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Whether you want to study higher education to change your career, boost your prospects further, or to expand your knowledge with a professional qualification, we’ve got a course for you.

Newcastle and Stafford Colleges Group (NSCG) is the largest and most successful further education provider in Staffordshire, and bolstered by our Higher Education (HE) provision we are the college of first choice across the region. We offer a fantastic range of courses which deliver higher level technical skills and professional career development.

Our campuses provide a friendly welcome, with first-class facilities and a dedicated staff team who put student success at the heart of everything they do. We have over 500 HE learners currently studying with us. Recognised for outstanding student support, we want to make sure that your experience with us is a positive one, so we’ll make sure you get all the support you need for the duration of your course, from study support to help with your finances.

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Karen Dobson OBE
Principal & Chief Executive

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A world of opportunities
Every year, we have the pleasure of helping around 500 people who choose to study with us on full or part-time higher education courses. We have a wide range of undergraduate programmes that will give you a recognised qualification, whatever your chosen field of study. These include:

**Higher National Certificate (Level 4)**
You can study a Higher National Certificate (HNC) on either a full-time or part-time basis, it will take one year to complete if you study full-time, or two years if you choose to study part-time. A HNC is generally equivalent to the first year of a university degree.

**Higher National Diploma (Level 5)**
A Higher National Diploma (HND) can also be studied on a full-time or part-time basis. It will take two years of full-time study to complete, or three to four years if you study part-time. A HND is generally equivalent to the first two years of a university degree.

**Foundation Degree (Level 5)**
This Level 5 qualification combines academic study with workplace learning and can be studied on a full-time or part-time basis. Designed in association with employers, a Foundation Degree will give you the skills, knowledge and understanding to achieve academic results, as well as improve your performance and productivity in the workplace.

**Top-up Degree (Level 6)**
A top-up degree is the final year of undergraduate study that will give you a bachelor’s level qualification. These courses enable you to ‘top-up’ an existing qualification including a Foundation Degree and HND. You can study on either a full-time programme for one year, or on a part-time programme for two years.

**Other University-level Courses**
Become a fully qualified accountant.
Our AAT Level 4 qualifications are widely recognised by employers and are a great way to develop your accounting career.
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**Degree-level Higher Apprenticeships**
Studying a higher level apprenticeship can also lead to a degree. We offer higher apprenticeships in Accounting, Business, Health and Social Care and Engineering.
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**No traditional qualifications for university entry?**
An Access to Higher Education (HE) course could be for you. It’s a stepping stone to a university-level qualification and can be taken via a number of different pathways, including:
- Health
- Social Science/Education
- Social Science & Humanities
- Medicine & Healthcare Professions*
*Stafford College only

Unlike many degrees, HNCs and HNDs have a vocational focus, which means they can lead straight to a career. They’re also a great stepping stone to a higher qualification. You can ‘top-up’ your HND at a later date to convert it to a full bachelors degree.
We know our students want to enjoy learning, develop personally and professionally and follow their career aspirations. It’s our job to help make that happen.

We work hard to remove barriers to Higher Education, inspiring new ways to learn on work-related courses taught by industry experienced teaching staff.

We listen to our students and believe we offer a flexible, supportive and high-quality learning experience - all wrapped up into affordable options so that students can focus on their studies.

We want to unlock the potential in everyone!

Seven reasons to study higher education at College

1. We’ve got the know-how
   Our specialist lecturers have industry experience to give you a career-focused perspective on your studies.

2. We’re more flexible
   You can choose to study on a full-time or part-time basis, whichever suits you best.

3. Our facilities are first-class
   We’ve invested £77 million into our facilities since 2010 to ensure our learning environments are amongst the best in the country.

4. Personal learning
   You’ll be taught in classrooms, with smaller class sizes rather than lecture theatres, which makes lessons feel more personal. You’ll also receive individual study support.

5. Our results are fantastic
   We’re the highest performing college in Staffordshire. We can boast 100% pass rates for students on many of our courses, so you should have a great chance of success.

6. Our students progress
   98% of students walk straight into a job or progress onto a top-up degree.

7. Lower tuition fees
   The average price most universities charge for a three year degree is currently £27,000 (or £18,000 for two years). The equivalent of two years study with us will cost you around £12,000 not to mention the savings you’ll make on living and travel costs. Loans are available to cover the costs, so there’s no need to worry about having to pay everything upfront. And you won’t have to pay anything back until you’re working and earning more than £25,000 a year.
On our HE courses we will prepare you for progression, whether that be further study or into employment. During your course you will gain real life employment skills and the study skills required for a top-up year.

98% of our students walk straight into a job or progress onto further study or a top-up degree.
We want the time you study with us to be positive, productive and successful. So to make sure you’re 100% happy, we have a team of people to support you. They’re on hand to help with anything and everything, from your application and finances, to your health and well-being on the course. All you have to do is ask.

**QAA praised good practice for Student Support.**

**Help with money**

Forget money worries - make sure you get the financial support you need. Tuition fee and living cost loans are available if you’re studying a full-time course and tuition fee loans are available to cover course fees if you’re studying a part-time course. And remember, you pay nothing back until you are earning over £25,000 per year.

**Personal tutors**

At the start of your course, you’ll be allocated a personal tutor - a friendly member of staff who will be your ‘go to’ person in relation to your studies.

**Student Welfare Officers**

If you’re having problems in your personal life while you’re on the course, our Student Welfare Officers can offer you help and support.

**Study support**

To help with your studies we have a large team of specialists. Whatever additional support you may need, we’ll help you achieve your goals.

**Additional learning support**

If you have a disabled student’s allowance you can access Additional Learning Support. Our Additional Learning Support (ALS) team is accredited by and registered with DSA QAG (Disabled Students Allowance Quality Assurance Guild) which means we can provide tailored support to ensure that you achieve to the best of your ability.
Our HE courses focus on delivering higher level technical skills particularly in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) subjects and professional career development. Our courses equip students with relevant skills, knowledge and understanding to progress.

Work experience
We have a dedicated Work Placement team who have close links with employers across the region offering credible work experience. Many students get the opportunity to work on live briefs from local employers in order to transfer the course theory into real life working scenarios.

Broaden your skill set
It’s not just about the skills you acquire in the classroom. In order to broaden your professional skills we offer a range of extra-curricular activities to help you develop.

You can get involved in volunteering, mentoring, residential trips, charity work and much more. There are also lectures from guest speakers for you to attend. These skills will help you become more attractive to future employers.

Graduation Ceremony
On completing your HE course you will be invited to celebrate your success and enjoy a special graduation ceremony either at Staffordshire University or the £5.5million Performing Arts Centre at our Newcastle campus. Family members and friends can come along and join in the celebrations.
Performing Arts Centre
Our £5 million Performing Arts Centre includes a theatre, dance studios and outdoor performance area.

The Gordon Banks Sports Centre
Discounted gym memberships are available to students. Facilities include gym, health studio, dance studio, badminton courts and fitness classes.

Skills and Technology Centre
Our dedicated Skills and Technology Centre for Engineering courses includes state-of-the-art facilities and industry standard equipment.

STEM Centre
Our £3 million Science and Technology Centre is the best learning environment of its kind in the region and encompasses state-of-the-art engineering and science laboratories.

Learning Resource Centres
In our Learning Resource Centres, Mac Suite and Learning Zones you will have access to a suite of high-spec computers and iMacs, running the latest software, along with inspiring study rooms which are jam packed with thousands of books, journals, computers and other learning resources.

LEGO® Studio
Education Innovation Suites
Our LEGO® Education suites are packed full of science, literacy, computing, design technology, engineering and maths related resources.

The Riverbank Restaurant
The Riverbank Restaurant has been awarded an AA College Roseate and is open for lunch and dinner on various days.

Both Campuses:
Hair and Beauty Salons
Our Academy of Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy Salons are open to students at discounted rates.

Coffee Shops
We offer a range of hot and cold snacks and drinks at both campuses.

We’ve invested £77 million since 2010 in state-of-the-art facilities. Both campuses are designed to inspire our students and provide a unique environment that promotes life-long learning.

Our convenient, accessible locations ensure that we attract students from a wide geographical area and the fantastic facilities we have on offer give both learning and socialising opportunities.
Focus on the future
What's covered?
The HNC/D Art & Design course is taught by experienced industry professionals and focuses broadly on the areas of fine art, print and illustration, which will involve working in a genuinely wide range of traditional and digital media.

The first year of the course (HNC) will encourage you to break down the boundaries between art and design specialisms and recognise that a multi-disciplinary approach is often the most effective in the development of innovative work. You will respond to live briefs using your specialist strengths and skills to allow you to enhance your creative activities by practising in a way that enables you to work freely, making the work inventive and exciting.

In the second year (HND), you will deepen your understanding of art and design as you work in a more specialised area, focusing on the production of a high-quality, exciting portfolio of work. You will have a real world work experience placement in the second year to help prepare you for a role in the creative industries.

You will also receive advice and guidance on applying to study at University for a BA (Hons) degree on a ‘top-up’ year.

What else do I need to know?
You are expected to use real experiences within the industry to generate a portfolio of work. Live briefs constitute a major component of the course and you will work on various projects, from client commissions to exhibitions. You will also have the opportunity to sell your original artwork at the MADE Here shop in Newcastle town centre.

You will be given the opportunity to participate in local, national and overseas residential visits. Previous locations have included London, New York, Barcelona, Berlin and Paris.

What can I do next?
After successful completion of the HND, during which you will be advised on becoming work ready, you could decide to apply for a position within the creative industry.

Many former students have pursued careers in fine art, illustration, animation, graphic design or teaching. You could also progress onto a ‘top-up’ degree in Fine Art, Illustration, Print Making and related subjects.

What's covered?
The HNC/D Digital Content Creation course is taught by experienced industry professionals. Practitioners working in the graphics, photography, media, social media and marketing industries are expected to have a range of skills; be flexible across various disciplines and have the ability to produce content for immediate broadcast utilising a range of styles to suit unique projects/clients. Still and moving imagery makes up the majority of communication seen through digital channels and it is expected by 2020 online video will make up 80% of consumer internet traffic. This course looks to evolve and adapt your skills in preparation towards your future career prospects within these ever changing industries.

This HNC/D is ideal for anybody interested in working in digital marketing or social media, and follows a Digital Design pathway focusing on the creation of digital media content. It focuses on specialism areas including:

> Cinematography and still image composition; Utilising cameras and lighting.
> Digital design methods: Digitally focused graphic design project using key industry relevant software.
> Professional working practices: Interpreting and developing productions to client’s briefs and expectations.

What else do I need to know?
You will have access to a range of specialist facilities, equipment, staff and workshops including Adobe Creative Suite (Photoshop, Premiere, Illustrator, InDesign), After Effects), DSLRs, digital video cameras, Chroma-key and photography studio, portable lighting and mobile sound recording equipment.

What can I do next?
After successful completion of the HND, during which you will be advised on becoming work ready, you could decide to apply for a position within the digital marketing industry in roles such as digital content creator, media content creator, video content creator, digital marketer, social media officer and content editor. You could also progress onto a ‘top-up’ degree in a digital media and communications related subject.
HNC/D Fashion and Textiles

**Key information**
- This course can be studied at: Stafford College
- Qualification awarded by: Pearson
- Course duration: 1 year full-time
- Entry requirements:
  - A relevant BTEC Extended Diploma in Art & Design subject
  - OR 2 A Levels at grade C or above
  - OR a Foundation Diploma in Art & Design
- OR Industry experience
- All students will be interviewed and assessed individually
- Course fees:
  - £5,950 per year
- Financial support:
  - Tuition fee or living cost loans are available to pay course fees for people studying university-level courses. You pay nothing back until you are earning over £25,000 per year.
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**What’s covered?**
- The HNC/D Fashion and Textiles course is taught by experienced industry professionals designed to give you a thorough understanding of the creative world of fashion and textiles. The course will allow you to develop the technical and creative skills necessary to thrive in the ever-changing world of garment design, pattern, and construction.
- Throughout the course you will gain realistic ‘industrial’ level experience in order to prepare you for the workplace. This will give you the opportunities to focus on your personal creative vision, working on exciting and challenging fashion and textiles briefs aimed at promoting your sense of experimentation and exploring a range of design techniques and processes from print, textiles, digital design through to fashion illustration, technical garment construction, pattern cutting and garment manufacture.
- The first year HNC allows you to develop your creative and technical skills with a hands-on approach to idea generation. The second year HND then focuses on the industry area you wish to develop your creative skill set. You will be encouraged to enter prestigious competitions, gain work placements and employment in the fashion industry.

**What’s covered?**
- You will use real life experiences within the industry to generate a portfolio of work. Over the 2 years, you will have the opportunity to enter national competitions and work on a variety of external projects and live briefs, from client commissions to exhibitions. You will have the opportunity to sell your original products at the MADE Here shop in Newcastle town centre.
- The course also offers a number of enriching experiences including visits from guest speakers and research trips. Previous trips include visits to London, Birmingham, Manchester, Paris, Madrid, Barcelona and Berlin. You will take part in an exciting Fashion Show at the end of each year of the course.

**What can I do next?**
- After successful completion of the HND, during which you will be advised on becoming work ready, you could decide to apply for a position within the fashion industry in roles such as fashion designer, retail buyer, fashion illustrator, textile designer and personal stylist. You could also progress onto a ‘top-up’ degree in a fashion and textiles related subject.

**What else do I need to know?**
- The HNC/D Graphic Design and Advertising course is taught by experienced industry professionals and is aimed at creative problem solvers who wish to enter the booming UK Graphic Design and Advertising industry.
- You’ll learn how to develop a project from initial client consultations to product pitches, taught by award winning lecturing staff with substantial industry experience. You’ll learn about effective research, target markets and communication skills, as well as the use of industry standard software including Adobe Creative Suite packages. The creative industries need good team workers who can take on specific responsibilities with a complex project so we’ll teach you how to engage effectively with others, managing workflows and meeting deadlines.
- Areas covered within the programme will include design for print (book jacket design, magazines, posters and ads), brand identity (logos and identity), typography and web design. You’ll learn how to engage with specific target audiences and build awareness and brand loyalty by using a range of approaches.

**What can I do next?**
- After successful completion of the HND, during which you will be advised on becoming work ready, you could decide to apply for an industry position. Many former students have pursued careers in graphic design roles within large organisations or creative/marketing agencies or web design, marketing or social media roles. You could also progress onto a ‘top-up’ degree in a graphics related subject.

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Holly achieved 11 GCSEs at grade A*-C at school and went on to study the BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Graphic Design at Newcastle College. One of the reasons she chose this course was because she knew that there was a progression route to higher education without going to university.

On completing the HND, Holly plans to progress to university to top-up her HND to a full honours degree. "Moving away to university isn't the only route to achieving a degree. I can still achieve a BA (Hons) degree by topping up my HND at my local university. I've been able to stay at home with my family and friends around me and I don't have the same level of debt as my friends. The standard of teaching at the College is really high and the tutors really help and guide me."

What's covered?
The HNC/D Graphic Design course is taught by experienced industry professionals and focuses in areas such as print, typography, editorial design, digital artwork, professional practice, advertising and marketing. The first year of the course allows you to develop your creative and technical knowledge of a fast-paced industry through exciting live, competition and client led briefs.

The second year (HND) focuses on developing your skills set in a specialist area of Graphic Design. You will develop a deeper understanding of business practice within the industry and an appreciation of ethical issues affecting designers in the 21st century. You will be offered the chance to take part in relevant work placements during the second year as you prepare to make direct applications to work in the industry. You will be given the opportunity to participate in local, national and overseas residential visits. Previous locations have included London, Berlin, Barcelona, Paris and New York.

What else do I need to know?
You are expected to use real experiences within the industry to generate a portfolio of work. Live briefs constitute a major component of the course and you will work on various projects from promotional posters and branding to events and promotional videos. We'll give you opportunities to work on internationally recognised student competitions including Design and Art Direction (D&AD) and the Young Creative Network (YCN), as well as completing live work with real clients whilst studying on the course.

What can I do next?
After successful completion of the HND, during which you will be advised on becoming work ready, you could decide to apply for an industry position. Many former students pursue careers in graphic design roles within large organisations or creative/marketing agencies, web design, marketing or social media. You could also progress onto a 'top-up' degree in a graphics related subject.

Key information
This course can be studied at: Newcastle College
Qualification awarded by: Pearson
Course duration:
> HNC 1 year full-time*
> HND 2 years full-time*
Entry requirements:
> A relevant BTEC Extended Diploma in an Art & Design subject
> OR 2 A Levels at grade C or above (at least 1 in an Art & Design subject)
> OR a Foundation Diploma in Art & Design
> OR industry experience
All students will be interviewed and assessed individually
Course fees:
£5,950 per year
Financial support:
Tuition fee or living cost loans are available to pay course fees for people studying university-level courses. You pay nothing back until you are earning over £25,000 per year.

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*Course also available on a part-time basis, please apply now at Newcastle College
**HNC/D Photography**

**Key Information**
- Course code: NFZPO011

**What’s covered?**
The HNC/D Photography course is taught by experienced industry professionals and focuses on areas that relate to photography and digital technology, from planning to post-production (moving image), online blogs, websites and portfolios. The first year of the course gives you the opportunity to develop your creative and technical knowledge of this subject through exciting projects, client led assignments and competition briefs. A wide range of traditional and digital approaches will be covered to offer you an in-depth insight into the subject and its history.

In the second year (HND) you will deepen your knowledge of the business and ethical aspects of photography, undertake ‘real world’ work experience and work towards a major exhibition in June. You will build a portfolio of work and specialist areas covered include, Fashion, Photomontage and Advertising Photography. You will also receive advice and guidance on applying to study at University for a BA (Hons) degree on a ‘top-up’ year.

**What else do I need to know?**
There will be opportunities to participate in trips to collect research and images. To achieve the best grades in the subject you will own a digital camera, enabling you to work outside the course. A DSLR is preferable; if you have a compact or bridge camera, you may need to arrange occasional camera loan from the College. A film camera is also recommended.

**What can I do next?**
After successful completion of the HND, during which you will be advised on becoming work ready, you may decide to apply for an industry position. Many former students go on to roles with media organisations, advertising companies, large organisations such as universities, hospitals and airports or high street photography companies. Many photographers are self-employed and work on a freelance basis. You could also progress onto a ‘top-up’ degree in a photography related subject.

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**BA (Hons) Contemporary Creative Practice (Top-Up)**

**Key Information**
- This course can be studied at: Stafford College
- Qualification awarded by: Staffordshire University

**What’s covered?**
The BA (Hons) Contemporary Creative Practice (Top-Up) course is taught by experienced industry professionals and has been designed specifically for students who have completed a Foundation Degree/HND (or equivalent) with a subject specialism in a Creative Industries area and who wish to achieve an Honours Degree. Building on previous experiences, the course includes industry-focused assignments and personal and professional development, and enables the production of an employment-oriented subject specific portfolio. Available course pathways include:
  - Graphic Design
  - Illustration
  - Photography
  - Fine Art
  - Fashion
  - Textiles and Surface Pattern
  - Design Craft

The structure and content of each course is designed to enable exploration of a specialist Creative Industries subject area in the context of relevant professional practice.

During the course you will build upon your skills in problem solving and will be encouraged to continue to explore, experiment and resolve creative briefs, employing traditional or contemporary approaches in producing individual solutions. In addition to developing practical skills and knowledge, your communication, presentation and professional collaboration skills will be developed.

Studying at this level involves individual direction of your time: you will be expected to be self-disciplined and highly motivated. Independence, originality and professionalism are all encouraged. This stage prepares you for your chosen profession or course of study at postgraduate level.

Your final module enables you to participate in a process of challenging and extending the remit of your subject within broader social and cultural contexts. You will experience a mix of lectures and training, practical workshops, seminars, structured lessons and tutorials locally, regionally and nationally.

**What else do I need to know?**
You will have access to a range of specialist workshops including ceramics, 3D and print. You will also have access to industry standard Apple Macs running Adobe Creative suite, both in and outside of timetabled studio sessions.

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**What can I do next?**
You could progress onto postgraduate study at university or you could seek employment in a wide range of careers role within your industry and in the creative sector.
Music and Performing Arts

HNC/D Performing Arts

FULL-TIME  Course Code: NFZMUN11

Key Information

This course can be studied at: Newcastle College
Qualification awarded by: Pearson
Course duration: HNC 1 year full-time*
HND 2 years full-time*
Entry requirements:
> Students will need to have completed a relevant BTEC
Extended Diploma or A levels.
> Or industry experience

All prospective students will be auditioned and interviewed, where you will be asked to perform either a monologue or a dance.
Course fees:
£5,950 per year
Financial support:
Tuition fee or living cost loans are available to pay course fees for people studying university-level courses. You pay nothing back until you are earning over £25,000 per year.
For more information visit:
www.nscg.ac.uk/heloans

*Course also available on a part-time basis, please

What's covered?
The HNC/D Performing Arts is taught by experienced industry professionals. You can choose between either the dance, acting, musical theatre or technical arts pathways, but you will study three mandatory units together.

- Dance Pathway
  > Ballet
  > Jazz
  > Commercial
  > Choreography
  > Investigation of Specialism

- Acting Pathway
  > Acting
  > Voice and Speech for Actors
  > Devising Theatre and Performance
  > Acting for Camera
  > Singing

- Musical Theatre Pathway
  > Jazz Dance
  > Singing and Ensemble Singing
  > Acting
  > Musical Theatre History and Practice
  > Devising Theatre and Performance

- Technical Arts Pathway
  > Production Communication
  > Stagecraft
  > Lighting Operation
  > Sound Operation
  > Scenic Construction
  > Crowding

You will also receive advice and guidance on applying to study at University for a BA (Hons) degree on a ‘top-up’ year.

What else do I need to know?
You will be supported in preparing for dance college, drama school and university interviews and auditions and will also have the opportunity to take extra exams (IDTA/STD). You will also work as part of a touring company and lead workshops, attend master classes and also specific skills workshops. Students will showcase to live audiences yearly.

What can I do next?
You could progress to dance or drama college, a ‘top-up’ degree at university or go straight into the profession as actors, dancers, directors, writers, choreographers, or stage managers. Further study would allow you to complete teaching qualifications.

HNC/D Music

FULL-TIME  Course Code: NFZMUN11

Key Information

This course can be studied at: Newcastle College
Qualification awarded by: Pearson
Course duration: HNC 1 year full-time
HND 2 years full-time*
Entry requirements:
> A relevant BTEC Extended Diploma
> OR 2 A levels at Grade C or above
> OR industry experience

All students will be interviewed and assessed individually where you will be asked to perform a music piece or provide a composition of music.
Course fees:
£5,950 per year
Financial support:
Tuition fee or living cost loans are available to pay course fees for people studying university-level courses. You pay nothing back until you are earning over £25,000 per year.
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*Course also available on a part-time basis, please

What's covered?
The HNC/D in Music is taught by experienced industry professionals and will empower you to develop a variety of practical based skills. The aim is to support you to build a portfolio based career, in line with a freelance creative skill set.

- Unit 1: The Music Industry
- Unit 2: Marketing and Promotion for Musicians
- Unit 3: Professional Development

You will also study 5 optional units (which are selected in collaboration with students). These could include:
> Music Performance
> Instrumental Technique
> The International Music Market
> Arranging and Remixing
> The Live Music Business
> Songwriting

You will also receive advice and guidance on applying to study at University for a BA (Hons) degree on a ‘top-up’ year.

What else do I need to know?
You will be expected to respond to real scenarios to produce work that mirrors occupations within the industry by collaborating with other musicians to produce practical based evidence for your qualification.

What can I do next?
Example employment opportunities secured by HNC/D Music Graduates include:
> Signed recording artists performing at events such as Glastonbury and Boomtown
> Live touring musicians playing with bands such as The Twang
> Monitor Engineers for acts such as Molotov Crux, Alice Cooper and The One Hundred
> DJ’s with residencies in a range of clubs, including in Dubai
> Freelance Composers with work used in Channel 4 programmes
> Crew for Live Events for artists such as Paloma Faith, Blondie and Elbow

You will develop your independent resilience as a creative practitioner and network with employers and venues in order to support your progression.
Jasmine achieved the highest grade possible of D*D*D* in the BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Music Performance and progressed onto the HNC in Music. The course has given Jasmine opportunities in arranging gigs and releasing her music on streaming platforms like Apple Music and Spotify so that she can make the transition into becoming a freelance artist when she completes the course.

“I studied the BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Music Performance and I really liked the learning environment. I decided to study the HNC in Music because I wanted to progress to a degree-level course and I decided to stay at the College because the facilities are amazing and I really like the tutors. I’ve definitely noticed the step up in the course level and it’s taken me a while to adjust to the extra workload but with support of my tutors I feel that I’m on top of things.”

Lucy is a second year HNC Business student and studies the course on a part-time basis alongside her full-time role at the Hanley Economic as PA to the Leadership Team. One of the reasons Lucy chose to study the course at college was because of the flexibility and the fact that she attends one afternoon/evening per week which doesn’t interfere too much with her job. Lucy hopes to continue in education after the HNC in order to further progress her career.

“The course has benefitted me hugely in my career. It means that I can apply theory to practice in my job. I’ve also found it really beneficial meeting other people on the course from different sectors and we can share our experiences. There are lots of extra-curricular activities that I’ve been involved with, we went on a residential visit to Finland where we visited the university and two Finnish businesses to give us a better understanding of international markets. I’ve also been involved in the College’s Dragon’s Lair project where I’ve been a judge on the panel and I’ve helped Level 3 students develop a marketing plan for a product.”

Believe to achieve
HNC/D Business

FULL OR PART-TIME
HNC/D full-time: NFZBS01
HNC part-time: NPZBSN1
HNC/D full-time: FFZTT1
HNC part-time: FPZTT1

Key information
This course can be studied at: Newcastle College
Qualification awarded by: Pearson
Course duration: HNC 1 year full-time or 2 years part-time
HND 2 years full-time or 4 years part-time
Entry requirements:
> A relevant BTEC Level 3 qualification
> OR an A Level profile that demonstrates strong performance in more than one subject. This profile is likely to be supported by GCSE grades A* to C (9-4)
> OR other related level 3 qualifications
> OR an Access to Higher Education Certificate received from an approved further education institution
> OR Industry experience
All students will be interviewed and assessed individually
Course fees:
£5,950 per year full-time
£2,975 per year part-time
Financial support:
Tuition fee or living cost loans are available to pay course fees for people studying university-level courses. You pay nothing back until you are earning over £25,000 per year.

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What’s covered?
The HNC/D Business course is taught by experienced industry professionals and is designed for students wanting to pursue a career in business management.

In the first year (HNC) you will study mandatory units including business environment, marketing essentials, human resource management, management and operations, management accounting and managing a successful business project. You will also study specialist units including innovation and commercialisation and financial accounting.

In the second year (HND) you will study mandatory units including a research project and organisational behaviour. You will study specialist units including global business environment, business strategy, understanding and leading change, tapping into new and international markets and operations & project management, research methods and developing organisations, teams and individuals.

You will also receive advice and guidance on applying to study at University for a BA (Hons) degree on a ‘top-up’ year.

What else do I need to know?
The course runs on both a full-time and part-time basis. The full-time HNC course lasts for one year and is studied over two full days each week. To complete the HND, a second year would be studied, again two days per week.

The part-time HNC course runs over two years and you will attend college for one afternoon/evening per week. To complete the HND on a part-time basis you will continue to study one afternoon/evening per week for an additional 2 years.

To help you there is a course team of friendly, approachable tutors committed to your success. Your Curriculum Leader and Course Tutors will meet with you regularly to discuss your progress.

What can I do next?
On successful completion of the HNC course you could progress on to the HND Business. On successful completion of the HND you could progress onto a ‘top-up’ degree at university. These courses will also equip you with the underpinning knowledge, understanding and skills for success in employment in the business environment, at a supervisory or management level.

Travel and Tourism

HNC/D International Travel and Tourism

FULL OR PART-TIME
HNC/D full-time: FFZTT1
HNC part-time: FPZTT1

Key information
This course can be studied at: Stafford College
Qualification awarded by: Pearson
Course duration: HNC 1 year full-time or 2 years part-time
HND 2 years full-time or 4 years part-time
Entry requirements:
> A relevant BTEC Level 3 qualification
> OR an A Level profile that demonstrates strong performance in more than one subject. This profile is likely to be supported by GCSE grades A* to C (9-4)
> OR other related level 3 qualifications
> OR an Access to Higher Education Certificate received from an approved further education institution
> OR Industry experience
All students will be interviewed and assessed individually
Course fees:
£5,950 per year full-time
£2,975 per year part-time
Financial support:
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What’s covered?
The HNC/D Travel and Tourism Management is taught by experienced industry professionals and aims to develop students as professional, self-reflecting individuals able to meet the demands of employers in travel and tourism and adapt to a constantly changing world. The course will equip you with specific travel and tourism skills, knowledge and the understanding necessary to achieve high performance in the global travel and tourism environment. You will be given insight into the diversity of roles within the travel and tourism sector, recognising the importance of collaboration at all levels. You will study the local, regional and global context of the travel and tourism sector and you will have opportunities to address cutting-edge issues facing the industry, and society at large; with particular emphasis on tourism production and consumption, sustainability and ethics, globalisation and intercultural dimensions, recognising the role that travel and tourism plays in addressing these issues.

What else do I need to know?
The course runs on both a full-time and part-time basis. The full-time HNC course lasts for one year and is studied over two full days each week. To complete the HND, a second year would be studied, again two days per week.

The part-time HNC course runs over two years and you will attend college for one afternoon/evening per week. To complete the HND on a part-time basis you will continue to study one afternoon/evening per week for an additional 2 years.

To help you there is a course team of friendly, approachable tutors committed to your success. Your Curriculum Leader and Course Tutors will meet with you regularly to discuss your progress.

What can I do next?
On successful completion of the HND course you could progress onto a ‘top-up’ degree in a travel and tourism related subject. You could also apply for a position within the travel and tourism industry in roles such as tourism officer, holiday representative or tour guide/manager.

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During his apprenticeship Joe got to spend some time in computer programming and found that he had a passion for computing. On completion of his apprenticeship Joe was given the opportunity to progress onto the HND Computing. Joe is studying the HND on a day release basis whilst working full-time as a trainee CAE Engineer at Leoni.

"Smaller class sizes make me feel much more comfortable and allow me to spend more one-on-one time with the lecturers. The course has helped me in my current job role and it’s also helped me get a better understanding of the wider business environment."

When he left school Joe studied A Levels at sixth form, but soon after decided to look for an apprenticeship. Joe applied to the College to study an apprenticeship at Leoni where he was originally taken on as an apprentice engineer.

During his apprenticeship Joe got to spend some time in computer programming and found that he had a passion for computing. On completion of his apprenticeship Joe was given the opportunity to progress onto the HND Computing. Joe is studying the HND on a day release basis whilst working full-time as a trainee CAE Engineer at Leoni.

What’s covered?
The HNC/D Computing is taught by experienced industry professionals and aims to develop your theoretical and practical knowledge of computing which will get you equipped with the understanding and skills for success in employment in the Computing industry.

The first year (HNC) is made up of units at Level 4, with credits awarded for each unit. These units are:
- Programming
- Networking
- Database Design and Development
- Security
- Professional Practice
- Managing a Successful Computing Project
- Computer Systems Architecture
- Website Design & Development

In addition to the course it is recommended that learners seek employment in a Computing related business.

The second year (HND) is made up of units at Level 5, with credits awarded for each unit. These units are:
- Computing Research Project
- Business Intelligence
- Network Security
- Information Security Management
- Application Program Interfaces
- Games Design Theory
- Robotics

What else do I need to know?
The course runs on both a full-time and part-time basis. The full-time HNC course lasts for one year and is studied over two full days each week. To complete the HND, a second year would be studied, again two days per week.

The part-time HNC course runs over two years and you will attend college for one afternoon/evening per week. To complete the HND on a part-time basis you will continue to study one afternoon/evening per week for an additional 2 years.

To help you there is a course team of friendly, approachable tutors committed to your success. Your Curriculum Leader and Course Tutors will meet with you regularly to discuss your progress.

What can I do next?
On successful completion of the course you gain a widely recognised qualification. You could progress onto a 'top-up' degree or further professional qualification in the computing area. Alternatively you may wish to pursue employment opportunities in roles such as web developer, mobile application developer, software engineer, computer systems analyst and IT security specialist.
Foundation Degree Early Childhood Studies

PART-TIME  Newcastle Course Code: FPZEN11  Stafford Course Code: FPZEN11

What's covered?
The Foundation Degree in Early Childhood Studies course is taught by experienced Industry professionals and will provide you with an in-depth knowledge and understanding of the care and education of children within the early years sector through work-based/college learning. The course will allow you to develop personal and transferable skills and enable you to make an immediate contribution within your working life. This will be achieved by studying a range of modules over the course.

You will attend college one afternoon/evening per week. In addition you will be required to undertake some study outside the classroom and attend occasional tutorials at times to fit around work commitments.

Applicants who have completed some Level 4 work, may be able to apply for accreditation of prior learning, reducing the amount of study and assessment.

In year 1 you will study the following Level 4 modules:

- Practitioners personal, academic and professional development
- The developing child: a holistic view
- The planning cycle
- Enabling environments

What's covered?
The Foundation Degree in Education is taught by experienced industry professionals and offers comprehensive coverage of the knowledge and skills required by those supporting learning and teaching. It is practical and focussed on the workplace.

The course develops understanding of teaching and learning, working in education, and behaviour management. It also covers skills required for effective communication, self-development and career progression.

Applicants, who have completed some Level 4 work, may be able to apply for accreditation of prior learning, reducing the amount of study and assessment.

In year 1 you will study the following Level 4 modules:

- Personal, professional and academic development
- Learning & development
- Behaviour for learning
- Supporting learning & inclusion

In year 2 you will study the following Level 5 modules:

- Developing educational practice
- Learning in the inclusive curriculum
- Professional and career development
- Assessment for learning

What else do I need to know?
The usual length of the course is two extended years of part-time study. The College provides the course on different days and at different times to ensure maximum flexibility. Each teaching session lasts for four hours but you will be required to study and undertake additional work outside of the taught session.

What can I do next?
After successful completion of your Foundation Degree you could progress onto a 'top-up' degree at University for a BA (Hons) degree on a 'top-up' year.

Alternatively you can progress to a higher level within your career such as a leader, a learning support practitioner or manager.

Foundation Degree Education

PART-TIME  Course code: FPZEDN31

Key information
This course can be studied at: Newcastle College
Qualification awarded by: Staffordshire University
Course duration: 2 years part-time
Entry requirements:

- A relevant Level 3 vocational qualification (i.e. BTEC, CACHE, NNEB or NVQ). A Level may be considered alongside industry experience.
- GCSE qualifications in English and mathematics or demonstration of a Level 2 competence.
- Applicants must be employed (paid or voluntary) for at least 4 hours per week in an educational role and setting

Course fees: £6,200 per year
Financial support:
Tuition fee loans are available to pay course fees for people studying university-level courses. You pay nothing back until you are earning over £25,000 per year.

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Foundation Degree Education

Key information
This course can be studied at: Newcastle College or Stafford College
Qualification awarded by: Staffordshire University
Course duration: 3 years part-time
Entry requirements:

- A current and valid Level 3 early years/child care qualification (e.g. BTEC National Diploma in Early Years or Childhood Studies, CACHE Diploma in Child Care and Education, Diploma in Nursery Nursing or Nursery Nursing Examination Board or NVQ 3 in Early Years, or similar). A level qualifications may also be considered, alongside experience.
- English Language and Mathematics GCSE at grade C (4) or above

Course fees:

- Tuition fee loans are available to pay course fees for people studying university-level courses. You pay nothing back until you are earning over £25,000 per year.

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HNC Healthcare Practice
(Integrated Health and Social Care)

What’s covered?
The HNC Health and Social Care is taught by experienced industry professionals. As part of this course, you will be required to complete a minimum of 225 hours of work experience within a health and/or social care setting of your choice, either as an employee or in a voluntary capacity. This placement experience is a mandatory requirement of passing the Level 4 course and allows you to apply the theories and concepts of learning within the classroom to the practices and realities of a workplace. The course promotes and instills the values and skills required to work within a health care field.

What else do I need to know?
The placement will require you to undertake a DBS check (Disclosure and Barring Service). You will be expected to undertake study independently when you are not in college.

What can I do next?
After successful completion of your HNC you could progress to a HND or undergraduate study programme at university such as nursing or social work. Alternatively you can progress directly into employment in roles such as a senior community support worker or healthcare support worker.

Key information
This course can be studied at: Newcastle College
Qualification awarded by: Pearson
Course duration: 1 year full-time*
Entry requirements:
> Relevant Level 3 qualification
> Minimum GCSE English at grade C (4) or above
> Industry experience
All students will be interviewed and assessed individually
Course fees: £5,950 per year
Financial support: Tuition fees or living cost loans are available to pay course fees for people studying university-level courses. You pay nothing back until you are earning over £25,000 per year.

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Foundation Degree Electrical and Electronic Technology

**What’s covered?**
The Foundation Degree Electrical and Electronic Technology is taught by experienced industry professionals and is designed to provide a vocationally based educational qualification, which acts as a foundation for a range of experiences in the application of technology. It also provides the opportunity for educational experiences that assist career development and prepares you to participate in project teams, enabling you to think critically about how the team can work on technological innovation.

You will study Level 5 modules including modern communications technology, electrical power and control technology. You will also complete a work based project. You will develop skills that have usefulness in any working environment in a technological setting and the course will help you respond positively to change and take up opportunities created.

**What can I do next?**
The award leads to a nationally recognised qualification offering opportunities for career progression in the engineering sector, professional development and progression to further study. On successful completion you could progress to the full BSc or BEng in Engineering at Staffordshire University. Further progression to a Masters Degree is also possible.

**Key information**
- This course can be studied at: Newcastle College
- Qualification awarded by: Staffordshire University
- Course duration: Up to 18 months part-time
- Entry requirements: HNC Electrical and Electronic Technology
- All students will be interviewed and assessed individually
- Course fees: £3,100 per year
- Financial support: Tuition fee loans are available to pay course fees for people studying university-level courses. You pay nothing back until you are earning over £25,000 per year.

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HNC Mechanical Technology

**What’s covered?**
The HNC Mechanical Technology is taught by experienced industry professionals and is designed to provide a vocationally based educational qualification, which acts as a foundation for a range of experiences in the application of technology. It also provides the opportunity for educational experiences that assist career development and prepares you to participate in project teams, enabling you to think critically about how the team can work on technological innovation.

You will study Level 4 modules including mathematics for technology, technology fundamentals, engineering applications, instrumentation and measurement, thermo-mechanical principles and personal development. You will develop skills that have usefulness in any working environment in a technological setting and the course will help you respond positively to change and take up opportunities created.

**What can I do next?**
The award leads to a nationally recognised qualification offering opportunities for career progression in the engineering sector, professional development and progression to further study. Successful students can progress to the Foundation Degree programme at Newcastle College for a further one and half years of study.

**Key information**
- This course can be studied at: Newcastle College or Stafford College
- Qualification awarded by: Staffordshire University
- Course duration: Up to 2 years part-time
- Entry requirements: BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Engineering or industry experience
- All students will be interviewed and assessed individually
- Course fees: £3,100 per year
- Financial support: Tuition fee loans are available to pay course fees for people studying university-level courses. You pay nothing back until you are earning over £25,000 per year.

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Foundation Degree
Mechanical Technology

**PART-TIME** Course code: FPZENN31

**What's covered?**
The Foundation Degree Mechanical Technology is taught by experienced industry professionals and is designed to provide a vocationally based educational qualification, which acts as a foundation for a range of experiences in the application of technology. It also provides the opportunity for educational experiences that assist career development and prepares you to participate in project teams, enabling you to think critically about how the team can work on technological innovation.

You will study Level 5 modules including material and product creation technology, applied mechanical and fluid technology and control technology. You will also complete a work based project.

You will develop skills that have usefulness in any working environment in a technological setting and the course will help you respond positively to change and take up opportunities created.

You will also receive advice and guidance on applying to study at University for a BSc or BEng in Engineering.

**What else do I need to know?**
The award leads to a nationally recognised qualification offering opportunities for career progression in the engineering sector, professional development and progression to further study. Successful students can progress to the full BSc or BEng in Engineering at Staffordshire University. Further progression to a Masters Degree is possible.

**What's covered?**
The HNC/D Public Services course is taught by experienced industry professionals and the aim of the course is to develop your theoretical and practical knowledge of the Public Services. This can lead to subsequent studies in higher education institutions or employment in the Public Services' sector.

The course is made up of units at Level 4 and 5, with credits awarded for each unit. These units are:

- **Year 1: Core units**
  - Organisational structures and culture
  - Community engagement
  - Fair treatment/ equality and diversity
  - Public services in contemporary society
- **Units that make up a specific/general pathways of study:**
  - Crime and criminal justice (law and legal systems)
  - Community safety
  - Blue light services (risks, threats, health and safety)
  - Blue light collaboration

**General units**
- Psychology of human and criminal behaviour
- Outdoor skills development

**Year 2: Core units**
- Research project

**Specific pathways:**
- Crime and criminal justice (justice, punishment and rehabilitation)
- General units
- Cyber security
- Physical activity, lifestyle and health

In addition to the course it is recommended that you seek out other relevant qualifications that will help you gain employment. The College can provide assistance in finding suitable qualifications.

You will also receive advice and guidance on applying to study at University for a BA (Hons) degree on a 'top-up' year.

**What else do I need to know?**

The course is a full-time academic programme that lasts two years. You will study four units in semester 1 (Sept–Jan) and four units in semester 2 (Feb–June).

After successful completion of the HND course you could progress onto a 'top-up' degree at university in a relevant subject. Alternatively you can progress directly into employment in a variety of careers.
Adele did well at school, achieving 9 GCSEs at grade A*-C. While Adele was at school she attended a 12 week student fire fighter course which sparked an interest in public services and lead to her becoming a member of the Fire Service Cadet Scheme. When she left school she embarked on a BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Public Services at Stafford College, which she completed with the highest possible grade of D*D*D* and progressed to the HND in Public Services.

When she first started the HND course Adele was certain that she wanted to become a Fire Fighter, however, she has since had a change of heart and has decided she would like to teach Public Services. Adele plans to progress onto a top-up degree programme after the HND and then progress to a PGCE qualification.

“Don’t underestimate the amount of work that you need to put into study at Level 4/5. The work is challenging and you need to spend a considerable amount of your spare time studying. It’s hard work but 100% worth it. A strict work/study routine helped me to manage my time effectively.”

“Financially it made sense for me to study at Stafford College rather than move away to university. I work as a sports coach for Inspired Coaching, so studying locally means that I can continue working whilst studying. It’s challenging to stay focused on the long term goal of achieving a degree and getting the career. I’ve managed to find paid work in the field I want a career in so that helps keep me motivated.”

Conor studied the BTEC Extended Diploma in Sport and Exercise Science at Stafford College before progressing to the BA (Hons) Football Coaching & Development. The BA (Hons) Football Coaching & Development course has allowed Conor to study a degree while staying at home and continuing with his job as sports coach.
BA (Hons) Football Coaching & Development

**Key information**

This course can be studied at: Stafford College
Qualification awarded by: Staffordshire University
Course duration: 3 years full-time
Entry requirements: > Relevant Level 3 qualification
> OR industry experience

All students will be interviewed and assessed individually.

### Course fees:

Tuition fee: £6,200 per year full-time
Financial support: Tuition fee or living cost loans are available to pay course fees for people studying university-level courses. You pay nothing back until you are earning over £25,000 per year.

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### What’s covered?

The BA (Hons) Football Coaching & Development is taught by experienced industry professionals. This Level 6 course will encompass modules to give you business enterprise acumen, enhanced coaching ability, and far-reaching research skills to complete a dissertation, all of which can be taken into the world of work or into higher study at Masters’ Level. You will analyse and evaluate your own football coaching practice to develop your ability to deliver to a range of populations effectively. You will develop your knowledge and ability to work within the football coaching and development industry through a range of key partners.

You will critically analyse the role of the FA and academic research to support your own practice in a fast changing industry. You will gain valuable employability skills and experience accessed through a range of key partners to support local delivery. You will become qualified by accessing a range of FA qualifications and continued professional development opportunities.

### What else do I need to know?

There are options to study this course as a Foundation Degree (runs over 2 years on a full-time basis) or as a top-up degree (runs over 1 year on a full-time basis). There is an additional cost of £80 to cover the cost of a training kit for practical sessions.

### What can I do next?

You could progress onto Masters Level Degrees at Staffordshire University in particular the MSc Sport Coaching or other universities in relevant fields, or you can progress into employment in football coaching and development where appropriate work-related experiences have been gained.

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**Foundation Degree Sports Coaching & PE**

**FULL-TIME**  
Course code: FFZSPS31

### Key information

This course can be studied at: Stafford College  
Qualification awarded by: Staffordshire University  
Course duration: 2 years full-time
Entry requirements: > Relevant Level 3 qualification
> OR industry experience

All students will be interviewed and assessed individually.

### Course fees:

Tuition fee: £6,200 per year full-time
Financial support: Tuition fee or living cost loans are available to pay course fees for people studying university-level courses. You pay nothing back until you are earning over £25,000 per year.

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### What’s covered?

The Foundation Degree Sports Coaching & PE is taught by experienced industry professionals and blends the academic and practical aspects of Sport Coaching and Physical Education. The Foundation Degree will enable work-based learning within school, club and community-based sports provision, and considers the key qualities, skills and standards required for employment in PE and wider sports industries. What’s more, the degree contains modules specific for prospective PE teachers and will focus your learning on that potential route. Across both years of the Foundation Degree, modules focus on a breadth of information from understanding psychology in sport, skill acquisition and analysis, sport science, coaching and key study skills. Throughout the award you will be exposed to a wide variety of teaching methods and environments, ranging from work projects supported by industry professionals and formal lecture sessions to informal group work and peer presentations. Furthermore, a significant feature of the second year is the completion of a work-based placement where you will be using your knowledge and skills to explore and develop activities on behalf of an employer.

### What else do I need to know?

There is an additional cost of £80 to cover the cost of a training kit for practical sessions.

### What can I do next?

On successful completion of the Foundation Degree course you could progress onto a ‘top-up’ degree in a relevant sports coaching or physical education subject. Alternatively, you could progress into employment in roles such as sports coach, personal trainer, sports therapist and outdoor activities co-ordinator/manager.

Many students use this experience to support their job application on graduating.

You will also receive advice and guidance on applying to study at University. Direct entry is typically onto the final year of the BSc Physical Education and Youth Sport Coaching Degree at Staffordshire University.

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HNC/D Sport & Exercise Science (Coaching Science)

What's covered?
The HNC/D Sport & Exercise Science (Coaching Science) is taught by experienced industry professionals and the aim of the course is to develop your theoretical and practical knowledge of Sport and Coaching Science related subjects. This can lead to subsequent studies in higher education institutions or employment in the sports industry.

The course is made up of units at Level 4 and 5, with credits awarded for each unit. These units are:

Year 1: Core units
- Nutrition
- Fundamentals of sport & exercise psychology
- Anatomy & physiology

Additional units
- Coaching practice & skill development
- Training/fitness/testing
- Injury prevention
- Sports massage

Year 2: Core units
- Research project

Additional units
- Advanced coaching
- Performance analysis
- Talent identification & development
- Work experience
- Strength & conditioning for coaching
- Psychology for performance

You will learn through a well-balanced range of studies, which combines practical skills and theoretical knowledge. There will be a balance of units studied at Level 4 and Level 5. In addition to the course it is recommended that you seek out other relevant qualifications that will help you gain employment. The College can provide assistance in finding suitable qualifications.

What else do I need to know?
The HNC/D course is a full-time academic programme that lasts two years. You will study four units in semester 1 (Sept–Jan) and four units in semester 2 (Feb–June). There is an additional cost of £80 to cover the cost of a training kit for practical sessions.

What can I do next?
On successful completion of the HND course you could progress onto a top-up degree in a relevant sports & exercise subject. Alternatively, you could progress into employment in roles such as sports coach, personal trainer, sports therapist and outdoor activities co-ordinator.

Key information
This course can be studied at: Newcastle College
Qualification awarded by: Pearson
Course duration: HNC 1 year full-time* 
HND 2 years full-time* 
Entry requirements:
- Relevant A Levels or other Level 3 qualification
- 4 GCSEs at grade C (4) or above (including Mathematics and English)

All students will be interviewed and assessed individually
Course fees:
- £5,950 per year

Financial support:
- Tuition fee or living cost loans are available to pay course fees for people studying university-level courses. You pay nothing back until you are earning over £25,000 per year.

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