowledge which go beyond the scope of the National Occupational Standards. It provides a valuable alternative for those learners who do not have access to other qualifications.

Core Modules

- Principles and Practices of Animal Handling and Care in the Veterinary Environment
- Principles and Practices of Assisting with Care in the Veterinary Environment
- Principles and Practices of Administrative Duties in the Veterinary Care Environment

Entry Requirements
No formal entry requirements but prospective students must secure a placement in a veterinary practice.

Preference will be given to applicants who have secured a work placement in a veterinary practice.

Assessment
100% Coursework.

The qualification will be assessed using the following methods: placement portfolio, practical skills observations and written coursework (reports, leaflets, case studies, diagrams, definition sheets, written tests, posters and log books).

Work Placement
Over the course of the year, students will work in a veterinary setting, under the supervision of a fully qualified Veterinary Surgeon. Students will need to complete a minimum of 600 hours in a veterinary practice.

Further Study
On completion of this qualification students could potentially progress into employment or to the following qualifications:

- Vetskill Level 3 Diploma in Veterinary Nursing at NWRC
- City & Guilds Level 2 and 3 Awards in Safe Use of Veterinary Medicines
- Other related Level 3 qualifications

Your Future Career
These qualifications can help you to progress in your career as a veterinary care assistant.



Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma /
National Extended Diploma
Applied Science (Analytical and Forensic Science)

Course Code
500/6720/5

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
2 Years

Awarding Body
Pearson BTEC

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Non-term time
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Progression





Course Overview

This fascinating course enables the exploration of laboratory and field techniques of the applied scientist. It will provide you with a wide range of essential knowledge, skills and practical techniques for the science sector or further study. Learners can exit at the end of Year 1, obtaining a National Foundation Diploma in Applied Science or progress onto Year 2, to achieve the full National Extended Diploma in Applied Science (Analytical and Forensic Science).

The course has a strong focus on the application of theory to real-life industrial settings and will deepen your science knowledge, allowing the opportunity for progression pathways in employment and further study in a range of applied science areas.

This course is combined of both external and internal assignments. Within the course there are forensic science units which allow an insight into this specialist area as well as a combination of other optional modules (subject to change).

There are opportunities for project development and to enter World Skills competitions.

- Core Modules**
- Principles and Application of Science I and II
 - Practical Scientific Procedures and Techniques
 - Science Investigation Skills
 - Laboratory Techniques and their Application
 - Investigative Project
 - Contemporary Issues in Science

- Optional Modules**
- Forensic Traffic Collision Investigation
 - Genetics and Genetic Engineering
 - Microbiology and Microbiological Techniques
 - Practical Chemical Analysis
 - Forensics Evidence, Collection and Analysis
 - Forensic Fire Investigation

Entry Requirements

UK: 4 GCSEs (Grade C or above), including a Science subject, English and Maths

ROI: 4 OLCs (Grade O5 or above), including a Science subject, plus English and Maths; OR Leaving Cert Applied - (Merit) to include one Science elective module.

Assessment

58% Coursework, 42% Exam. Learners are assessed using a variety of styles to help you develop a broad range of transferable skills.

- Learners will have opportunities to:
- Write up the findings of their own research
 - Use case studies to explore complex or unfamiliar situations
 - Carry out projects for which they have choice over the direction and outcomes
 - Demonstrate practical and technical skills using appropriate equipment, procedures and techniques.

Internal assessment can also include observation of practical work as well as laboratory written reports, many with a strong focus on practical work and industry related knowledge.

The external assessments (two in Year1 and two in Year 2) are exams based on practical skills, research development, knowledge and application across biology, chemistry, and physics contexts on a par with traditional A-Levels.

Further Study

This course provides the equivalent of 3 A-Levels.

You can progress to a range of Higher Education courses such as the Ulster University Foundation Degree in Applied and Medical Sciences or onto BSc Hons or MSc degree programmes such as Forensic Science, Criminology, Analytical Chemistry, Biomedical Science, Veterinary Science, Radiography, Environmental Science, as well as traditional routes such as biology, chemistry and physics HE courses.

The qualification carries UCAS points and is recognised by higher education providers as meeting, or contributing to, admission requirements for many relevant Science courses.

It also provides the skills for direct route into employment within the science sector or higher level apprenticeships.

Your Future Career

A qualification in applied science will help you to develop the understanding, knowledge and skills needed to work in a broad range of careers in this industry.

- These could include:
- Agricultural Research Scientist
 - Ambulance Paramedic
 - Analytical Scientist
 - Audiologist
 - Biochemist
 - Biologist
 - Biomedical Scientist
 - Chemical Engineer
 - Chemical Plant Process Operator
 - Dental Nurse
 - Food Scientist
 - Health and Safety Inspector
 - Laboratory Technician
 - Medical Laboratory Assistant
 - Occupational Therapist
 - Physiotherapist
 - Veterinary Nurse

Both the Science Council and the Royal Society of Chemistry endorse this course as a qualification that can lead to professional recognition as a registered Science Technician.

Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma / National Extended Diploma Applied Science (Biomedical Science)

Course Code
500/6720/5

Campus
Derry~Londonderry
Limavady

Length of Study
2 Years

Awarding Body
Pearson BTEC

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Progression
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Course Overview

If you have ever wondered how your body works and what happens when things go wrong then this is the course for you. This two year qualification provides an insight into working within biomedical science, pathology, microbiology, genetics, haematology, and medical physics professions, alongside a strong focus on the application of biological concepts within industry.

Learners can exit the course at the end of Year 1, obtaining a National Foundation Diploma in Applied Science or progress onto Year 2 to achieve the full National Extended Diploma in Applied Science (Biomedical Science).

The requirements of the qualification will help you to develop the transferable and practical skills that are highly regarded by both HE and employers. Within the course there are biomedical science units which allow an insight into this specialist area combining of optional modules (subject to change), opening doors into both employment and further study in a range of applied science areas. There are also opportunities for project development and the potential to enter World Skills competitions.

Core Modules

- Contemporary Issues in Science
- Investigative Project
- Laboratory Techniques and their Application
- Practical Scientific Procedures and Techniques
- Principles and Application of Science I and II
- Science Investigation Skills

Optional Modules

- Biological Molecules and Metabolic Pathways
- Biomedical Science
- Genetics and Genetic Engineering
- Microbiology and Microbiological Techniques
- Physiology of Human Body Systems
- Practical Chemical Analysis

Entry Requirements

UK: 4 GCSEs (Grade C or above) including a Science subject, plus English and Maths.

ROI: 4 OLCs (Grade O5 or above) including a Science subject, plus English and Maths; OR Leaving Cert Applied - (Merit) to include one Science elective module.

Assessment

58% Coursework, 42% Exam.

Learners are assessed using a variety of styles to help you develop a broad range of transferable skills.

- Write up the findings of their own research;
- Use case studies to explore complex or unfamiliar situations;
- Carry out projects for which they have choice over the direction and outcomes;
- Demonstrate practical and technical skills using appropriate equipment, procedures and techniques.

Internal assessment can also include observation of practical work as well as laboratory written reports, many with a strong focus on practical work and industry related knowledge.

The external assessments (two in Year1 and two in Year 2) are exams based on practical skills, research development, knowledge and application across biology, chemistry, and physics contexts on a par with traditional A-Levels.

Further Study

You can progress to higher education courses including the Foundation Degree in Applied and Medical Sciences offered at NWRC or Honours Degree courses in Biological or Biomedical Sciences, Marine and Environmental Sciences, Pharmacology, Veterinary Science, Radiography, Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy among others.

Your Future Career

A qualification in applied science will help you to develop the skills, knowledge required to work in a broad range of careers, including:

- Agricultural Research Scientist
- Ambulance Paramedic
- Audiologist
- Biochemist
- Biomedical Scientist
- Chemical Engineer
- Chemical Plant Process Operator
- Food Scientist
- Laboratory Technician
- Medical Laboratory Assistant
- Microbiologist
- Occupational Therapist
- Physiotherapist

Recognised by both the Science Council and Royal Society of Chemistry as a course which will contribute to a professional qualification of RSciTech.





Ulster University Level 5 Foundation Degree (FdSc) Applied and Medical Sciences

Course Code
N/A

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
2 Years (Full-Time)
3 Years (Part-Time)

Awarding Body
Ulster University

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Progression
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Course Overview
This course aims to provide a vocationally relevant science education for those wishing to follow careers in the applied and medical sciences - producing competent individuals to meet local, regional and national needs by providing a good mix of scientific theory along with the practical skills necessary for further study or employment within the applied and medical sciences.

Through a varied and well-planned curriculum delivered by knowledgeable and supportive staff, knowledge and understanding is developed through lectures, practical classes, group discussion and independent research.

Cognitive (thinking) skills are developed through researching information, statistical analysis of results, effective communication, critical analysis, evaluation and self-evaluation.

The course is designed to be practical and, therefore, applied skills are developed through practical laboratory classes and laboratory simulations. Transferable skills are crucial to your progression and employability.

This course aims to develop these skills through presentations, scientific writing, analysis and interpretation of results, group work, problem solving, research and critical evaluation; all of which will enhance personal development and career prospects.

Core Modules

- Biochemistry and Human Nutrition
- Laboratory Skills and Safety
- Cell Biology
- Introduction to Evidence Based Professional Practice
- Work Based Learning 1 and 2
- Introduction to Biology and Chemistry for Bioscience
- Introduction to Laboratory Practice for Applied and Medical Sciences
- Human Physiology and Anatomy
- Scientific Communication, Maths and Statistics for Bioscience
- Chemistry and Pharmacology
- Professional Practice in the Laboratory

Entry Requirements
UK: 48 UCAS points including an A-Level pass in a science subject (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Maths or equivalent), AND GCSE English Grade C or equivalent (e.g. Essential Skills Level 2 Communications) and GCSE Maths Grade C or equivalent (Level 2 Essential Skills Numeracy is not accepted). Interview required.

ROI: 48 UCAS points consisting of passes in 5 approved subjects to include a minimum of 3 at Higher Leaving Cert Pass (Grade D/H6) one of which should be in Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Maths or equivalent) + OLC (Grade O4 or above), including Maths and English. Interview required

Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning (APEL) may be considered for entry. See page 34 for details.

Assessment
60% Coursework, 40% Exam.

This course is assessed by a variety of assessment methods to include written reports, examinations, work-based projects and portfolio, academic poster presentations, workplace observation of practice and tests of practical competence.

Work Placement
In your final year, you are expected to complete work-based learning module(s) which will consist of a total of 320 hours of placement - a great opportunity to boost your CV.

Further Study
Students from this course can progress to Year 2 of a range of related Degree programmes at Ulster University or elsewhere; or Year 1 of a wide range of degree courses.

Your Future Career
As a result of completing this course you may also explore employment opportunities in this field which could include:

- Pharmacy Technician
- Dietetic Assistant
- Cardiology Technician
- Audiology Technician
- Basic Level Pharmacology Staff
- School Technician
- Assistant Grade Professional



Sport & Fitness



Career Paths

- › Coach
- › Personal Trainer
- › Sport Massage Therapist
- › Physiotherapist
- › Emergency Services
- › PE Teacher
- › Sports Science
- › Paramedic
- ...plus many more!



Cahir Gormley
*Foundation Degree in Sport,
Coaching and Fitness*



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future holds.**

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**I box competitively and I
want to go on to have a
career in Sport.**

It's great having access to the college gym
and fitness suite every day as part of my
course. I can also use the facilities as part
of my own training schedule.

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OCN NI Level 2 Traineeship Sport

Course Code
603/2566/5

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
1 Year

Awarding Body
Open College Network NI
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Progression
 



Course Overview

This course is aimed at students who have completed their GCSEs or mature learners who are returning to full-time education. Through coursework and practical activities, you will begin to develop knowledge and skills required for progression to higher level sports programme or a career in this exciting industry.

You will study units about the structure and function of the systems within the human body; how to plan and deliver coaching sessions; the components of fitness and how these are tested; and you will also take part in outdoor activities such as orienteering and canoeing.

You will also have the opportunity to gain coaching skills and real-life industry experience.

You will be required to complete Essential Skills in Literacy and Numeracy if you do not have a GCSE Grade C or equivalent in English and Maths.

Entry Requirements

UK: 4 GCSEs Grade D-G or above to include Maths Grade E and English Grade D or above.

ROI: 4 OLCs Grade O5 - O8 or above to include Maths at O6 and English O5 or above. Applicants presenting with a Junior Cert or Junior Cycle qualification should have attained a majority of higher level subjects including English and Maths.

Assessment

100% Coursework; The course is assessed entirely through coursework - no external exams.

Further Study

Successful students can progress to any of our Level 3 Sport programmes:

- Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport, Fitness and Personal Training
- Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport and Exercise Sciences
- Level 3 Extended Diploma in Uniformed Public Services

Extra qualifications include coaching awards through the College's Coach Education Programme and also the YMCA Level 2 Fitness Instructor and Level 3 Personal Trainer.

Your Future Career

Successful students who gain extra qualifications in addition to studying their Level 2 in Sport may wish to progress to employment.





Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma Sport and Exercise Science

Course Code
601/7422/5

Campus
Derry~Londonderry
Limavady

Length of Study
2 Years

Awarding Body
Pearson BTEC

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Non-term time
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Progression



Course Overview

This course has an excellent reputation for success and attracts students from a wide range of backgrounds including those competing in sport at county, provincial and international level.

It enables you to prepare for university study as it is equivalent to 3 A-Levels and has a special focus on the sciences required for a career working in sport science, sports therapy, sports nutrition, performance analysis, PE teaching, physiotherapy, sports injuries and strength & conditioning.

This course is assessed mainly with coursework with a small element of exam assessment.

You will have the opportunity to perform specialist testing protocols such as gas analysis in our Sport Science Lab and use specialist software such as STATSport, GPS, Dartfish and SPSS.

You will have the opportunity to gain coaching qualifications as well as develop skills and experience in coaching through practical sessions. You will also play for a number of college teams and we also offer a variety of fitness-related classes.

Our Sports Science teaching team includes **UK Pearson Silver Award** winning lecturer, Ivor Neill.

Core Modules

- Specialised Fitness Training
- Applied Sports Psychology
- Coaching for Performance and Fitness
- Functional Anatomy
- Applied Research Methods
- Research Project
- Sports Injury and Assessment
- Sports Nutrition
- Specialised Fitness Testing
- Sport and Exercise Physiology
- Field and Laboratory Based Fitness Testing
- Nutrition for Sport and Exercise Performance
- Sociocultural Issues in Sport and Exercise
- Applied Research Methods in Sport and Exercise Science
- Physical Activity for Individual and Group-Based Exercise
- Applied Sport and Exercise Psychology
- Biomechanics in Sport and Exercise Science

Entry Requirements

UK: 4 GCSEs (Grade C or above); OR Level 2 Diploma.

ROI: 4 OLCs (Grade O5 or above); OR Leaving Cert Applied - Merit; OR Level 2 Diploma

Assessment

70% Coursework; 30% Exam;

External assessments in Sport & Exercise Physiology, Functional Anatomy, Applied Sport & Exercise Psychology, and Nutrition for Sport & Exercise Performance

Work Placement

In Year 2 of the course, we offer the opportunity to complete an Erasmus project to a European country.

In 2023 sports students travelled to Malaga for a two-week work placements in sports coaching, Physiotherapy, fitness instructing and teaching.

Further Study

This qualification enables progression to a variety of degree programmes including:

Ulster University (Jordanstown)

- BSc (Hons) Sport Studies
- BSc (Hons) Sport and Exercise Sciences
- BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy

Ulster University (Magee)

- BSc (Hons) in Sport, Physical Activity and Health
- BSc (Hons) in Nursing

Others have progressed to degrees in institutes of technology in the Republic of Ireland including the BSc (Hons) in Sport and Exercise at Altantic Technological University (ATU) (formerly Letterkenny Institute of Technology (LYIT)).

Past students have gone on to successful careers as:

- Sport Scientists
- Physiotherapists
- PE Teachers
- Lecturers in Sport
- Nursing
- Occupational Therapy
- Sport Development Officers
- Fitness Club Managers
- Sports Massage Therapists
- Performance Analysts
- Coaches
- Health Promotion Officers
- Self Employment

Past students have progressed to our Level 5 Foundation Degree in Sport, Exercise and Fitness and degree programmes in universities in Belfast, Liverpool, Manchester, Newcastle, Edinburgh and Glasgow.

Check out our Jargon Buster

Confused by educational terms and phrases?
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Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma
**Sports Coaching and Development
(Football)**

Course Code
603/4933/5

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
2 Years

Awarding Body
Pearson BTEC

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Progression



Course Overview

This is a new and exciting course that combines a Level 3 Sports qualification with playing and coaching football.

Students will receive a high-quality education from an expert teaching team in addition to coaching sessions with local football club coaches including Derry City FC staff.

Students have the unique opportunity to combine their love of playing football with their desire to achieve an academic qualification.

The coaching team will deliver football sessions three times each week. Students will experience football sessions from local coaching experts, will meet players and staff of DCFC, and meet board members to discuss the demands of running of a professional football club.

Students will complete a Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sports Coaching and Development.

This course is equivalent to three A-Levels and delivered as a two year, full-time programme.

Due to the wide choice of units, learners can access employment directly in sports coaching and development roles or progress to higher education such as BA (Hons) in Sports Coaching and Development or BA (Hons) in Sports Management.

Core Modules

- Careers in the Sport and Active Leisure Industry
- Health, Wellbeing and Sport
- Developing Coaching Skills
- Applied Coaching Skills
- Research Project in Sport
- Sport Development
- Self-employment in Sport and Physical Activity

Optional Modules

- Sports Psychology
- Nutrition for Physical Performance
- Anatomy and Physiology in Sport
- Functional Sports Massage
- Fitness Testing
- Fitness Training
- Sporting Injuries
- School Sport Delivery
- Technical and Tactical Skills in Sport
- Rules, Regulations and Officiating in Sport
- Practical Sports Application
- Influence of Technology in Sport and Physical Activity

Entry Requirements

UK: 4 GCSEs (Grade C or above); OR Level 2 Diploma. Applicants should be playing or coaching football with a team.

ROI: 4 OLCs (Grade O5 or above) OR Leaving Cert Applied-Merit or Level 2 Diploma. Applicants should be playing or coaching football with a team.

Assessment

100% Coursework. Assessments are all internally assessed. Assessments will be a combination of practical assessments and written reports.

Work Placement

There is no formal work placement on the course, but students will be expected to engage in coaching practices at their own clubs and with course coaching sessions.

In Year 2 there is an opportunity to complete an Erasmus project to a European country. In 2023 sports students travelled to Malaga for a two-week work placement in sports coaching, physiotherapy, fitness instructing and teaching.

Further Study

Students will achieve UCAS points through completion of this course. Therefore, progression to higher education, i.e. Foundation Degrees and University Degrees remains a valid option for many students (dependant on the grade profile achieved).

Progression routes can include our Foundation Degree in Sport (validated by Ulster University) and Degrees in subjects such as PE Teaching, Sports Coaching, Fitness Instruction and Sports Development which are offered at universities such as Ulster University, Liverpool Hope, Liverpool John Moore's and University of Central Lancashire.

Your Future Career

This qualification focuses primarily on progression to employment as a coach. The variety units give learners employment opportunities for working with participants of all ages.

Possible job roles include community coach, school / after-school coach, sports development coach, and multi-sports coach.



Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma Sport, Fitness and Personal Training

Course Code
603/4928/1

Campus
Derry~Londonderry
Strabane

Length of Study
2 Years

Awarding Body
Pearson BTEC

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Progression



Course Overview

This course is a unique blend of an academic qualification (BTEC Level 3) and professional industry certification (YMCA Level 2 Gym Instructor /Level 3 Personal Trainer).

The health and fitness industry is continuing to grow, leading to many employment opportunities for people with industry-recognised qualifications.

Learners will benefit from a teaching team of active practitioners, with a wealth of professional industry experience. Learners can attain industry standard qualifications that provide direct route to employment including the Level 2 Gym Instructor Certificate and a Level 3 Personal Trainer Diploma.

This programme is intended for learners who are looking to progress to employment or learners interested in further education progression such as a Foundation Degree or University Degree programmes. The BTEC element is equivalent to 2 A-Levels gaining UCAS points for progression to university (grade profile dependent).

This course is ideal for learners interested in the fitness and health industry with a goal to gain employment in employed or self-employed roles such as Gym Instructor, Personal Trainer, Leisure Centre Attendant, or Gym Management.

- Core Modules**
- Business and Technology in Personal Training
 - Careers in Sport and Active Leisure
 - Fitness Skills Development
 - Health, Wellbeing and Sport
 - Nutrition for Physical Performance
 - Personal Skills Development
 - Personal Trainer Skills Development
 - Self-employment in Sport and Physical Activity
 - YMCA Level 2 Gym Instructor Certificate
 - YMCA Level 3 Personal Trainer Diploma
- Optional Modules**
- Research Project in Sport
 - Sports Injuries
 - Functional Sports Massage
 - Fitness Testing
 - Organising Events in Sport
- Entry Requirements**
- UK:** 4 GCSEs (Grade C or above); OR Level 2 Diploma
- ROI:** 4 OLC (Grade O5 or above) OR Leaving Certificate Applied – Merit, OR Level 2 Diploma.
- Assessment**
- 85% Coursework; 15% Exam.
- All BTEC Diploma units are internally graded through coursework. Within the industry qualifications there are two units that are external exams.

Work Placement

The nature of this course will require students to engage with employers within the industry at regular intervals.

In Year 2, there may be an opportunity to complete an Erasmus project to a European country. In 2023, Sports students travelled to Malaga for a two-week work placement in sports coaching, physiotherapy, fitness instructing and teaching.

Further Study

Students will achieve UCAS points through completion of this course. Therefore, progression to higher education, i.e. Foundation Degrees and University Degrees remains a valid option for many students.

Depending on the grade profile achieved, progression routes can include our Foundation Degree in Sport (validated by Ulster University) and degrees such as PE Teaching, Sports Coaching, Fitness Instruction and Sports Development at universities such as Ulster University, Liverpool Hope, Liverpool John Moore's and University of Central Lancashire.

Your Future Career

This course is ideal for students keen to move directly into employment within the fitness industry. The course content provides learners with up-to-date knowledge, understanding and practical skills to pursue a career in the fitness industry.





Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma Uniformed Protective Services

Course Code
603/5068/4

Campus
Limavady

Length of Study
2 Years

Awarding Body
Pearson BTEC

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Progression

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Course Overview

This course provides opportunities for learners to develop key skills to work in the uniformed services.

It will be of particular interest for those who wish to pursue a career in the Police, Fire, Ambulance, and Prison as well as the Armed Services (Army, Navy, and RAF), HM Customs and Excise and other emergency related organisations.

Our Limavady campus is an ideal location with access to numerous uniformed service providers.

The purpose of this course is to help people become occupationally ready for employment in the uniformed public services sector at the appropriate level either directly after achieving the qualification, or via the steppingstone of Higher Education (HE) in university or college.

Assessments are mostly internally set assignments e.g. essays, reports, practical assessments, or role plays. There are 2 external exams on the course. The course combines theory-based lessons with practical sessions such as outdoor adventure, and fitness testing and training.

Our Sports Science teaching team is led by **UK Pearson Silver Award** winning lecturer Ivor Neill.

Core Modules

- Physical Preparation, Health and Wellbeing
- Citizenship and Diversity
- Behaviour and Discipline in the Uniformed Services
- Global Affairs and the Media in Uniformed Services
- Government and the Protective Services
- Planning for and Responding to Emergency Incidents
- Teamwork, Leadership and Communication in the Uniformed Protective Services

Optional Modules

- Skills for Outdoor Activities
- Expedition Skills
- Developing Personal Fitness programmes
- Principles of Managing Security Threats
- Introduction to Criminology

Entry Requirements

UK: 4 GCSE's (Grade C or above); OR Level 2 Diploma.

ROI: 4 OLC (Grade O5 or above); OR Leaving Certificate Applied - Merit; OR Level 2 Diploma.

Assessment

80% Coursework; 20% Exam. Includes both external assessments and internally graded assignments. Some elements of external assessments are coursework based.

Work Placement

In Year 2 of the course we offer the opportunity to complete an Erasmus project to a European country. In 2019 students travelled to Malta for two-week work placements.

On this course you will also get the opportunity to complete your Emergency First Aid qualification, and engage in Outdoor Adventure expeditions, day trips, and a residential. Work placement will form part of this programme of study.

Further Study

The course provides a well-established route into a variety of specialist Higher Education (HE) courses in this sector and beyond, fully meeting entry requirements for most courses.

Your Future Career

Potential careers include work in the public services, for example the police, coast guard, fire service, and armed forces.





Ulster University Level 5 Foundation Degree (FdSc) Sport, Coaching and Fitness

Course Code
N/A

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
2 Years

Additional Fees
Kits: £50 (approx)
Books: £50 (approx)

Awarding Body
Ulster University

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bernie.rutherford@nwrc.ac.uk

Non-term time
Admissions Office
(028) 7127 6000

Progression
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Course Overview

This programme is validated by Ulster University and offers an excellent pathway to a degree programme based on a 'two plus two' model; thus, potentially achieving a degree within a 4-year period. It attracts students from various academic and sporting backgrounds including national and international athletes.

Assessments include practicals, written assignments and exams.

Additional coaching and sport related qualifications will be offered which may or may not incur a small fee.

Core Modules

- Anatomy and Physiology
- Sport Psychology
- Fundamental Skills in Laboratory Testing
- Work Based Learning
- Principles of Teaching and Coaching
- The Professional Fitness Environment
- Sports Analysis
- Sports Nutrition
- Research Methods
- Strength and Conditioning

Entry Requirements

UK: 48 UCAS tariff points, plus GCSE at Grade C in English Language and Mathematics, or equivalent. Applicants must also satisfy the University's general entry requirements as set out in the prospectus.

ROI: 48 UCAS Points, plus OLC (Grade O4 or above) in English and Maths. Applicants must also satisfy the University's general entry requirements as set out in the prospectus.

Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning (APEL) may be considered for entry. For details see page 34. The initial offer standard may vary from year to year.

Note: GCSE Grade C / OLC Grade O4 (or above) in Maths is required for progression to top-up degrees at Ulster University.

Assessment

90% Coursework; 10% Exam. Examination accounts for 40% of units Anatomy and Physiology (Year 1) and Sports Nutrition (Year 2). All other assessment is via coursework.

Work Placement

Students will undertake a minimum of 280 hours of work placement as part of the Work-Based Learning module.

This can take place in a variety of sport settings.

Further Study

On completion, you may apply for advanced entry to Year 2 of the BSc (Hons) Sport & Exercise Science or Sports Studies or Year 3 of Sports Coaching at Ulster University, providing pre-set standards have been achieved.

You can also progress to Year 3 of the BSc (Hons) in Sport and Exercise at ATU Donegal or one year top-up degrees in UK universities. Assessments include practicals, written assignments and class tests.

Additional coaching and sport-related qualifications will be offered which will incur a small fee.

Further Study

On completion, you may apply for advanced entry to Year 2 of the BSc (Hons) Sport & Exercise Science, the BSc (Hons) Sports Studies, the BSc (Hons) Sport, Health and Physical Activity or Year 3 of BSc Sports Coaching at Ulster University, providing pre-set standards have been achieved.

Alternatively, you may progress to a related degree course or onto a one-year top-up degree in other UK Universities. Also, there is an opportunity to progress to Year 3 of the BSc (Hons) Degree in Sport and Exercise at ATU Donegal.





YOUR APPLICATION



How to Apply

To apply for a Full-Time course you must be 16 years of age or over on or before 1st July in year of entry.

Please note, we operate a first come, first served application process, so apply today!

Need help with your application?

Applying for a course at NWRC is easy. Our Student Services team are available to guide you through the application process. If you would like help completing your application, contact **028 7127 6045**.

If you experience technical issues while completing your online application or require an alternative format, please contact our Admissions Team on **028 7127 6000** or email **admissions@nwrc.ac.uk**.

Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning (APEL)

APEL is a process through which the learning you have gained from experience can be counted towards entry onto courses. For more information about the APEL process see page 34 or visit **nwrc.ac.uk/policies**.


International Students

The College welcomes applications from international students. Find out more: **nwrc.ac.uk/international**

Terms and Conditions

Students are required to comply with the College's Terms and Conditions. It is important that you read the terms carefully and understand them before applying / accepting your offer.

Find out more: **nwrc.ac.uk/terms**

 Find out more: **nwrc.ac.uk/apply**

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Degree Level
with us

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OUR COURSES
ONLINE**



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**CLICK
APPLY ONLINE**



3
**LOG IN OR
REGISTER A NEW
ACCOUNT***

**EMAIL ADDRESS REQUIRED*



4
**COMPLETE
THE ONLINE
APPLICATION
FORM**

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**TRACK YOUR
APPLICATION
ONLINE**



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**ATTEND YOUR
INTERVIEW OR
AUDITION***

**IF APPLICABLE*

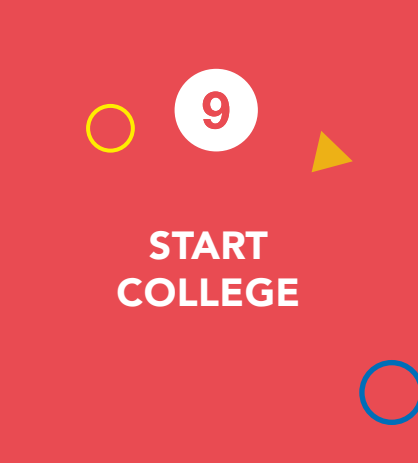


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**ACCEPT
YOUR OFFER**

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**ENROL
WITH US**



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**START
COLLEGE**



Your Courses Explained

We offer a wide range of Full-Time accredited courses from Level 1 to Level 6 (Undergraduate) which combine practical hands-on learning with supporting theory and knowledge.

Please note: Entry criteria for some courses may be enhanced where courses are over-subscribed.

Course	Description	Entry Requirements	Progression		
Level 5 Foundation Degree 2 years	A Degree level qualification which combines college study with workplace learning to give you relevant knowledge and higher level skills for your career. With a Foundation Degree students can often move straight into second or final year of a related Degree at university.	Entry criteria may vary - check specific course information in this guide or online: nwrc.ac.uk/fulltime		✓	✓
Level 5 Higher National Diploma (HND) 2 years	Both the HND and HNC courses will combine practical skills, work experience and academic study to gain a vocational qualification that leads to work or second or third year at university.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">See entry points oppositeCheck specific course information in this guide or online.		✓	✓
Level 4 Higher National Certificate (HNC) 1 year					
Level 3 Diploma or Extended Diploma 2 years	A qualification related to your chosen career, equal to 3 A-levels. The practical work experience and skills will prepare you for work or higher level study. You can progress onto a HND/C or Foundation Degree at our College or move directly onto a course at University.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">4 or more GCSEs (Grade C or above)4 Ordinary Leaving Cert Passes (05 or above)Leaving Certificate Applied (Merit / Distinction)Level 2 Diploma (Merit)NVQ Level 2OCR QualificationCity & Guilds Qualification	✓	✓	✓
Level 3 Access (Adult Learning) 1 year	Designed for adult learners who wish to enhance their qualifications in preparation for higher level study. Access courses are Level 3 qualifications which are equivalent to A-Level.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Out of Full-Time Education for two yearsNot studied a similar level course for 5 yearsAged 19 or overInterview usually required	✓	✓	✓
Level 2 Diploma 1 year	Level 2 qualifications are intermediate level qualifications. They include practical, work related activities for skills development and help learners develop a broader understanding of their chosen subject area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Entry criteria may vary - check specific course information in this guide or onlineMay require relevant NVQ or City & Guilds Level 1 qualificationAptitude test	✓	✓	
Level 2-4 NVQ Level 1-2 NVQ 1 or 2 years	Undertake practical, work related tasks designed to help you develop the skills and knowledge to do a particular job effectively.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">NVQ Levels 2 - 4 or equivalent	✓ L1-L4	✓ L2-L4	

PROGRESSION KEY: Higher level study Employment University

UCAS Tariff Points Conversion

UCAS Destinations
Our graduates progress to universities throughout the United Kingdom. To view our Class of 2022 university destination map visit: nwrc.ac.uk/careers.

UK Qualifications

BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma		BTEC Level 3 Diploma		Access Diploma		A Levels	
Grade Profile	UCAS Tariff Points	Grade Profile	UCAS Tariff Points	% Pass Grade	UCAS Tariff Points	Grade	UCAS Tariff Points
D*D*D*	168	D*D*	112	75+	144	A*	56
D*D*D	160	D*D	104	70 - 74	132	A	48
D*DD	152	D D	96	65 - 69	120	B	40
DDD	144	DM	80	60 - 64	108	C	32
DDM	128	MM	64	55 - 59	96	D	24
DMM	112	PM	48	50 - 54	84	E	16
MMM	96	PP	32	45 - 49	72	-	-
MMP	80	-	-	41 - 44	60	-	-
MPP	64	-	-	40	48	-	-
PPP	48	-	-	-	-	-	-

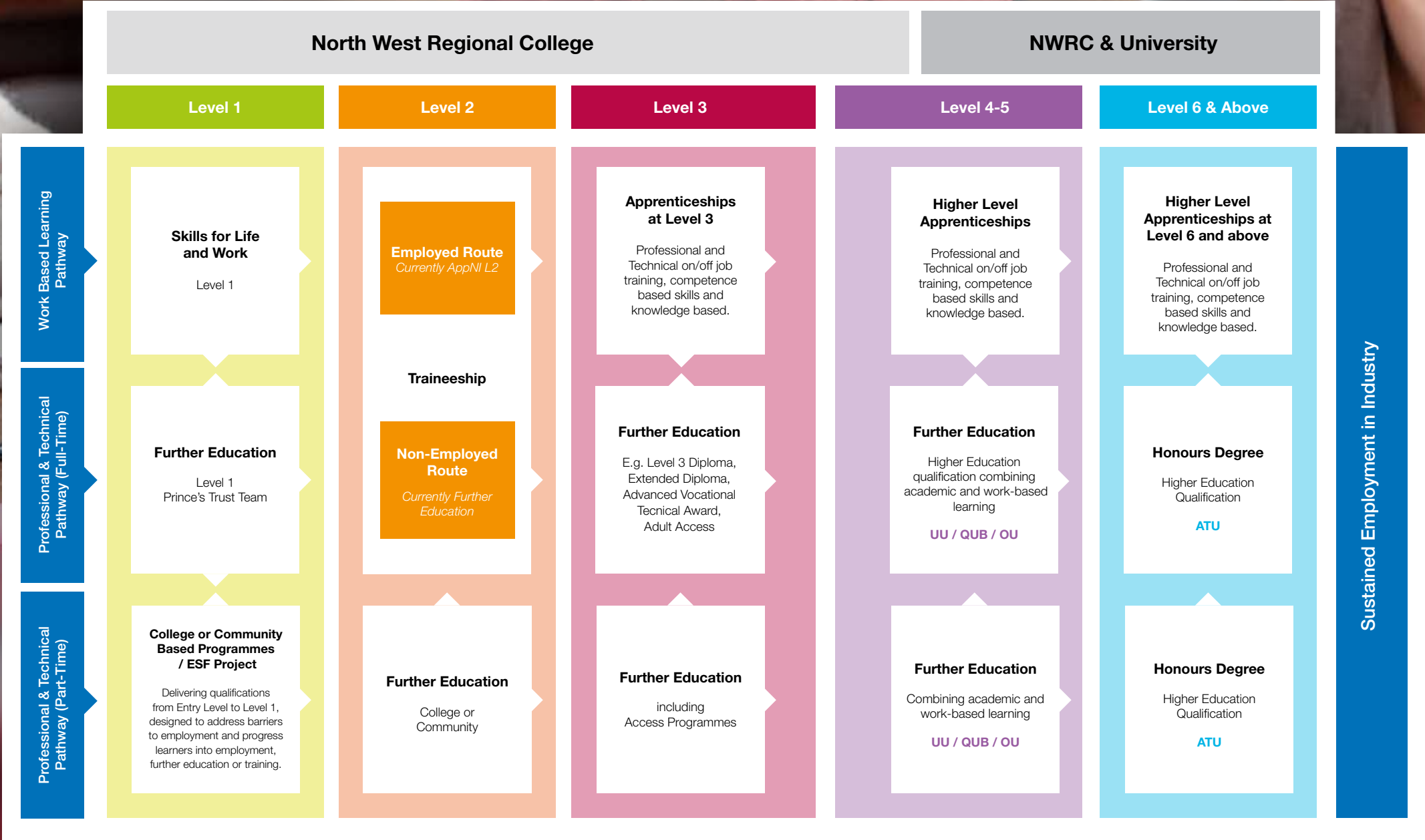
KEY: D = Distinction M = Merit P = Pass **NOTE:** It is up to the individual applicant to check tariff points equivalency with the HE institutions they are applying to.

ROI Qualifications

Irish Leaving Certificate (Higher and Ordinary) UCAS and CAO points					
2017 New Tariff at Higher	UCAS Points [Higher]	CAO Points [Higher]	2017 New Tariff at Ordinary	UCAS Points [Ordinary]	CAO Points [Ordinary]
H1	36	100	-	-	-
H2	30	88	-	-	-
H3	24	77	-	-	-
H4	18	66	-	-	-
H5	12	56	01	12	56
H6	9	46	02	10	46
H7	-	37	03	8	46
H8	-	-	04	6	37
-	-	-	05	-	-
-	-	-	06	-	-

For more information on course entry requirements or to view ILC equivalences prior to 2017, contact our Careers Academy: careers@nwrc.ac.uk

Progression Pathways



Jargon Buster

Confused by the education terms and phrases you have come across? If so, use our jargon buster to find out what they mean.

Access Diploma

Level 3 qualification designed for adult learners (aged 19+) to provide opportunities to make a successful return to education. Can enable successful progression onto higher education at university, or directly into employment. Available on a full-time or part-time basis.

Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning (APEL)

APEL is a process through which the learning you have gained from work experience can be counted towards entry onto a course.

Advanced Vocational Technical Award

The Advanced Technical Award is the gold standard in Level 3 vocational education and training, and will equip you with the skills and qualifications necessary to embark on a career or progress to higher education and apprenticeships, including degree level apprenticeships.

Apprenticeships

Apprentices mix on-the-job training with classroom learning, providing you with the skills you need for your chosen career. Apprentices work with an employer and earn a wage while learning.

Associate Student Status

When you enrol on a higher education course validated by a University you will be granted 'Associate Student' status with that provider. This gives you access to a wide range of resources and facilities, designed to enhance your learning experience.

Award / Certificate / Diploma

A term relating to the size of a qualification which depends on how in-depth the qualification is and the number of units you are required to study. Diplomas are the largest with the most units. Certificates are in-between and Awards are the smallest with the fewest units to complete. All three types of qualification can be studied at different levels.

Awarding Body

A corporate body with the legal authority to award academic qualifications. 'City & Guilds' would be an example of an Awarding Body.

Bursary

A financial grant you apply for to help with tuition fees or living costs.

BTEC

A vocational qualification that provides specialist, work-related learning in a range of sectors. BTEC qualifications are equivalent to A-Levels and can lead to further studies, employment and progression to Higher Education.

Campus

This refers to the grounds and buildings a College or University is located. NWRC has five different campus sites which include Strand Road, Limavady, Strabane, Springtown and Greystone.

Careers Education

The delivery of bespoke programmes and interactive workshops that are embedded into the curriculum with the aim of enhancing your transferable skills.

Conditional Offer

An offer of a place on your selected course as long as you meet the entry requirements of the course.

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)

EMA is a fortnightly payment for students aged 16-19 who decide to remain in education after completing their GCSEs. Payment is dependent on attendance.

Erasmus+

An internationally funded project which offers students the opportunity to train and study abroad.

Foundation Degree

A Level 5 qualification, which combines college study with work-based learning. After completing a Foundation Degree you can usually progress directly into year two or final year of a Level 6 degree programme at university.

Further Education (FE)

Non-compulsory education taken after school-leaving age. Usually used to describe education between school and higher education (university). This includes GCSEs, A-Levels, Apprenticeships and vocational training.

Graduate

Someone who has successfully completed a Higher Education course (Level 4 or above) and received their qualification.

Graduation

A celebration ceremony for graduates.

Higher Education (HE)

Qualifications at Level 4 to 6. This includes Higher National Certificates (HNCs), Higher National Diplomas (HNDs), Foundation Degrees and Honours Degrees.

Higher Level Apprenticeship (HLA)

A work-based programme, which offers the opportunity to gain quality training and a recognised higher level qualification while in paid employment. Upon completion, you will have gained a Foundation Degree and two to three years of industry experience.

Higher National Certificate (HNC)

A Level 4 qualification that is equivalent to the first year of a degree course. After completing a HNC, you can progress to a Higher National Diploma (HND).

Higher National Diploma (HND)

A Level 5 qualification that is equivalent to the second year of a degree course. HNDs are work-related courses provided by further and higher education colleges. After completing a HND you can progress to University to complete your degree or move into employment.

Irish Level Certificate (ILC)

The Leaving Certificate Examinations, commonly referred to as the Leaving Cert, is the final examination in the Irish secondary school system.

Learning Support

The term used to describe the provision of resources, strategies and practices that provide physical and / or mental support intended to enable all students to have an equal opportunity for success at the College. It does this by addressing barriers to and promoting engagement in learning and teaching.

Lecture

A lesson delivered by an academic member of staff, to a large amount of students. Students are expected to take notes and digest the information in their own time.

Levels

The Level of a qualification indicates its difficulty. GCSEs at Grade A*-C are Level 2. A-Levels are at Level 3. HNCs are Level 4. HNDs and Foundation Degrees are Level 5 and an Honours Degree is Level 6.

Modules (Units)

Each course is made up of a number of modules (units). Some are compulsory (core), while others are optional.

Prince's Trust

A free 12-week personal development and team building course. It enables young people to develop their personal skills through a series of projects and challenges.

Reasonable Adjustments

Action taken by the College to ensure that the playing field is levelled for students with disabilities and/or learning difficulties, where practicable and reasonable.

Safeguarding

The process of taking action to protect children and vulnerable adults from harm. Our dedicated safeguarding team promotes the awareness of safeguarding issues and provides support to students, families and staff.

Support Worker

Provides additional support to students with a disability, personal care needs, behavioural or mental health needs, to ensure they gain equal access to the curriculum and services available at the College.

Traineeship

A Traineeship is a Level 2 vocational education and training programme aimed at school leavers who wish to progress to work in a specific sector. Traineeships have been developed alongside employers to ensure that students learn the skills required for the workplace.


UCAS

University and Colleges Admissions Services (UCAS) is the organisation that processes applications for entry to higher education at College or University.

UCAS Tariff Points

A means of allocating points to post GCSE (Level 2) qualifications. It is based on a simple mathematical model, which uses a qualification size and grading scale to generate a total number of points.

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 **Find out more**
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Your
Notes



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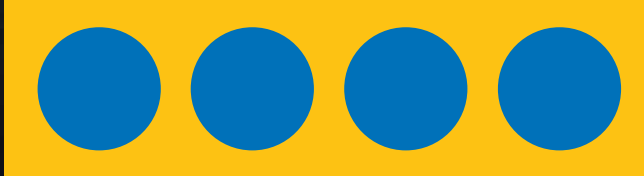


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Earn Freebies
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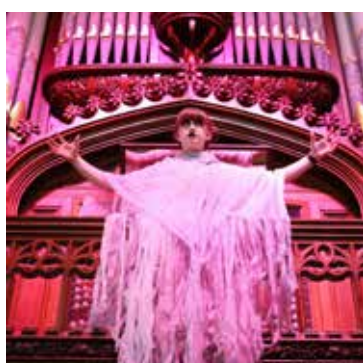
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Any subsequent changes will be published online. Please refer to www.nwrc.ac.uk for the latest information before you apply.

The College will make every effort to deliver in accordance with the descriptions set out in this course guide. However, the College is dependent upon public funds which have to be managed in a way which is efficient. The College therefore reserves the right to make variations to the content or methods of delivery of assessment of courses, to discontinue courses or to merge or combine courses, if such action is reasonably considered to be necessary in the context of its wider purpose. If the College discontinues any course, we will use reasonable endeavours to provide a suitable alternative.

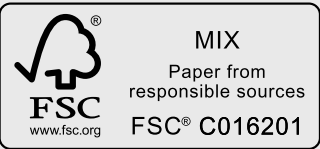
In the event of a pandemic, the College may have to implement restrictions in respect of your study or effect a temporary College closure. Please be assured, in such instances NWRC will follow government advice and will make appropriate reasonable adjustments to maintain the ongoing quality of teaching and support for all of our students. In line with the Consumer Rights Act 2015, you will be notified of any such changes, the reasons for the changes and any options available to you to avoid such changes having an adverse impact on your future career and financial prospects.

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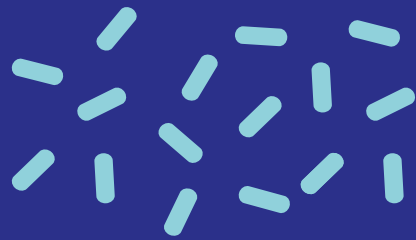
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