

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

NORTH EAST
SCOTLAND
COLLEGE



YOUR

FUTURE

STARTS

HERE

ROUTES TO EMPLOYMENT

PATHWAYS TO UNIVERSITY

UPSKILLING AND RETRAINING

2023-24

PROSPECTUS



Hello

Welcome to NESCol

Your Future Starts Here!



We are very proud of the role NESCol plays in supporting students to fulfil their potential in education and training, in employment and in life.

For 2023/24 more than 125 full-time courses are available and we are looking forward to welcoming thousands of new starts and returning students to our campuses this summer.

NESCol provides a vibrant, engaging and nurturing environment for all. Whether you are joining straight from school or returning to College to retrain or upskill, there are opportunities waiting to be explored.

With industry standard facilities and close partnerships with employers and university partners, we aim to bring learning to life and provide the next step towards rewarding careers.

Our experienced and expert staff ensure a warm and inclusive atmosphere designed to give every individual the opportunity to achieve their ambitions.

We're excited to showcase the courses on offer for the year ahead and our teams look forward to guiding you through the application process.

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Neil Cowie'.

Neil Cowie
Principal and Chief Executive

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YOUR ROUTE TO SUCCESS

MORE THAN
125
FULL-TIME
COURSES

18
SUBJECT
AREAS

4
LOCATIONS

ABERDEEN ALTENS

ABERDEEN CITY

FRASERBURGH

SCOTTISH MARITIME ACADEMY

NESCol is one of Scotland's largest providers of vocational education, with a huge variety of courses in a vast range of subject areas.

Everyone can start on a course to suit their ability and experience, from introductory to advanced level. The curriculum is constantly evolving, with new and updated courses developed to meet the needs of industry and give students the best chance of rewarding careers.



ADULT RETURNER

INTRODUCTORY COURSES

SCHOOL LEAVER



PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

PROGRESS TO EMPLOYMENT

ACCESS BRILLIANT STUDENT SUPPORT

The College's friendly Student Advice Centre staff and Student Advice and Support Team offer expert guidance on anything that might affect your NESCol experience or future education and employment. Additional learning support, funding and advice for international students as well as personal support and career guidance are all available from our advisors. Access to a host of other support services is also provided to students.



18 HOURS A WEEK

MORE THAN

33%

OF NORTH EAST SCHOOL LEAVERS CHOOSE NESCOL FOR THEIR NEXT STEP

ENJOY FLEXIBLE LEARNING

We know everyone's circumstances are different and flexibility is more important than ever. From distance learning and part-time courses through to our full-time offering, all of our courses offer the chance to fit with family, work and other commitments. Most full-time courses require you to be in class for 18 hours per week – leaving plenty of scope to study, work, and enjoy your own free time. Some courses will require more than this and our subject specialists will be happy to advise.

PATHWAYS TO UNIVERSITY

EMBRACE THE COLLEGE EXPERIENCE

Equality is central to all of our ambitions for a bright, vibrant and inclusive College. Everyone is welcome at NESCol and our Respect commitment ensures that we strive to provide the best possible environment for all students, staff and stakeholders - free from harassment and discrimination. This means that every campus is a diverse, interesting, safe and exciting place to be.

Find out more at www.nescol.ac.uk/respect

GIVE • GET • GROW
RESPECT

**CHECK OUT
OUR FANTASTIC
FACILITIES**

A JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY

Behind the doors at NESCol there's a whole new world waiting to be discovered.

Inspirational creative spaces sit side by side with the buzz of professional kitchens and hair and beauty salons, the energy of construction and engineering workshops, study and social areas and much more in between.



The Basement Theatre

A hidden gem on the North East arts scene, our very own theatre at City Campus has a capacity of more than 100 and hosts a range of shows each year. Most importantly it provides the ideal space for students to hone their skills in performance and production. The theatre complements music rehearsal spaces as well as sound production, TV and radio studios.



Gate 63 and Wallace Restaurant

NESCol's training restaurants are renowned for their excellent service and fine dining, delivered by students as they put theory into practice in the professional kitchens and front of house settings. Open to the public, Gate 63 at City Campus and the Wallace Restaurant at Fraserburgh Campus provide a wonderful location for any occasion.

TV STUDIOS

FITNESS SUITES

PLANETARIUM

The Salon and in:tuition

Hair and beauty students at our Fraserburgh and City campuses benefit from the very best facilities to perfect their technique, with professional salon services on offer to the public in relaxing and welcoming environments that are complete with the very latest equipment to keep pace with the industry.



Bridge Simulators

One minute students can be navigating the calm waters of the Port of Singapore, the next the harsh seas of the North East as they are trained in the vital skills required for a life at sea. The bridge simulators at the Scottish Maritime Academy provide a challenging and realistic representation of the rigours of the sector.



Future Skills Zone

Created following a generous donation by a local benefactor, this vibrant learning area is at the heart of Fraserburgh Campus and is designed to provide a hands-on showcase of the technology that will drive key industries in the region. Students gain experience in everything from robotics and 3D printing to drones and virtual reality.



Construction Workshops

From replica home heating systems and circuit rigs for plumbing and electrical engineering students, to full scale interiors in the painting and decorating department and joinery and brickwork workshops, Altens and Fraserburgh campuses provide realistic training spaces that bring the construction disciplines to life.



Science Laboratories

Our labs are always a hive of activity and practical work is central to the curriculum. Cloud chambers, flame tubes, fluorescence spectrometers, hydrogen and biotechnology equipment and a range of other instruments and research resources provide the opportunity for students to build their skills and knowledge at City and Fraserburgh campuses.

Art, Photography and Floristry Studios

Building the right environment for creativity to flourish is very important to us. Across City and Fraserburgh campuses there are a range of vibrant learning spaces, ranging from textile rooms and art studios to newly created photography studios equipped with the very latest industry equipment.



SOCIAL SPACES

Engineering

At Fraserburgh and Altens campuses our students learn in surroundings that replicate the world of work - from automotive workshops, complete with spray booths, to professional welding facilities and much more. A major focus is on developing the College's resources dedicated to energy transition, with exciting investment plans.



Learn From the Best

Dedicated, enthusiastic and industry-experienced teaching staff guide students through their chosen course. Comprehensive online resources, engaging classroom sessions and innovative practical experiences are used to provide a springboard to future careers. Our nurturing learning environment and supportive approach aims to get the best out of every individual and ensure NESCol students fulfil their potential in employment and life.



LIBRARY AND DIGITAL SKILLS SPACES

Care Ward

Did you know we have a replica of a care ward at our City Campus, complete with hospital beds and specialist mannequins? Fraserburgh Campus also has dedicated health and social care facilities, with childcare areas also featuring materials and learning tools that help students make the transition from classroom to the workplace seamlessly.

GETTING STARTED

Our aim is to make securing a place at NESCol as straightforward as possible.

Expert teams are available to provide advice and guidance on every stage of the application process and we've mapped out exactly what to expect. You can find a quick guide to applying on P18.

Applications are accepted right through to the start of each session, but we always advise submitting yours as soon as you are ready. Courses can fill up quickly so applying early can help avoid disappointment.

We keep in regular touch with applicants, providing all of the information needed to get started at NESCol.

The College knows that every student is different. We offer impartial and confidential information and advice on a range of topics.

These include: application and course advice; funding applications and queries; international admissions; induction information; transition from school to college; additional support for learning; assistive technologies; mental health and wellbeing advice; money management; key skills and study support; support for care experienced students; exams and graduation; careers, employability and enterprise; university progression.

With a Student Advice Centre at each of our main campuses, advisors are available in person or to talk to using LiveChat, email and phone.

T 01224 612704

E studentadvice@nescol.ac.uk

LiveChat support is available on our website
www.nescol.ac.uk

Monday to Thursday
08:30 - 10:00 and 14:30 - 16:00
Friday
08:30 - 10:00 and 14:30 - 15:30

NESCol is typing

Funding

Funding is a key consideration when joining NESCol. There are a number of different funding options available for full-time courses.

Most students will receive funding to meet tuition fees.

You may also be eligible for help towards the cost of living and travel costs while studying. Additional provision, including childcare and discretionary funding for those facing financial hardship, is also available depending on personal circumstances.

Visit www.nescol.ac.uk/full-time-funding for full details on the full range of funding options.

The Student Information Scotland website also includes a funding checker and detailed information on eligibility requirements:
www.studentinformation.gov.scot

Full-time funding
nescol.ac.uk/full-time-funding



LEARNING RESOURCES

As a NESCol student you will have access to a host of resources and facilities to help you make the most of your experience.



MyNESCol: Our student intranet is where you will find your timetable, manage absences and get the latest news and information for students. It is accessible using web browsers or as an Android or Apple app.



Blackboard: The Virtual Learning Environment provides every student with access to a course area with material and resources as well as a place for groups to collaborate and chat online. Blackboard also allows learning to be delivered online and is available as an app.



Bring Your Own Device: NESCol embraces online opportunities to add to the learning experience. Some courses require access to a device and the Bring Your Own Device initiative supports this. Funding may be available to ensure you have the equipment you need.



Office 365: As a student at NESCol you will have free access to Microsoft Office 365, including key applications such as Word, Excel and Powerpoint. A range of communication tools, including Teams and Skype, are part of the package as well as OneDrive cloud storage.



IT HelpZone: Run by students for students, the helpdesks at each campus provide assistance on a wide range of IT issues. Available as a drop-in service or to provide email and phone assistance, the IT HelpZone teams offer a friendly, professional and swift service.



Libraries: The libraries at our Altners, City and Fraserburgh campuses stock a range of resources for study and leisure. From subject specific books and journals to the latest fiction releases, there is something for everyone. With a Digital Skills Space at each, they offer a friendly study space for all.

WHAT OUR STUDENTS THINK

At NESCol, one of our priorities is to listen to what our students have to say so that we can make sure your college experience is the best it can be.

During your time as a student with us, you may have the opportunity to put yourself forward as a class rep, take part in a focus group or complete online surveys. One of these is the NESCol First Impressions Survey which full-time students are invited to complete a few weeks after starting their course. More than 5,000 students responded in autumn 2022 (86% of those eligible) and we're delighted with the results!

Read our student stories
nescol.ac.uk/stories



NESCOL FIRST IMPRESSIONS SURVEY

MORE THAN
5,000
students responded

AUTUMN 2022



99%
OF FULL-TIME STUDENTS
BELIEVE THEY ARE
TREATED FAIRLY

98%
OF FULL-TIME STUDENTS
ARE SATISFIED WITH
THEIR COURSE

96%
OF FULL-TIME STUDENTS
ENJOY ATTENDING
COLLEGE

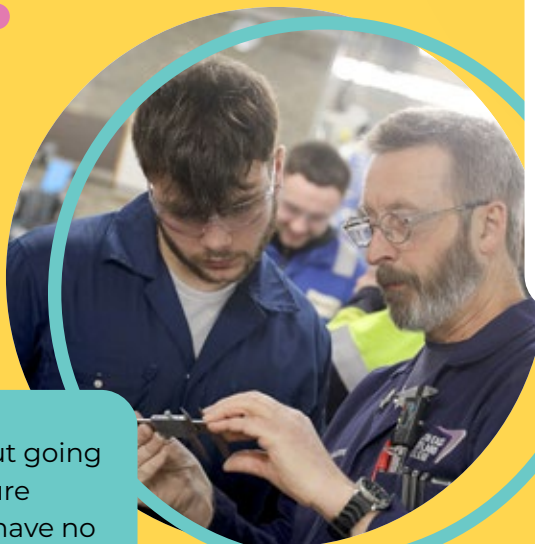
“

Incredibly friendly and helpful lecturers that are easy to talk to and are always willing to help.”



When we asked students about their introduction to NESCol, the warmth of the welcome and support from staff shone through.

“I am learning something new every day!”



“

I had concerns about going to college as a mature student but would have no qualms in recommending NESCol to anyone. My experience is one of total inclusion.”

“

My course has been great. Lecturers are very supportive and encourage us to do well.”

There's support and advice available throughout the summer for anyone keen to find out more about what to expect and to help with the transition to College.

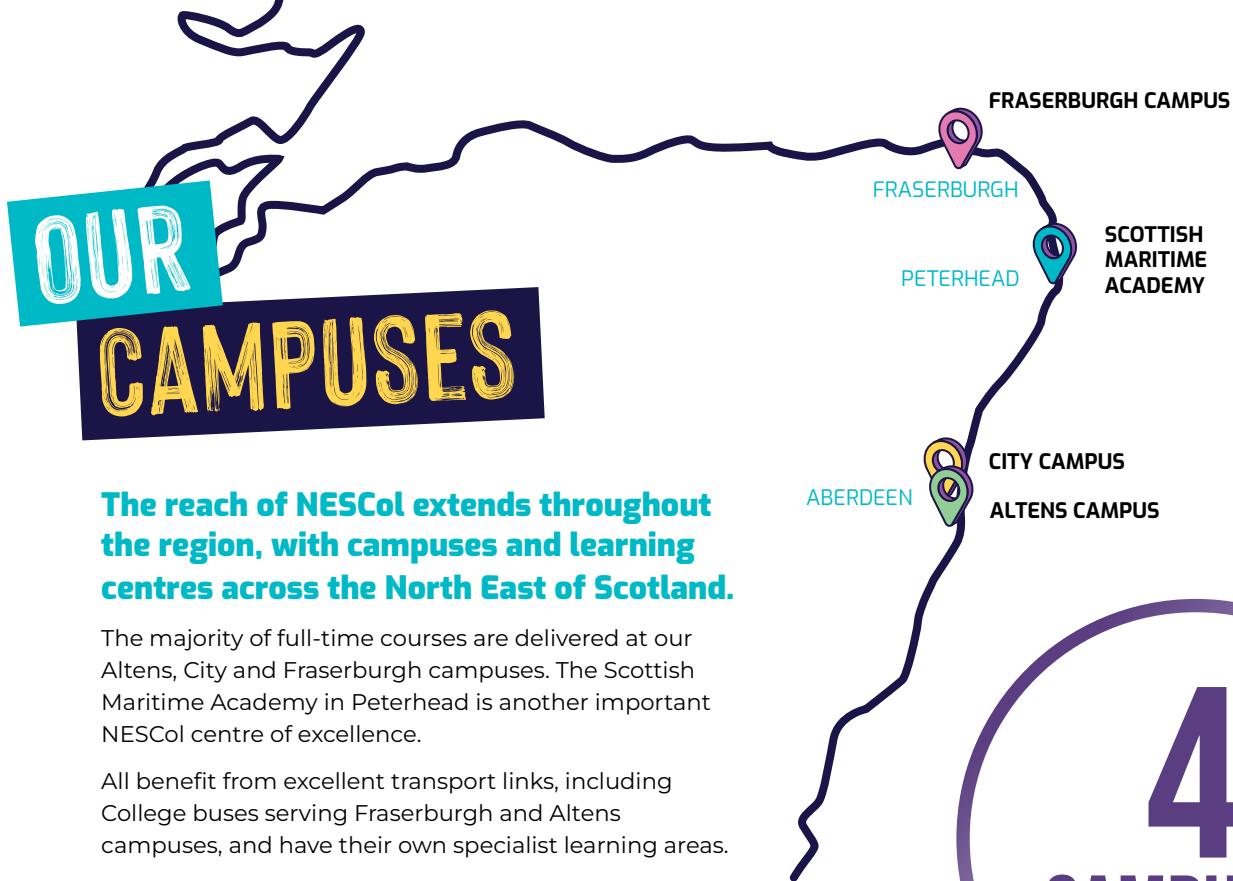


Staff are on hand to welcome students to campus at the start of each academic year and to help everyone find their way.

With an Academic Tutor assigned to every full-time student, there's a friendly face from day one to support and guide you during your time with us.

“I love the teaching staff. Very interesting and informative.”





The reach of NESCol extends throughout the region, with campuses and learning centres across the North East of Scotland.

The majority of full-time courses are delivered at our Altens, City and Fraserburgh campuses. The Scottish Maritime Academy in Peterhead is another important NESCol centre of excellence.

All benefit from excellent transport links, including College buses serving Fraserburgh and Altens campuses, and have their own specialist learning areas.

The campuses offer students a range of additional facilities, ranging from advice and support to IT assistance, libraries and study spaces as well as fitness suites and catering outlets.

**4
CAMPUSES**



Altens Campus



City Campus



Fraserburgh Campus

**500+
STUDENTS**



**FITNESS
SUITE**

**2
CAFÉS**



**QUIET &
SOCIAL
AREAS**

**4,500+
STUDENTS**



**FITNESS
SUITE**

**4
CAFÉS**



**QUIET &
SOCIAL
AREAS**

**950+
STUDENTS**



**FITNESS
SUITE**

**3
CAFÉS**



**QUIET &
SOCIAL
AREAS**

**ALL CAMPUSES
FEATURE:**

IT.THE.ZONE

LIBRARY



**NESCol
Students'
Association**



**STUDENT
ADVICE
CENTRE**



The Scottish Maritime Academy

Overlooking Peterhead Marina, the Scottish Maritime Academy is at the forefront of training in the Merchant Navy, Standby and Supply sector and fishing industry. It offers courses for new entrants as well as experienced mariners from across the UK and overseas.

The Academy has access to high specification teaching resources and specialist maritime equipment. It's able to replicate what is happening in the port in the classroom with realistic training scenarios in a secure training environment.

Learners can gain practical experience in the net hall, build their communication expertise in the radio room or sample life on the bridge using the full bridge Wartsila simulator.

40 YEARS MARITIME
TRAINING
EXPERIENCE



**250 METRES
PROXIMITY
TO PORT**

A CLEAN, GREEN FUTURE

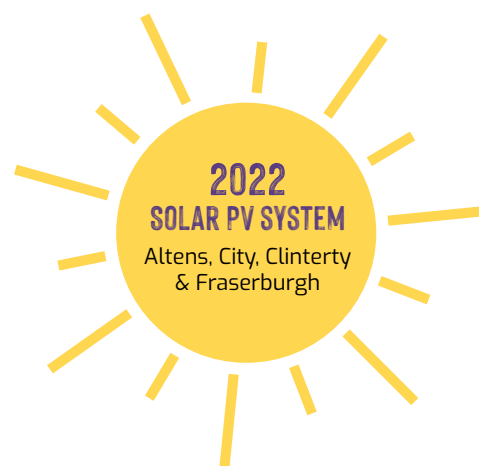
Sustainability is a way of life at NESCol.

The College is integral to the skills revolution that is driving energy transition in the North East and beyond by creating a workforce equipped for a new era.

Our teams are also passionate about working with students to reduce the carbon footprint of the College by changing the way we operate. The aim is to become a net zero institution by 2035.

From planting trees on campus and major solar energy projects, to a fleet of zero emission vehicles and from recycling activity to the use of compostable catering materials, good practice can be found at every turn.

It all adds up to a firm commitment to a green and vibrant future for the region and all those we serve.

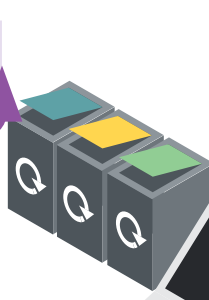


AIM TO BE **net**
zero
BY 2035

Read our pledge

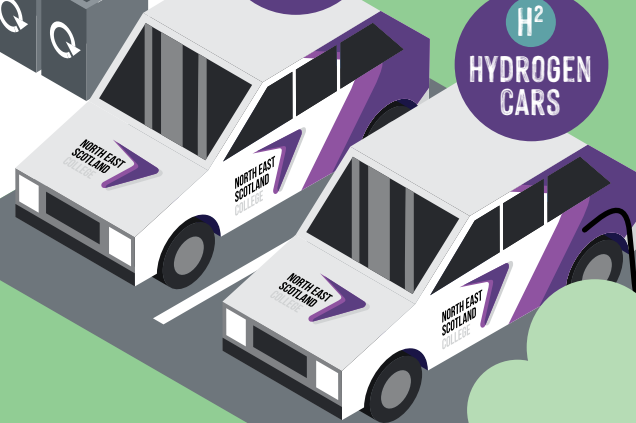


nescol.ac.uk/sustainability



2019
ELECTRIC
CHARGING
POINTS AND
CARS

2020
H²
HYDROGEN
CARS



THE NESCOL EXPERIENCE

NORTH EAST
SCOTLAND
COLLEGE

FRESHERS' WEEK

The College year starts with Freshers' Week – a chance to settle into new surroundings and find out more about what's available. In addition to promoting opportunities within NESCol, we also invite specially selected external exhibitors to join the week and to share information and offers with students.



NESCOL STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Run by students for students, the SA leads initiatives, events and activities as well as supporting those keen to establish clubs and societies of their own. From music to sport and politics, there are opportunities for all. The SA also plays a vital part in representing the student voice at NESCol and everyone has a chance to get involved in key roles.

GO CELEBRATE!

Each year the achievements of students are recognised in the Go Celebrate! awards, with nominations invited from students and staff across a range of categories. It is just one of a number of celebrations on the NESCol calendar, including the Modern Apprenticeship Awards and opportunities to get involved in regional and national competitions.

SPARKLE WINTER FESTIVAL

In December, the College community joins together for a month of fun and fundraising, with a packed festive programme. In 2022 the events raised thousands of pounds for The Student Pantry, a NESCol SA initiative designed to combat food insecurity among students by offering free store cupboard goods and other essentials. A free Breakfast Club is also run by the SA.

EXHIBITIONS AND PERFORMANCES

We love to put the creativity of our students in the spotlight. From photography exhibitions and art shows to theatre productions and special music showcase events, there is always a busy schedule both on campus and through partnerships with external venues and organisations.

SUPPORT NETWORKS AND EVENTS

Support is at the heart of our student-centred approach. A number of initiatives are in place, ranging from those for care experienced students and student carers to the essential tips in the Hack Your Studies sessions, university transition and career events. There is also free access for every student to a variety of resources and advice through wellbeing specialist Spectrum.Life.

GRADUATION

With annual ceremonies in Aberdeen and Fraserburgh, NESCol Graduations are a glittering occasion designed to ensure every student completing their HNC, HND or equivalent qualification has the chance to share their special occasion with those closest to them. Always a highlight of the year, the events are an inspiring way to mark each individual's accomplishments.



YOUR FUTURE, YOUR WAY

More than 6,000 students enroll on full-time courses each year.

The total number of students under our wing at any one time swells to more than 20,000 through part-time, distance learning, schools-college partnerships and our role in the apprenticeship family.

FULL-TIME
PART-TIME
DISTANCE LEARNING
SCHOOLS-COLLEGE PARTNERSHIPS
APPRENTICESHIPS

SCHOOLS-COLLEGE PARTNERSHIPS

For many students, the association with NESCol starts well before they start a full-time course. Through our close links with North East secondary schools, we offer a wide range of courses at a variety of levels for pupils in S4, S5 and S6 in Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire. Alongside Foundation Apprenticeships there are also qualifications awarded by City and Guilds and the SQA. Further information is available at nescol.ac.uk/school-links

MODERN APPRENTICESHIPS

A Modern Apprenticeship provides anyone aged 16 or over the opportunity to achieve industry recognised qualifications whilst working. They come in all shapes and sizes, typically lasting from two to four years. Individuals must be employed to enrol on a Modern Apprenticeship programme. Visit nescol.ac.uk/apprenticeships to discover the range of apprenticeships delivered by NESCol teams.

DFN PROJECT SEARCH

This one-year internship programme is based on an international model which originated in the USA and supports young people with additional needs to gain skills and experience to go on to employment. It is a collaborative project between NESCol, the University of Aberdeen and Values Into Action Scotland. It is supported by Skills Development Scotland. Full course details are available at nescol.ac.uk/courses/project-search

PART-TIME AND DISTANCE LEARNING

We have a comprehensive range of flexible learning options, from leisure courses offering the chance to try fun and exciting activities with expert tuition to opportunities to upskill or retrain for career change or progression. Our growing distance learning programme provides an extensive selection of online courses aimed at personal and professional development. Find out more at nescol.ac.uk/part-time-and-distance-learning

FOR EMPLOYERS

Free training worth up to £15,000 is available for every North East business through the Flexible Workforce Development Fund. Tailored support can be provided alongside a well-established choice of existing courses designed to support the needs of the region's traditional and emerging sectors. NESCol provides a variety of services for employers and further information can be found at nescol.ac.uk/college-services/employers/

**FREE TRAINING
WORTH UP TO
£15,000**

is available for every North East business through the Flexible Workforce Development Fund

nescol.ac.uk/modes-of-study

ROUTES TO EMPLOYMENT

NESCol is the gateway to a world of opportunity and we are here to support our students every step of the way.

Our courses offer progression to employment with a recognised qualification and relevant industry skills as well as the confidence to put that new knowledge and expertise into practice in the workplace.

The latest national study carried out by the Scottish Funding Council found that a record 91% of the country's college leavers progressed to positive destinations, including work or university.

NESCol has close relationships with employers and a strong track record of providing talented recruits to businesses and organisations throughout the region, across the UK and worldwide.

We collaborate with businesses, industry bodies and trade organisations to ensure courses are relevant to the sectors they serve.

The latest trends and developments are used to shape the way subjects are taught and industry links help to attract input from guest speakers as well as providing opportunities to take part in special projects, class field trips and much more.

The College also places a strong emphasis on developing enterprise skills and confidence amongst students at all levels.

Close work with organisations including Bridge 2 Business and Elevator ensure opportunities to get involved and to gain insight into the world of business. Many NESCol students have gone on to establish successful businesses and to provide employment across a host of different industries.



Coming to NESCol couldn't have worked out better for me – I'm enjoying the experience, getting a qualification and have found related employment, I can't recommend it highly enough."

Iain Cridland

HND Photography

**MORE THAN
91%
OF STUDENTS
PROGRESS TO POSITIVE
DESTINATIONS**

HND
Photography

Employed as
a teacher

Working at a
photography
agency



NESCOL.AC.UK/STORIES

PATHWAYS

TO UNIVERSITY

Achievements at NESCol open up a range of options when it is time to take that important next step.

The College can provide a direct route to university and hundreds of our students make the transition to degree courses each year.

Articulation arrangements with RGU, the University of Aberdeen and universities across Scotland mean students can progress to year two or year three of university on successful completion of an HNC or HND.

According to the latest study, more than 55% of students leaving Scottish colleges with a qualification at SCQF Level 7 or above went on to study at university.

NESCol works closely with partner universities to offer well established pathways and align courses to provide a smooth transition – with more than 50 links from NESCol to RGU alone!

A 3D graphic showing the number '55' in large, bold, yellow and blue block letters, followed by a percentage sign '%' in a smaller, pink and blue 3D font. The graphic is set against a light blue circular background.

OF STUDENTS GO
ON TO STUDY AT
UNIVERSITY

DEGREElink make the connection

NESCol has partnered with RGU to make the transition from college to university as straightforward as possible.

The collaboration allows students to take their first steps towards a degree by studying in the vibrant and nurturing NESCol environment, with the aim of progressing to university when the time is right.

The Degree Link programme is the perfect platform for students who aim to study at university after building qualifications, knowledge and skills at College.

Entry will be subject to specified routes through HNC/HND or certain knowledge requirements. Completion of a HNC will lead to entry in year two of a degree course and completion of a HND will lead to entry in year three of a degree course.

In some cases there may be course-specific requirements, such as taking specified options on an HN programme, and some courses may require presentation of a portfolio or an interview with an RGU tutor.

As a NESCol student you can join the RGU Associate Student scheme, bringing a number of benefits.

rgu.ac.uk/degree-link

ASSOCIATE UNIVERSITIES

NESCol has a number of associate universities, and you will find that every HND course offers formal articulation arrangements.

Our associate universities are:

Abertay University

Edinburgh Napier University

Glasgow Caledonian University

Queen Margaret University

RGU

The Open University

University of Aberdeen

University of the Highlands and Islands



ADMISSIONS PROCEDURE

**DECIDE WHICH
COURSE YOU'D
LIKE TO STUDY**

 www.nescol.ac.uk

**Do you meet the entry
requirements for this course or
are you working towards them?**

NO

**Explore alternatives on our
website or contact our Student
Advice Centre to talk about the
best route for you.**

We're confident we have a course to
suit everyone.

YES

APPLY NOW

Excellent! Apply online now*.

(Current students enrolled on Year 1
of an HND will have an application
processed on their behalf by our
admissions team.)

For further information on how to
complete your application visit the
'How to apply' section on our website.

*A paper application can be submitted

You'll receive an acknowledgement of
your application within 24 hours*. If we
need further information from you or
want to invite you for an interview, we'll
be in touch within 5 weeks. Interviews
may be in person on campus or online
via Teams.

*For paper applications this will be within five working days

**Sometimes our admissions team
can make you an offer straight
away.**

This is often the case for current
students progressing between course
levels.

**The course you've
applied for is at high demand**

Some of our courses attract more applications
than places available. When this happens
we hold your details on our waiting list and
should spaces become available we'll let you
know. You are welcome to withdraw your
application for that course and apply for an
alternative.

Please contact enquiry@nescol.ac.uk to do so.

You've been invited for an interview

Don't worry! It's more of an informal chat
so our curriculum staff can find out if the
course you have applied for is the best
option for you. It's also a chance for you
to ask questions about the course and
studying at NESCol. Remember to bring
any documentation you've been asked to
take along and give yourself plenty time
to get to campus if your interview is in
person.

**WHAT
HAPPENS
NEXT?**



You'll be notified of the outcome of your interview within 10 days.

YOU WILL EITHER BE

Made a full (unconditional) offer.

Congratulations! Accept your offer to confirm your place on the course.

GOOD NEWS!

Made a conditional offer.

Your place on the course is dependent on achieving exams or successfully completing your current NESCol course. For those sitting exams (e.g. SQA Nationals or Highers at school) we'll let you know how to share those with us nearer results day (8 August 2023).

Not offered a place?

Our curriculum team may recommend an alternative course or an advisor from our Student Advice Centre will be in touch to discuss your options.

NEED HELP WITH YOUR APPLICATION?

Contact our Student Advice Centre on 01224 612330 or studentadvice@nescol.ac.uk

Find out more
nescol.ac.uk/how-to-apply



Follow our social channels to keep up to date with NESCol



**NORTH EAST
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**APPLICANT
UPDATE**

We'll keep in touch with you via our regular applicant update emails where we will share useful information on funding, student support, key events, enrolment and more. Please keep an eye out for these.

FOLLOW THE DIRECTION THAT'S RIGHT FOR YOU

NESCol provides levels and modes of study that offer unparalleled flexibility.

Our teams work with applicants to ensure they are placed on a course at the most appropriate level, giving every individual the best opportunity to achieve the qualification they need to follow their chosen path.

Most subjects offer courses at non-advanced and advanced (HNC and HND) level, all with progression routes to further qualifications or employment.

Full-time courses listed in this guide have a Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF) level or comparable level as a quick and easy reference.

The SCQF Framework supports lifelong learning in Scotland and helps learners, employers and the public understand the full range of qualifications and how they relate to each other. To view an interactive version of the SCQF Framework visit www.scqf.org.uk.

SCQF Levels	SQA Qualifications		Qualifications of Higher Education Institutions		Apprenticeships & SVQs
12			↑		Professional Apprenticeship
11			Masters Degree, Integrated Masters Degree, Post Graduate Diploma, Post Graduate Certificate		Graduate Apprenticeship, Professional Apprenticeship SVQ
10			Honours Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate		Graduate Apprenticeship, Professional Apprenticeship
9			Professional Development Award		Graduate Apprenticeship, Technical Apprenticeship SVQ
8		Higher National Diploma			Higher Apprenticeship, Technical Apprenticeship SVQ
7	Advanced Higher, Awards, Scottish Baccalaureate	Higher National Certificate			Modern Apprenticeship, SVQ
6	Higher, Awards, Skills for Work Higher		↓		Modern Apprenticeship, Foundation Apprenticeship SVQ
5	National 5, Awards, Skills for Work National 5				Modern Apprenticeship SVQ
4	National 4, Awards, Skills for Work National 4	National Certificate	National Progression Award		SVQ
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2	National 2, Awards				
1	National 1, Awards				

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Sport, Fitness &
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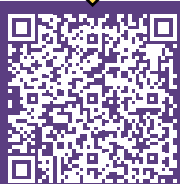
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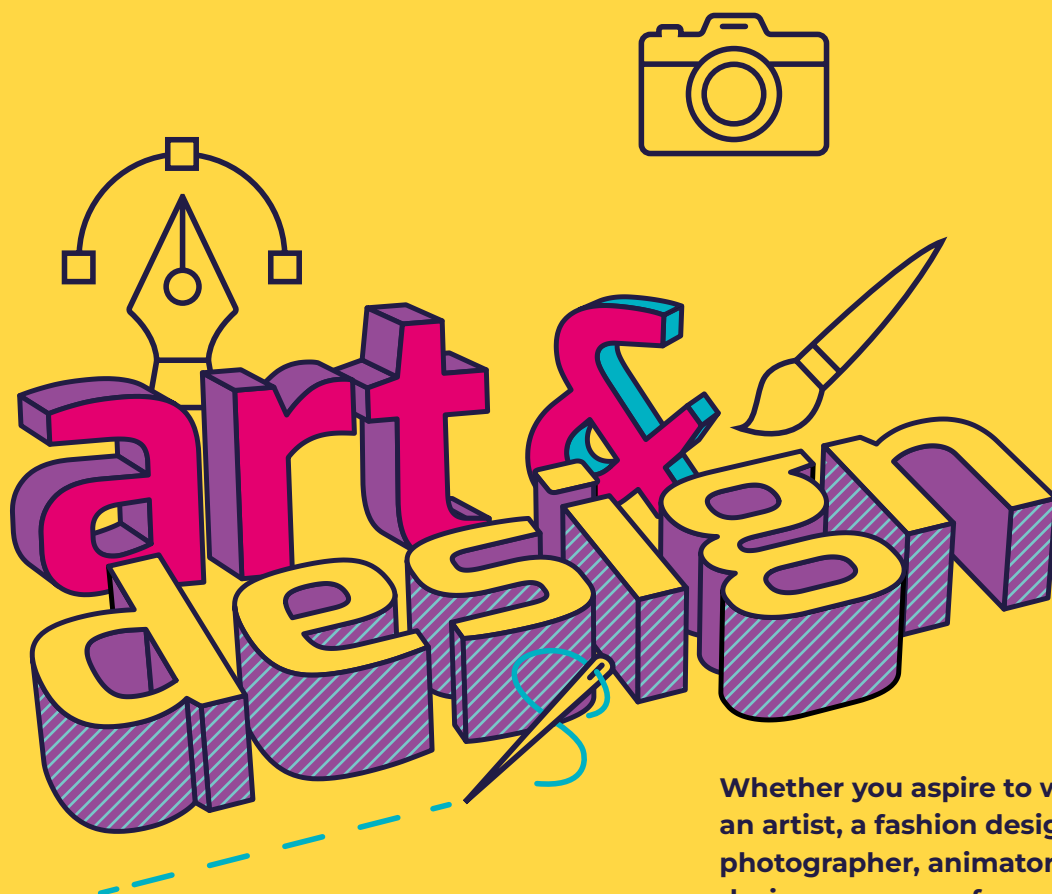
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OUR COURSES

Introduction to Art & Design / SCQF Level 5

Course code: PAMAC (City) RHMPR (Fraserburgh)

You will investigate the world of art & design in this practical, hands-on course that will allow you to discover and advance your talents using a range of techniques. Not only will you develop the creative skills needed to advance in your studies but also improve a number of transferable skills for life and work.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Passes at National 4 level or equivalent. For those returning to education, life skills and experience may allow entry.

Art & Design Portfolio Building / SCQF Level 6

Course code: PAMAD (City) RHMAD (Fraserburgh)

You will develop skills in art & design and prepare a portfolio to showcase your skills and techniques. You will develop creative art or design solutions, informed by an understanding and awareness of contemporary practices and issues.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Four passes at National 5 level or equivalent to include Art & Design and English/Communication. Alternatively, applicants may have completed an appropriate Level 5 course.

HNC Art & Design / SCQF Level 7

Course code: RHCD (Fraserburgh)

You will have opportunities to refine a broad range of art & design skills in 2D and 3D areas, with a thorough grounding in research, analysis and concept development using a range of media and techniques. You will also develop an awareness of the historical, contextual and social issues relevant to art & design practice.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants should have a minimum of one course pass at Higher level or equivalent in Art & Design. A pass in English/Communication at National 5 or equivalent is also required. Alternatively, applicants may have completed an appropriate Level 6 course. For those returning to education, life skills and experience may allow entry.

HND Contemporary Art Practice / SCQF Level 7/8

Course code: PADC (City)

This course provides a broad visual education in Contemporary Art Practice to develop skills, knowledge and an awareness of specialist art & design disciplines. You will have the opportunity to develop individual practice in relation to personal interests.

This will be enhanced by historical and contextual studies, so that you can explore the work of professional artists to link to your individual practice. You will be able to work individually and in teams supported by group discussion, personal and individual support. This could link to client projects and public art experiences and exhibitions.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Progress from Art & Design Level 6 college course. Alternatively, a minimum of one Higher pass and a portfolio review (information on portfolio requirements will be sent after you apply). A portfolio of work from work/practice may also be accepted.

Fashion & Textiles: Design & Manufacture / SCQF Level 6

Course code: PAMFT (City)

You will investigate the world of art & design in this practical, hands-on course that will allow you to discover and advance your talents using a range of techniques. Not only will you develop the creative skills needed to advance in your studies but also improve a number of transferable skills for life and work.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Four passes at National 5 level or equivalent to include Art & Design and English/Communication or an appropriate Level 5 course. For those returning to education, life skills and experience may allow entry.

HND Textiles / SCQF Level 8

Course code: PADS (City)

Students will learn to design and produce fashion garments using a range of different materials and techniques, whilst working in a creative environment which closely replicates industry standards. The topics covered will allow you to develop strong original concepts based on your study of design semantics, surface decoration for textiles, professional design practice and observational drawing. The course also includes a creative project for artists and designers, where you can explore your individuality in textile techniques. Each year culminates in a fashion show.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Two Highers, one of which should be Art & Design. A pass in English/Communication at National 5 or equivalent is also required or an appropriate Level 6 course. For those returning to education, life skills and experience may allow entry. Advanced entry directly to year 2 is possible for those who have completed 15 credits from HNC Textiles.

Fashion Business / SCQF Level 6

Course code: PAMFU (City)

If you wish to work in the business of fashion retail, this course will give you the starting point to explore the diverse skills and employment in this competitive industry. From introductory projects in fashion business management, buying, merchandising, range planning, and forecasting for the latest trends and styles, you will learn how the different roles in this industry come together to make decisions about a personal career.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least four course passes at National 5, or prior life/industry experience.

HNC Fashion Business / SCQF Level 7

Course code: PACF (City)

This course will prepare you for the diverse careers available in the competitive fashion retailing industry. As well as developing creative strategies in fashion retail, you will also learn how to apply key business standards for enterprise in this industry.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

One Higher (minimum) or equivalent or an appropriate Level 6 course. For those returning to education, life skills and experience may apply.

Photography Portfolio Building / SCQF Level 6

Course code: PCMPG (City)

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If you would like to develop a portfolio by exploring diverse essential photographic approaches and skills required for progression to more advanced levels of study in photography, or prepare yourself for initial entry to employment within the photo-imaging sector, then this is the course for you!

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Four passes at National 5 level or equivalent, preferably including Art and English/Communication. Alternatively, applicants may have completed an appropriate Level 5 course. For those returning to education, life skills and experience may allow entry.

HND Photography / SCQF Level 8

Course code: PCDP (City)

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This advanced course will give you the chance to undertake diverse, advanced photography projects using industry-standard equipment and technology. You will be able to make decisions as you progress about how you will apply these skills for industry, whether this is in a commercial or creative arts vocation. You will also have the opportunity to visit professional studios in London and also visit Paris for the largest photographic fair in Europe.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Two Highers to include Art & Design, English or Photography or an appropriate Level 6 course. For those returning to education, life skills and experience may allow entry. Advanced entry directly to year 2 with 15 credits from HNC Photography.

Filmcraft & Animation / Broadly comparable to SCQF Level 6

Course code: PBMFT (City)

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On this course, you will develop flexible, wide-ranging skills appropriate to the film and animation industries, which will enable you to progress to a variety of advanced courses in related areas. Learners will have access to a range of high-quality resources to support their learning including cameras, editing equipment and animation software.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants should have a minimum of three course passes at National 5 level or equivalent. For those returning to education, life skills and experience may allow entry.

HND 3D Computer Animation / SCQF Level 8

Course code: PBDE (City)

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The HND 3D Computer Animation course will provide you with the technical and creative skills needed for a career in the animation industry. Students will explore a range of topics such as character design and modelling, environmental modelling, special effects, compositing and motion graphics. Using industry-standard software and equipment students will learn the technical process of animation – from design, storyboarding, modelling and animating, through to the final editing process. Students will have an opportunity to learn 3ds Max, After Effects, Photoshop, traditional drawing, character design, storyboarding, animation principles and techniques to create a wide range of animation.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Two Highers or equivalent or an appropriate Level 6 course. For those returning to education, life skills and experience may allow entry. Advanced entry directly to year 2 with 15 credits from HNC 3D Computer Animation.

Develop a Portfolio in Visual Communication / SCQF Level 6

Course code: PAMVC (City)

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This course has been designed for those with an interest in developing skills that are relevant for the creative design sector. This project-based course is ideal for those who wish to pursue a career in computer arts or graphic design – an exciting and rapidly expanding area of the creative industries.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Four passes at National 5 level or equivalent to including Art and English/Communication or an appropriate Level 5 course. For those returning to education, life skills and experience may allow entry.

HND Visual Communication (Graphic Design and/or Illustration) / SCQF Level 8

Course code: PADA (City)

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This course will prepare you for visual communication roles that require creativity, conceptual thinking, critical analysis, and planning and reflection skills. You will experience industry-standard approaches and technology to develop solutions to client commissions for a diverse range of promotion, advertising, packaging and illustration by visually communicating ideas for client purposes. You will build a portfolio of work to make decisions for progression to university or employment.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Two Highers or equivalent preferably including Art & Design, English, Graphic Communication or Product Design. Or an appropriate Level 6 course. For those returning to education, life skills and experience may allow entry. Advanced entry directly to year two with 15 credits from HNC Visual Communication.

Floristry / Broadly comparable to SCQF Level 5

Course code: RHGF (Fraserburgh)

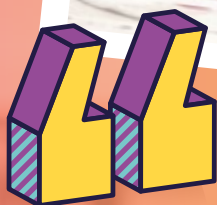
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This course acts as excellent preparation for pursuing a career in a modern floristry business, and will equip successful learners with the essential theoretical understanding and practical skills required to style and create a range of traditional and contemporary floral designs.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Passes at National 4 level or equivalent. For those returning to education, life skills and experience may allow entry.





Never stop learning. Life is what you make of it. When you grow older, your priorities change. I decided to follow my heart and I am so much happier learning and being creative."

NORA BANDYOPADHYAY
Art, Design & Photography

Worked in
hospitality

HND
Textiles

Year 2 of 3D Design
at RGU's Gray's
School of Art





CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Animator

Art Coordinator

Content Producer

Designer

Fashion/Textile Designer

Florist

Freelance Artist

Gallery Curator

Graphic Designer

Illustrator

Image Editor

Media Assistant

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Printmaker

Product Designer

Retail Management

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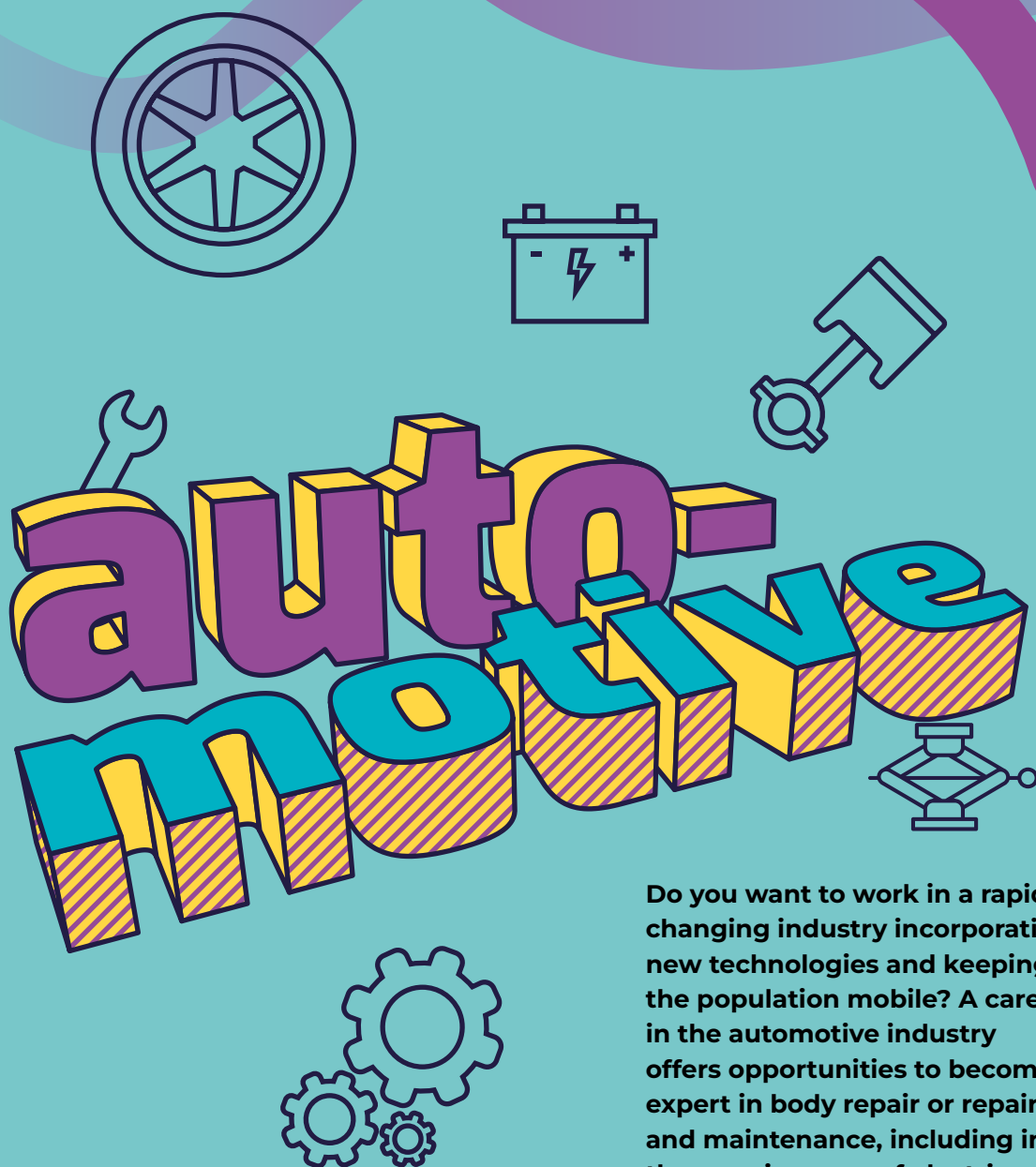
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Do you want to work in a rapidly changing industry incorporating new technologies and keeping the population mobile? A career in the automotive industry offers opportunities to become expert in body repair or repair and maintenance, including in the growing area of electric and hybrid vehicles.

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OUR COURSES

Diploma in Vehicle Accident Repair Level 1 /

Broadly comparable to SCQF Level 4

Course code: QQQD (Altens)

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This entry level course is aimed at those who wish to pursue a career in the repair and refinish of motor vehicles. Students are introduced to bodywork and paintwork principles and techniques.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

National 4, Intermediate 1 or Standard Grade Foundation/General in Maths, English and a technical subject. Please note applicants must be 16 or over by the start of the course.



Diploma in Automotive Maintenance & Repair Principles Level 1 / Broadly comparable to SCQF Level 4

Course code: QQQS (Altens) RBQS (Fraserburgh)

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This course is aimed at those who wish to pursue a career in the maintenance and repair of motor vehicles.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

National 4, Intermediate 1 or Standard Grade Foundation/General level qualification in Maths, English or a technical subject. An interest in motor vehicles is an advantage. Please note applicants must be 16 or over by the start of the course.



Diploma in Automotive Maintenance & Repair Principles Level 2 / Broadly comparable to SCQF Level 5

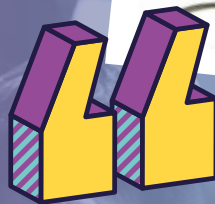
Course code: QQQT (Altens)

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This course follows the Level 1 course, and is aimed at those who want to strengthen their skill set and pursue a career in the repair and maintenance of motor vehicles.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

National 4, Intermediate 1 or Standard Grade Credit/General level qualification in Maths, English or a technical subject. An interest in motor vehicles is an advantage. Please note applicants must be 16 or over by the start of the course.



I wanted the opportunity to change direction and that's why I decided to go back to College. I'm a bit older than most of the other students in the class and I've had to balance family life with college work and working part-time but I managed."

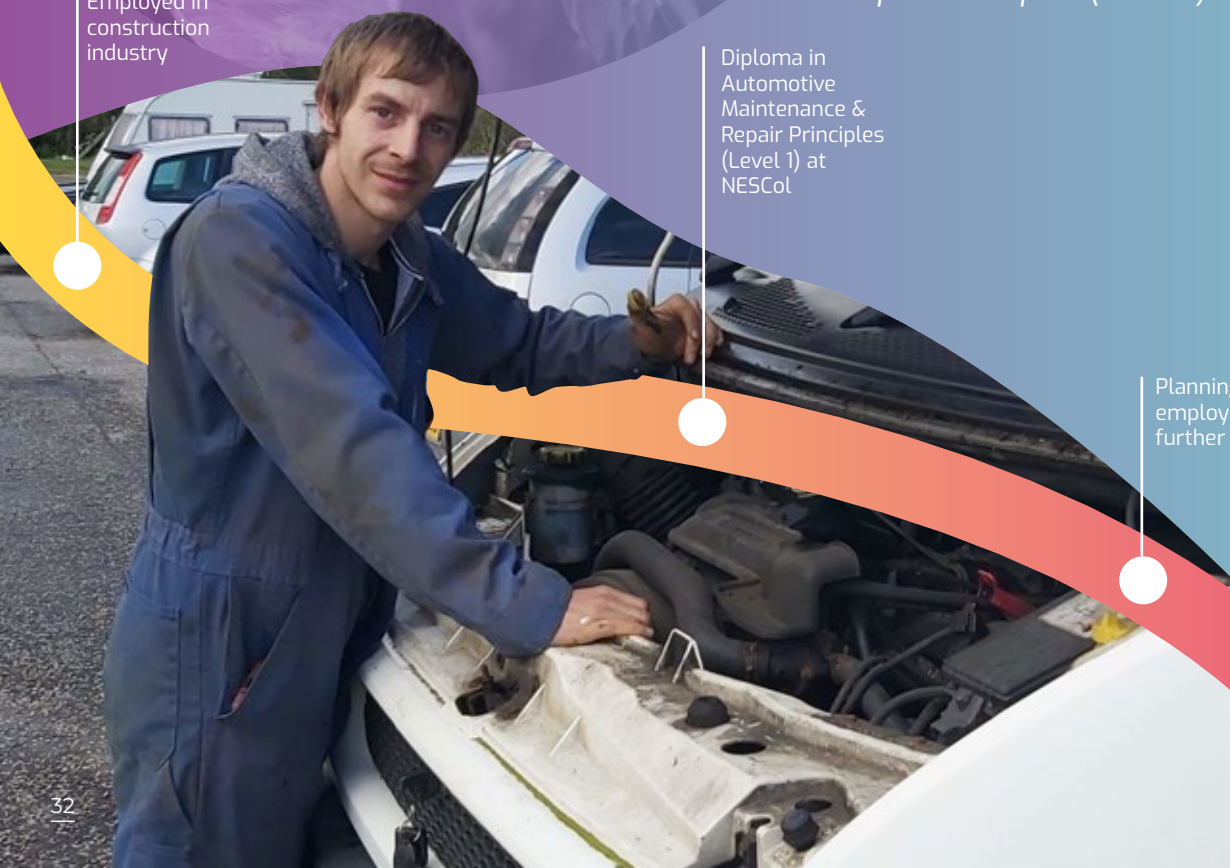
LEAM ANTONIO

Diploma in Automotive Maintenance & Repair Principles (Level 1)

Employed in construction industry

Diploma in Automotive Maintenance & Repair Principles (Level 1) at NESCol

Planning self-employment and further study





8,400

**MOTOR MECHANICS
EMPLOYED IN
SCOTLAND**

Source: Oxford Economics

25,000

**EXTRA ELECTRIC
VEHICLE TECHNICIANS
REQUIRED IN THE UK
BY 2030**

Source: The Social Market Foundation

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Engineer

Motor Mechanic

Motor Vehicle Breakdown

Motor Vehicle Fitter

Motor Vehicle Parts Person

Motor Vehicle Technician

Vehicle Body Repairer

Vehicle Spray Painter





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OUR COURSES

Introduction to Business & Administration

(Broadly comparable to SCQF Level 4)

Course code: PGMT (City) RHMT (Fraserburgh)

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This course will introduce you to various business & administration subjects ensuring you have a rounded knowledge of these. You will develop skills in IT, administration, accounting, work experience and customer care but also improve a number of transferable skills.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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Passes at National 4 or equivalent. For those returning to education, life skills and experience may allow entry.

Business, Accounting & Administration

(Broadly comparable to SCQF Level 5/6)

Course code: PGMBM (City) RHMBM (Fraserburgh)

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This course is intended to provide learners with a broad knowledge of key business functions alongside an associated range of practical skills in areas such as IT, administration, finance, marketing and customer care. Additionally, for students aiming to seek employment on completing this course, a work placement is one option, whilst those planning to continue on to higher level courses can prepare with a special study skills programme as an alternative option.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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Applicants should ideally have three National 5, Standard Grade Credit or Intermediate 2 qualifications, preferably including English and Maths. Other qualifications and experience may be considered, but the ability to work at SCQF Level 5 is essential.

HND Business / SCQF Level 8

Course code: PGDB (City) RHDB (Fraserburgh - Year 1 only)

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This advanced level course will further enhance your understanding of key business functions and provide you with an invaluable, detailed overview of the business world. You will acquire a wide range of transferable skills, highly sought after by employers, ensuring you are well-equipped for progression towards further study or direct entry into employment.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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Two Highers at Grade C or above, preferably in Business and English and a National 5 qualification in Accounting and Maths or Applications of Maths. Or a Foundation Apprenticeship in Accounting or Business Skills. For those returning to education, life skills and experience may be considered.

HND Legal Services (Law) / SCQF Level 8

Course code: PGDL (City)

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This advanced level course will help successful candidates to pursue employment in a legal office or as a paralegal or legal secretary. Alternatively, successful completion will allow you to progress to further legal study at university degree level. It is an excellent foundation course that will give you a good understanding of legal practices and procedures, various aspects of law and how the legal system works.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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At least two Higher qualifications, at Grade C or above, preferably one in English or a Foundation Apprenticeship in Accountancy or Business Skills. For those returning to education, life skills and experience may allow entry.

HND Accounting / SCQF Level 8

Course code: PGDA (City) RHDA (Fraserburgh)

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This course is perfect for those looking to enter the accounting profession. The course will help you to build a well-rounded, valuable skill set that meets the standards required by employers. The course is designed to provide you with a solid foundation in the concepts and processes used in financial and management accounting as well as other essential and academic skills required in the professional workplace.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least two Highers at Grade C or above, preferably in English and one other subject, and Maths/Applications of Maths at National 5. Foundation Apprenticeships in a range of subjects can also be considered among the entry requirements for this course. Visit the course page on our website to find out more. For those returning to education, life skills and experience may allow entry.

HND Administration & Information Technology

SCQF Level 8

Course code: PGDD (City)

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This advanced level course will build on your existing knowledge, and ensure that you are well-equipped to move on to a university degree or employment. By the end of the course you will be able to demonstrate the skills needed to effectively manage and make important decisions in an administration work environment.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

One Higher at Grade C or above, preferably in Administration, Business or English. Or successful completion of Level 5/6 Business, Accounting and Administration at NESCol. Foundation Apprenticeships in a range of subjects can also be considered among the entry requirements for this course. Visit the course page on our website to find out more. For those returning to education, life skills and experience may allow entry.





NESCol has made a huge difference for me and I would say to anyone considering retraining to just go for it – you'll be surprised at what you can achieve and the difference it will make in a short time."

MARGARITA IVANOVA

HND Accounting

Worked in
hospitality
industry

HND Accounting



Business Advisory
Trainee at
accountancy firm



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Administrator

Assistant Accountant

Bookkeeper

Clerical Assistant

Conveyancing Assistant

HR Administrator

HR Officer

Junior Admin Manager

Legal Accountant

Legal Cashier

Management Consultant

Paralegal Assistant

Payroll Administrator

Personal Assistant

Recruitment Consultant

Trainee Accountant

Trainee Administrator

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Source: Scottish Government

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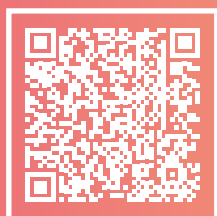
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TO THE ECONOMY**

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People are at the heart of a career in care. Whether you are hoping to work in the child, health or social care field, every day will be spent making a difference to the lives of others.

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OUR COURSES

Introduction to Health & Social Care / SCQF Level 4

Course code: PTMHR (City) RJMHR (Fraserburgh)

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This course will introduce you to the different areas and different people who use the services available in the health and social care sector. It provides an important opportunity for students to develop soft skills and interpersonal skills within a care context. The course explores how critical it is to provide effective and efficient care.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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Three National 4 or Standard Grade at Foundation Level or Intermediate 1 qualifications, preferably including English. Other qualifications and experience may be considered, but the ability to work at SCQF Level 4 is essential. A genuine aptitude for working with people and good communication skills are very important.

Health & Social Care / SCQF Level 5

Course code: RJMHC (Fraserburgh)

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This course will provide students with a firm understanding of the expectations and values involved in health and social care roles. The course introduces a variety of care professions across statutory, voluntary and private settings. This will enable a better understanding of complexities of delivering effective care to a variety of service users. Applicants should enjoy diverse group interaction and be mature enough to work on their own initiative. We look for individuals who are enthusiastic with a positive attitude to learning and can show commitment to this year-long course.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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Minimum of two National 5, Standard Grade Credit or Intermediate 2 qualifications at Grade C or above, preferably including English. Alternatively, applicants should have successfully completed a relevant course at SCQF Level 4. Other qualifications and experience may be considered, but the ability to work at SCQF Level 5 is essential as well as a genuine aptitude for working with people and good communication skills.

Advanced Health & Social Care / SCQF Level 6

Course code: RJMCT (Fraserburgh)

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This course will increase your understanding of a variety of health and care contexts and service users, effectively preparing you for further study or employment. You will also investigate care intervention and the roles/responsibilities across associated professions.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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One Higher at Grade C or above, in addition to three National 5, Intermediate 2 (Grade B or above) or Standard Grade Credit level qualifications, preferably to include English and Biology or another relevant subject. Or, any relevant SCQF Level 5 course. A genuine interest in working with people and good communication skills are essential.

Healthcare / SCQF Level 5

Course code: PTMLN (City)

Healthcare courses provide students with a firm understanding of the expectations and values involved in care roles with a slight bias towards subjects that lead towards nursing. You will be introduced to a variety of care professions across statutory, voluntary and private settings, and will enable you to better understand the complexities of delivering effective care to a variety of service users.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Two National 5 passes at Grade C or above, preferably English or two Standard Grades at General Level or equivalent. Alternatively, applicants should have successfully completed a relevant course at SCQF Level 4. Other qualifications and experience may be considered but the ability to work at SCQF Level 5 is essential. A genuine aptitude for working with people and good communication skills are also essential.

Advanced Healthcare / SCQF Level 6

Course code: PTMHN (City)

This course is ideal for thoughtful and considerate individuals who may be interested in becoming an adult, mental health or children and young people's nurse or paramedic and who care about supporting those who need help with daily living activities. This course is not for those who wish to pursue a career in midwifery unless you have other Higher level qualifications (please check with the admissions team at your chosen university). Enthusiastic school leavers or those who would like a career change and who may have had experience of caring for others should apply. You should enjoy diverse group interaction and be mature enough to work on your own initiative.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

One Higher at Grade C or above, in addition to three National 5, Intermediate 2 (Grade B or above) or Standard Grade Credit level qualifications, including English or other relevant subjects. Alternatively, applicants should have successfully completed a relevant course at SCQF Level 5. A genuine interest in working with people and good communication skills are essential.

Access to Nursing (SWAP) / SCQF Level 6

Course code: PTOAN (City)

This course offers an excellent opportunity for those who would like to pursue a career in adult, mental health and children and young person's nursing through a variety of universities. You may be considering a change of career or have worked in a support worker role and now wish to gain qualifications. Please note: This course is not suitable for those wanting to undertake midwifery or school leavers.

The Scottish Wider Access Programme (SWAP) supports access to higher education for adult learners. SWAP access programmes run at colleges across Scotland and are a route into hundreds of university degree courses. SWAP courses are specifically designed for adults who are returning to education after a gap.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You do not require any formal qualifications however you must be able to prove you can study at this level. If your last course of study was up to SCQF Level 5, you must have been out of full-time education for three years. If your last course of study was at SCQF Level 6 or above, you must have been out of full time education for five years. You will be invited to an interview with a member of the care team. This course is not suitable for anyone who has a degree.

HNC Healthcare Practice / SCQF Level 7

Course code: PTCL (City)

The purpose of this course is to prepare our future healthcare professionals to thrive within today's health and social care services. You will be provided with the skills, knowledge and critical ability to provide person-centred care. You will mainly work with people over the age of 16. This will include working with individuals, families and communities to promote health and well-being, prevention of ill health and enabling people to maintain and improve their mental and physical health. You will be expected to support individuals through all stages of the life cycle including end-of-life and palliative care. If interested in adult/mental health or learning disabilities nursing this course will allow access to Year 2 of university. If interested in midwifery/childrens and young people nursing or paramedic practice this course will allow you to apply for Year 1 of university although a place is not guaranteed.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Two Highers (at Grade C or above), one of which should be in science, preferably Biology. Or Level 6 Health or Social Care course along with Higher Care at Grade C or above. For entry to Nursing you will be interviewed by a panel from RGU, NHS Grampian and NESCol.

Social Care / SCQF Level 5

Course code: PTMCA (City)

We are looking for thoughtful and considerate individuals who care about supporting others who may be vulnerable and in need of social care interventions. If you are a school leaver, looking to get back into employment after a break or would like a career change into the discipline of social care, this is a great starting point for you. You should enjoy diverse group interaction and be mature enough to work on your own initiative. We look for individuals who are enthusiastic with a positive attitude to learning and can show commitment to this year-long course.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Two National 5 passes at Grade C or above, preferably English or two Standard Grades at General Level or equivalent. Alternatively, applicants should have successfully completed a relevant course at SCQF Level 4. Other qualifications and experience may be considered but the ability to work at SCQF Level 5 is essential. A genuine aptitude for working with people and good communication skills are essential.

Advanced Social Care / SCQF Level 6

Course code: PTMCR (City)

We are looking for thoughtful and considerate individuals who have a genuine interest in a career in social care or social work. At this advanced level, we would be looking for students who are genuinely committed to furthering their career development in this area and who have the desire to care about supporting those who are vulnerable within our society. School leavers enthusiastic about working in care or those who would like a career change and who may have had experience of caring for others should apply. You should enjoy diverse group interaction and be mature enough to work on your own initiative. This course will increase your understanding of a variety of care contexts and service users, effectively preparing you for further study or employment. You will also investigate care intervention, and the roles/responsibilities across associated professions.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

One Higher at Grade C or above, in addition to three National 5, Intermediate 2 (Grade B or above) or Standard Grade Credit level qualifications, including English. A genuine interest in working with people and good communication skills are essential.

Social Care (SWAP) / Access to SCQF Level 6

Course code: PTOSC (City)

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This course is suitable for those who have been out of education for a period and would like to pursue a career in social care. You may be considering a change of career, returning to the workforce or have worked in a support worker role and now wish to gain qualifications. Students will find this course gives both knowledge and skills required to move forward in this field. Course delivery is dynamic and covers a range of interesting social care orientated subjects. Successful completion of this course would meet the entry criteria for HNC Social Services.

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You do not require any formal qualifications however, if your last course of study was up to SCQF Level 5, you must have been out of full-time education for three years. If your last course of study was at SCQF Level 6 or above, you must have been out of full-time education for five years. Applicants will be invited to attend an interview with a member of the NESCol Care team. This course is not suitable for anyone with a university degree.

HNC Social Services / SCQF Level 7

Course code: PTCV (City)

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We are looking for highly motivated, well-organised, disciplined and caring individuals whose goal it is to work in community, private or public services that support the most vulnerable members of our society to lead a fulfilled and independent life. Those interested in this course should be ready for a blended learning approach that includes independent study, group work, research activities and presentation skills. This course enables students to integrate knowledge, theory and practice to gain employment in a social care role, or to progress to further study at university degree level in order to embark on a career in Social Work. On successful completion this meets the entry requirements to apply for Year 2 of the Social Work Degree at RGU.

Please note that a clear PVG will be required prior to placement allocation. This will be organised by the College, however you will have to pay for the PVG.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Two Higher qualifications at Grade C or above (preferably including Higher English) and Maths, Numeracy or equivalent at National 5 (Grade C or above). If not held at Higher, English at National 5 is essential. Alternatively, applicants should have a relevant qualification at SCQF Level 6, e.g. Health or Social Care or Access to Social Services (SWAP). It is desirable that applicants have completed a minimum of 80 hours work or voluntary experience within a social care setting. A genuine interest in working with people and good communication skills are essential, and references may be required.

Allied Health Professions (SWAP) / Access to SCQF Level 6

Course code: PTOAH (City)

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This exciting new programme has been developed by NESCol and RGU especially for mature students who have been out of education for some time and would like to pursue a career in occupational therapy, physiotherapy, paramedic science or midwifery. You may be considering a change of career or have worked in a support worker role and now wish to gain qualifications and find routes into the Allied Health Professions (AHP) at degree level. This new Scottish Wider Access Programme (SWAP) has been recognised by RGU as a suitable entry route for these AHP degrees and is an excellent opportunity for those of you with few or no formal qualifications to move on to higher education.

Please note: This course is not suitable for candidates applying straight from school or those who have studied at university level before. Please see other courses we offer if this applies to you e.g. Healthcare Level 5 or Healthcare Level 6.

The Scottish Wider Access Programme (SWAP) supports access to higher education for adult learners. SWAP access programmes run at colleges across Scotland and are a route into hundreds of university degree courses. SWAP courses are specifically designed for adults who are returning to education after a gap.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You do not require any formal qualifications however you must be able to prove you can study at this level. If your last course of study was up to SCQF Level 5, you must have been out of full-time education for at least three years. If your last course of study was at SCQF Level 6 or above, you must have been out of full-time education for five years or more. You will be interviewed by a member of the Care team to assess your suitability for the course.

Introduction to Childcare / SCQF Level 4

Course code: PSMCH (City) RJMCR (Fraserburgh)

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The course provides students with a good base knowledge of the early education and childcare sectors. It provides an opportunity for students to develop their skills in a childcare context, whilst providing the opportunity to investigate a range of job roles and career opportunities.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Three National 4, Standard Grade General or Intermediate 1 qualifications, ideally including English. National 4s should be full courses rather than individual units. Other qualifications and experience may be considered, but the ability to work at SCQF Level 4 is essential. A genuine interest and aptitude for working with children and good communication and numeracy skills is very important.

Childcare & Development / SCQF Level 5

Course code: PSMCD (City) RJMCD (Fraserburgh)

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This course is for progressing students, mature school leavers and those who would like to gain childcare qualifications. You must be able to embrace diversity and be able to work as part of a team as well as work independently. A placement opportunity may be provided to students who demonstrate appropriate skills and values.

Please note that a clear PVG disclosure will be required prior to placement allocation. PVG membership will be organised by the College.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Three National 4 and two National 5 qualifications at Grade C or above – one of which should be English. National 4s should be full courses rather than individual units. Evidence of volunteering or a placement within an Early Years/ Childcare environment is preferable (normally 20 hours).

NC Early Education & Childcare / SCQF Level 6

Course code: P5OE (City) RJOEE (Fraserburgh)

Following on from the Childcare & Development course, this course allows students to develop knowledge and understanding of the early years/childcare sector. Upon completion, candidates are eligible to register with the Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) at support worker level. The course also provides candidates with the underpinning knowledge required for the HNC Childhood Practice course. A mandatory placement opportunity is provided to students who demonstrate the appropriate skills and values.

Please note that a clear PVG disclosure will be required prior to placement allocation. PVG membership will be organised by the College.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Four qualifications at National 5 (Grade B or above), Intermediate 2 or Standard Grade Credit level - one of which should be English and preferably Maths. National 5s should be full courses rather than individual units. Evidence of volunteering or a placement within an Early Years/childcare environment is preferable (normally 40 hours). Alternatively, an appropriate SCQF Level 5 course eg. Childcare and Development. Other qualifications and experience may be taken into account but the ability to work at SCQF Level 5 is essential.

HNC Childhood Practice / SCQF Level 7

Course code: P5CC (City) RJCC (Fraserburgh)

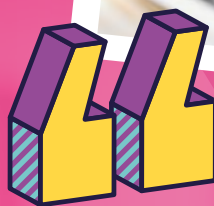
This course develops essential skills, knowledge and understanding of current workplace practice, legislations, policies and frameworks required to work within in a childhood practice setting. Upon completion, candidates are eligible to register with the Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) at practitioner level. This course provides a great opportunity to gain a nationally and professionally recognised group award.

Please note that a clear PVG disclosure will be required prior to placement allocation. PVG membership will be organised by the College.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Two Highers, one of which must be English at Grade C or above, and National 5 Maths/Applications of Maths. Alternatively, a relevant SCQF Level 6 course in a care related subject e.g. NC Early Education & Childcare or Foundation Apprenticeship: Social Services Children and Young People plus Higher English at Grade C or above and National 5 Maths/Applications of Maths (the full course rather than individual units). It is preferable that applicants should have a minimum of 80 hours work experience in an early years or childcare setting.





I want to let people know if they are a bit scared or worried about going to college, there's so much help and support available. It's a really nice place to study. It will be so worthwhile – I'm so happy I did it."

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HNC Social Services

Non-advanced
courses at
NESCol

HNC Social
Services at
NESCol

Year 2 of BA
Social Work
at RGU



208,000

**WORKING IN SOCIAL
WORK, SOCIAL CARE
AND EARLY YEARS
CARE IN SCOTLAND**

Source: Scottish Social Services Council

50%

**OF EMPLOYERS REPORTED
HAVING NOT ENOUGH
QUALIFIED APPLICANTS
FOR VACANCIES**

Source: Scottish Social Services
Council / Care Inspectorate

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Advanced Nurse Practitioner

Care Home Manager

Childcare Support Worker

Childhood Practitioner

Childminder

Children's Nursing

Criminal Justice Support Worker

Education Support Assistant

Health Care Support Worker

Nursery Manager

Occupational Therapist

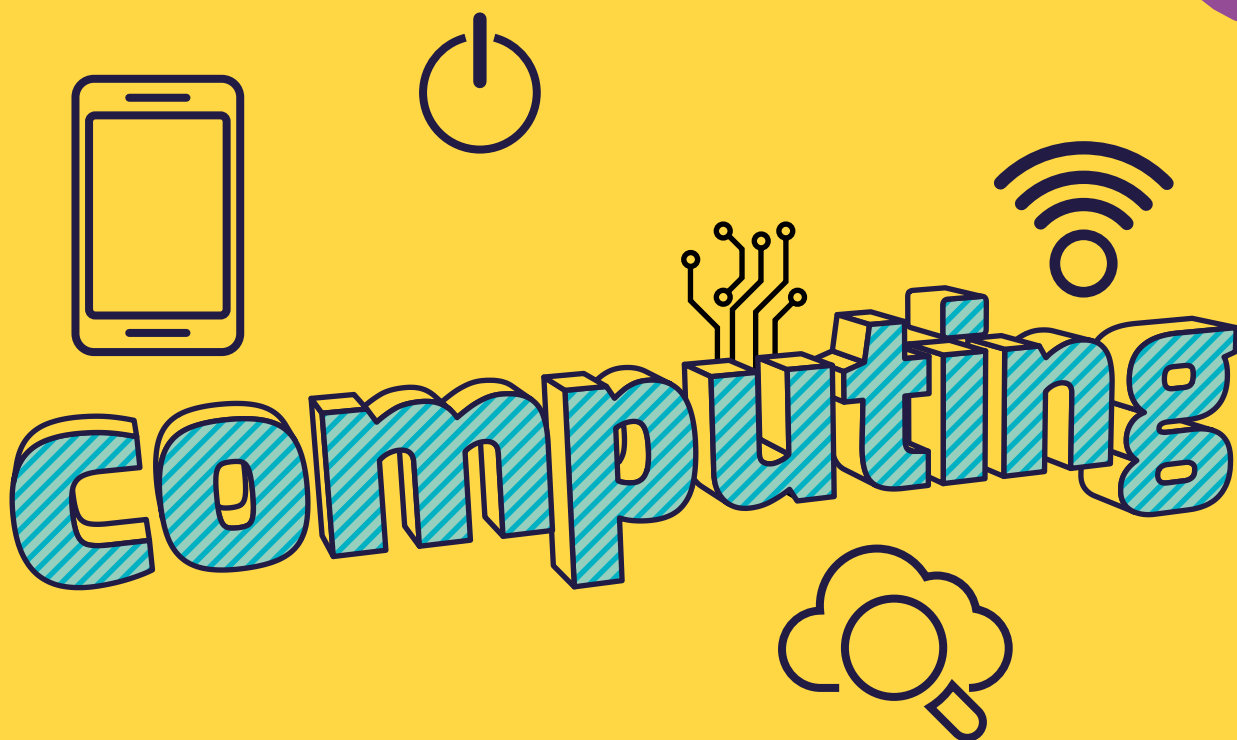
Paramedic Practice

Senior Childhood Practitioner

Social Care Assistant

Social Work Assistant

Social Worker



Come and join a fast-paced environment, which is continuously changing and evolving to meet the demands of the growing computing industry. Our courses help develop your character and skill set, expanding your creativity, communication and problem-solving abilities as well as your technical skills.

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OUR COURSES

Introduction to Computing with Cyber Security

Broadly comparable to SCQF Level 4

Course code: QBMTTC (City)

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If you are thinking about a career in computing, this will introduce you to every element of computing, which can launch you into an exciting and ever-evolving career. Computing has changed rapidly over the last 10 years - websites have become more user friendly and compatible with a range of devices; PC, tablet and smartphones, games have become more complex and the demand for apps is increasing. The new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is here to stay and has an impact on everything we do digitally. Failure to comply carries heavy fines and this means computing skills are in high demand.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

This course is suitable for those with no previous qualifications or work experience, but all applicants should have a genuine interest in computer hardware, software or games development.

Intermediate Computing: Technical Support

SCQF Level 5

Course code: QBMTT (City)

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Have you got experience of working with computers? Or a keen interest in working with computers? This course will help support you in developing your knowledge further and introduce you to networking and why this is important for an organisation and an individual. There is an opportunity to learn about cyber security, which will teach you about operating system vulnerabilities and how a malicious individual will use this to their advantage. Learn how to keep your data secure using various methods of cryptography, and we will introduce you to cyber forensics where you will trace the attacks back to the source. You will further develop skills in the area of computing (hardware, software and networking).

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Two National 4s at Grade C or above, preferably one in Computing Science or Software Development, or a recognised Computing course at Level 4.

Intermediate Computing: Software Development

SCQF Level 5/6

Course code: QBMSC (City)

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Are you interested in developing software and want to learn more? This course will focus on the fundamentals of computer programming and the main languages used in programming such as Python, HTML and CSS, and why these languages are used. There is also an opportunity to learn about cyber security, which will focus on scripting, and give you an opportunity to use some of those scripts to test vulnerabilities in a computer system and how malicious individuals can exploit these vulnerabilities. You will also have the opportunity to learn some app development and create your own app.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Two National 5s at Grade C or above, preferably one in Computing Science or Software Development, or a recognised Computing course at Level 5.

Advanced Computing / SCQF Level 6

Course code: QBMCO (City)

This course will introduce you to computer hardware, software, and cyber security at an advanced level. During this course you will have the opportunity to learn from industry experts in various computing disciplines and, where possible, you will work on live projects in our state-of-the-art labs.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Two National 5s at Grade C or above, preferably one in Computing Science or a recognised computing course at Level 5.

HNC Computing (NextGen) / SCQF Level 7

Course code: QBCN (City) RCCN (Fraserburgh)

This course is designed to give you an introduction to computer hardware and software. During this course you will learn the basics of networking, software development and cyber security. Learn about the current and emerging trends in computing, the professional bodies that govern computing and the benefits of joining one of these professional bodies. You will also learn how to be a professional and competent individual in computer hardware or software and cyber security and the impact of the current legislation such as GDPR. (Please note: cyber security elements are taught at Aberdeen City Campus only). NextGen is a new approach to Higher National qualifications introduced by the SQA and designed to be adaptable and flexible to respond to the needs of the employment market. Find out more at www.sqa.org.uk

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Two Highers at Grade C or above, preferably including Computing Science. Students progressing from Advanced Computing at SCQF Level 6 can also gain entry to this course. Core Skills (Numeracy and Communications) at SCQF Level 5 are also required.

HND Cyber Security / SCQF Level 8

Course code: QBDY (City)

The need for cyber security specialists in the modern workplace is paramount and all organisations have an obligation to ensure that their network, applications and data is secure. This course will provide you with the skills to meet the industry requirements. We will introduce you to networking and what practices we can put in place to secure a network from attacks and you will learn about programming and how this can help you become a better cyber security specialist. We will introduce you to the laws that affect cyber security specialists and the impact that these laws can have on companies and individuals.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Two Highers at Grade C or above – preferably one in Computing Science. A Foundation Apprenticeship will be considered equivalent to one unrelated Higher for entry to this course. Students progressing from Advanced Computing (SCQF Level 6) can also gain entry to this course. Students must have Numeracy Core Skills and Communication both at Level 4 or Higher.

HND Networking & Cloud Infrastructure (NextGen)

SCQF Level 8

Course code: QBDG (City)

This course will allow students to study many of the skills that are in demand for many different types of career in an IT Technical Support role. The course provides a comprehensive range of knowledge and practical skills in providing technical expertise in PC maintenance, networking, installing Microsoft Windows, desktop support, and server support. In specialist labs, learners will have the opportunity to build PCs, study the Microsoft Windows operating systems, and build networks within a virtualised environment providing hands on experience and learning. HND Computing: Technical Support is expected to lead to employment opportunities at IT support technician level or progress to third year of a related degree through one of our university articulation agreements. NextGen is a new approach to Higher National qualifications introduced by the SQA and designed to be adaptable and flexible to respond to the needs of the employment market. Find out more at www.sqa.org.uk

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

HNC Computing or Year 1 of HND Computing: Software Development or Year 1 of HND Computing: Technical Support.

HND Computing: Software Development (NextGen)

SCQF Level 8

Course code: QBDX (City)

Software is everywhere! More and more devices are controlled by software and the industry is constantly evolving as we continue to move towards an era where computers and software dominate our lives. You will learn programming languages that will prepare you for a career in this ever changing industry, as you focus on human computer interaction and making your programmes and software more user friendly. Smart home devices such as the Amazon Alexa, Google Home and the Apple Homepod were developed using the skills you will learn on this course. NextGen is a new approach to Higher National qualifications introduced by the SQA and designed to be adaptable and flexible to respond to the needs of the employment market. Find out more at www.sqa.org.uk

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

HNC Computing or Year 1 of HND Computing:
Software Development or
Year 1 of HND Computing:
Technical Support.

Computing with Digital Media / SCQF Level 5

Course code: RCMDM (Fraserburgh)

This course can start your career in the computing sector. If you have worked with applications, built a website or posted to social media and want to find out what career path this can open up for you, then this course may be for you. Designed to develop your knowledge of contemporary applications currently in use in computing and digital media, this course offers the opportunity to explore a range of computing disciplines such as interactive media/web development, software development and teamwork.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of two subject passes (Grade C or better) at National 4, Intermediate 1 or Standard Grade level, or successful completion of a relevant course at introductory level (SCQF Level 4). Alternatively, applicants should have relevant work experience.

Introduction to Computer Games Design (including introduction to Esports) / SCQF Level 4/5

Course code: QAMGD (City) RCMGD (Fraserburgh)

This is the first step for those interested in a career in games development and Esports. This course will introduce learners to the genres, trends and emerging technologies of the computer games industry. This course provides a foundation in techniques that are important to the sector, such as digital planning and design, creation of media assets, and development and testing - while also developing employability skills and core skills through enterprise activities. Students will be introduced to Esports, will explore video game characters, narrative design, creating an Esports brand, organising an Esports tournament and live-stream broadcasting.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

This course can be undertaken without previous experience of computer games development. There are no formal entry requirements.

Computer Game Development / SCQF Level 6

Course code: QAMGC (City) RCMGC (Fraserburgh)

This course focuses on the technical and creative skills desired by employers in the computer games industry and in the wider creative digital media and software development sectors. Level 6 students will work together to effectively contribute to an Esports organisation, create content and organise an Esports tournament. The course includes the softer skills regarded as important in the computer games industry including communication, team working and an understanding of the role of enterprise.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of four subject passes (Grade C or better) at National 5, Intermediate 2 or Standard Grade Credit level and Level 5 core skills of Communication and Numeracy. Alternatively, applicants should have relevant work experience or successful completion of a relevant prior course at SCQF Level 5.

HND Games Development (including Digital Design & Development) / SCQF Level 8

Course code: QADG (City)

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This practical course will build on your design and technical abilities and ensure you have the skills and knowledge to effectively implement your ideas and designs within game development. You will work on individual game projects allowing you to develop an in-depth and accurate understanding of professional standards, and what to expect, when working in a game design/development-related role.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

One relevant Higher together with three National 5 courses, all to be at least Grade C. Alternatively, successful completion of Computing with Digital Media Level 5 course, or Computer Games Development Level 6 course. A Foundation Apprenticeship in any subject area will be considered equivalent to one unrelated Higher for entry to this course. For those returning to education, life skills and experience in the workplace may allow entry subject to availability.

HND Web Development (including Digital Design & Development) / SCQF Level 8

Course code: QADW (City)

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This very practical course will build on your design and technical abilities and ensure you have the skills and knowledge to effectively implement your ideas and designs. These skills can be used to develop skills in web development. You will be using the latest in industry software within Adobe Creative Cloud. You will work on real projects with real clients, allowing you to develop an in-depth and accurate understanding of professional standards and what to expect when working in a web related role.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

One relevant Higher (SCQF Level 6) together with three National 5 courses, all to be at least Grade C. A Foundation Apprenticeship in any subject area will be considered equivalent to one unrelated Higher for entry to this course. Alternatively, successful completion of Computing with Digital Media Level 5, or Computer Games Development Level 6 course. For those returning to education, life skills and experience in the workplace may allow entry subject to availability.

HND Technologies in Business / SCQF Level 8

Course code: QADB (City)

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The HND Technologies in Business award is designed for learners who wish to pursue a business career in the digital economy. The course has been structured to provide learners with a background in business operations, technology, project management and entrepreneurship to allow them to seek employment in a wide variety of sectors.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Two Highers (including one from Computing Science, Business Management, English or Mathematics), three National 5 qualifications or equivalent (all at least Grade C). Alternatively, successful completion of Computing with Digital Media SCQF Level 5, Computer Games Development SCQF Level 6 course or NCGA Business course. A Foundation Apprenticeship in any subject area will be considered as one unrelated Higher for entry to this course.





This course gave Shay knowledge and skills that are vital for running a business including cyber resilience, e-commerce solutions and social media as well as a solid grounding in business operations, technology and project management.

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HND Technologies in Business

NC Computing with Digital Media at NESCol

HND Technologies in Business at NESCol

Working in family business





CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

App Developer

Business Analyst

Cyber Security Specialist

Data Management

Digital Content Editor

Digital Designer

Digital Marketing

Forensic Analyst

IT Management

Network Engineer

Penetration Tester

Security Analyst

Software Developer

Technology Consultancy

Web Content Editor

Web Developer

83,000
**ALREADY EMPLOYED
IN SCOTLAND'S
TECHNOLOGY SECTOR**
Source: SDI

76%
**OF SCOTTISH
TECHNOLOGY FIRMS
EXPECT TO GROW**
Source: ScotlandIS



Do you want to work in a rapidly changing industry incorporating new technologies and helping to shape the world around us? Building schools, homes, hospitals and other infrastructure ensures skills are in demand. A range of new and exciting career opportunities are also available as the construction sector plays an important part in energy transition, adopting low carbon solutions and driving energy efficiency in homes and businesses.

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OUR COURSES

ENERGY
TRANSITION
SKILLS

Introduction to Workshop Skills (Construction) /

SCQF Level 4

Course code: QRMWS (Altens) RAMWS (Fraserburgh)

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This course will provide you with a thorough introduction to basic construction craft skills. Most of your time will be spent in our bright, well-equipped workshops where you will practice using a variety of tools related to carpentry and joinery, brickwork, and painting and decorating.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

There are no formal entry requirements but we are looking for enthusiastic, motivated individuals who are good team players and enjoy working with tools in a workshop environment. An interest in construction is desirable.

ENERGY
TRANSITION
SKILLS

Construction Crafts / SCQF Level 5

Course code: QRMG (Altens) RAMF (Fraserburgh)

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This course will provide you with an opportunity to progress skills in a range of construction craft occupations. Most of your time will be spent in our bright, well equipped workshops where you will use a variety of tools related to carpentry and joinery, brickwork, plumbing, and painting and decorating.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

There are no formal entry requirements but we are looking for enthusiastic, motivated individuals who are good team players, health and safety aware and enjoy working with tools in a workshop environment. Some evidence of interest in construction crafts or having a Skills for Work (Construction) qualification could be an advantage. You will also be given an aptitude test at interview.

ENERGY
TRANSITION
SKILLS

Built Environment / SCQF Level 6

Course code: QROBN (Altens)

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You will learn about the construction industry in all its diversity, be introduced to concepts in domestic building services; building technology; sustainable design and develop skills in technical drawing; computer-aided drafting and construction calculations. In addition, you will develop essential general life skills such as adaptability, team work and how to deal with people, which will set you up for the future regardless of your chosen career path.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Qualifications at National 5, Intermediate 2 or Standard Grade Credit level, preferably including English, a science subject and Numeracy as well as National 4, Intermediate 1 or Standard Grade General Level Maths as a minimum. Other qualifications at National 4 or 5 level will be considered. You will also be given an aptitude test at interview. Please note applicants must be 16 or over.





CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Architectural Technician

BIM Technician

Bricklayer

Building Services Technician

Building Surveyor

Construction Manager

Construction Supervisor

Joiner

Painter and Decorator

Planner

Plumber

Quantity Surveyor

Site Manager

300

SCOTTISH CONSTRUCTION
COMPANIES REPORTING
VACANCIES DUE TO
SKILLS SHORTAGES

Source: ClimateXChange for
the Scottish Government

16,000

EXTRA CONSTRUCTION
JOBS IN SCOTLAND
BY 2030 RELATING TO
ENERGY EFFICIENCY
PROJECTS

Source: ClimateXChange for
the Scottish Government



engineering

If you have an interest in problem solving and tackling challenges, then a career in engineering may be the one for you. Engineers are needed in various roles across a whole range of industries – including transition, transport, technology, aerospace, medicine, construction, food and drink, production, sports, fashion, entertainment, protection and more!

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OUR COURSES



Performing Engineering Operations: Renewables /

SCQF Level 5

Course code: QQSN (Altens) RBSN (Fraserburgh)

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This course focuses on key strands of practical engineering skills suited to a variety of roles in the renewable energy sector. This includes the production of mechanical assemblies, general machining, MIG welding, CAD, wiring and testing programmable controller-based systems and maintaining mechanical devices and equipment.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

There are no formal entry requirements for this course.



SVQ Level 2 Performing Engineering Operations: Electrical Route / SCQF Level 5

Course code: QNSP (Altens) RCSR (Fraserburgh)

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Introducing you to practical electrical/electronic installation, maintenance and testing skills.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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A minimum of a pass at National 4 Mathematics and a good understanding of English are required for entrance to this course. There may also be a short practical test carried out at the time of interview.



SVQ Level 2 Performing Engineering Operations: Fabrication & Welding Route / SCQF Level 5

Course code: RBSW (Fraserburgh)

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This course will introduce you to the practical skills for all welding and cutting processes including: TIG welding, MIG welding, shielded arc welding, oxy fuel and plasma cutting.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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There are no formal academic qualifications required for entrance onto this course but we are looking for enthusiastic, motivated individuals who are good team players and enjoy working in a workshop environment.



Level 1 Engineering: Workshop Skills /

Broadly comparable to SCQF Level 4

Course code: QQSC (Altens) RBSC (Fraserburgh)

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This course will prepare you for progression to SVQ in Performing Engineering Operations at SCQF Level 5 or employment in the engineering or manufacturing sector as an operative, apprentice or Modern Apprentice.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

No formal academic qualifications are required for entry to this course.



SVQ Performing Engineering Operations: Mechanical Route / SCQF Level 5

Course code: QQSR (Altens)

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This course is perfect for those who will thrive in a practical workshop environment providing realistic preparation for future employment. This is a broad based course including: turning, fitting, maintenance and welding.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

There are no formal academic qualifications required for entrance onto this course but we are looking for enthusiastic, motivated individuals who enjoy practical work.



SVQ Performing Engineering Operations: Mechanical Maintenance Route / SCQF Level 5

Course code: RBSM (Fraserburgh)

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This course is perfect for those who will thrive in a practical workshop environment as time is spent developing skills in using hand tools, maintaining mechanical devices, assembling fluid power systems and assembling pipework systems.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

There are no formal academic qualifications required for entrance onto this course but we are looking for enthusiastic, motivated individuals who are good team players and enjoy working with tools in a workshop environment.



SVQ Performing Engineering Operations: Mechanical Manufacture Route / SCQF Level 5

Course code: RBSP (Fraserburgh)

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This course will build on Mechanical Manufacture skills and knowledge gained in the Level 2 qualification. The course including turning, milling and bench fitting.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

There are no formal academic qualifications required for entrance onto this course but we are looking for enthusiastic, motivated individuals who are good team players and enjoy working with tools in a workshop environment.



NC Engineering Systems: Renewables / SCQF Level 5

Course code: QP05 (Altens)

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This course is perfect for those interested in renewable energy who want to be multi-skilled in electrical and mechanical disciplines. The course will cover the principles of electrical and mechanical engineering and develop your skills in both.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Progression from PEO courses with the Maths modules. Direct entry requires National 5 Maths at Grade D or better, National 5 English at Grade C or better, and a practical subject. Experience may be taken into consideration for mature applicants.



NC Electrical Engineering / SCQF Level 5

Course code: QNOR (Altens) RCOR (Fraserburgh)

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This course is perfect for those who want to build on the electrical engineering skills they have developed during the SVQ Level 2 PEO qualification and who have ambition to become a skilled craftsperson or operative in a range of industries.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants should have completed an SVQ Level 2 PEO with the addition of maths requirements. Direct entry applicants should have attained National 5 Maths with at least Grade C or D. Experience may also be taken into consideration for mature applicants.



NC Mechanical Engineering: Mechanical Manufacture Route / SCQF Level 5

Course code: RBOM (Fraserburgh)

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This course will build on welding and fabrication skills and knowledge gained during the SVQ Performing Engineering Operations Level 2 qualification. You will enhance your skills and knowledge in engineering materials, graphical engineering communication, CAD, and engineering principles and how to perform vital processes such as measurement, milling operations, CNC skills, dimensional control, manufacturing processes along with employability skills such as IT, maths, communication and health and safety practice.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must have completed an SVQ Level 2 Performing Engineering Operations with the addition of a maths unit.



NC Mechanical Engineering: Mechanical Maintenance Route / SCQF Level 5

Course code: RBOT (Fraserburgh)

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This course will build on welding and fabrication skills and knowledge gained during the SVQ Performing Engineering Operations Level 2 qualification. You will enhance your skills and knowledge on engineering materials, graphical engineering communication, CAD, prime movers, engineering principles, MIG welding, dimensional control, employability skills such as IT, maths, communication and health and safety practice.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must have completed an SVQ Level 2 Performing Engineering Operations with the addition of a maths unit.

NC Mechanical Engineering: Fabrication & Welding Route / SCQF Level 5

Course code: RBOW (Fraserburgh)

This course will build on welding and fabrication skills and knowledge gained during SVQ Performing Engineering Operations Level 2. You will enhance your skills and knowledge in fabrication processes, welding processes, MIG welding, TIG welding, MMA welding, fabrication skills and CAD, along with employability skills such as IT, maths, communication and health and safety practice.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must have completed an SVQ Level 2 Performing Engineering Operations with the addition of a maths unit.

NC Engineering Systems / SCQF Level 6

Course code: RCOS (Fraserburgh)

This course provides you with the opportunity to study differing engineering disciplines allowing you to make an informed decision on which direction to take for more advanced study in this area.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

National 5 Maths at Grade A or B, Standard Grade Maths at Credit level or Intermediate 2 Maths including units 1, 2, and 3. Alternatively, applicants should have an NC in Engineering at SCQF Level 5 with both Mathematics Craft 1 and Craft 2 units.

NC Electrical Engineering / SCQF Level 6

Course code: QNOT (Altens)

This course is perfect for those who like maths, sciences and problem solving and are keen to progress to further study or employment in the industry.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

NC in Engineering at SCQF Level 5 with both Mathematics Craft 1 and Craft 2 units or National 5 Maths at Grade A or B, Standard Grade Maths at Credit level or Intermediate 2 Maths including units 1, 2 and 3.



NC Mechanical Engineering / SCQF Level 6

Course code: QPOME (Altens)

This course will develop your theoretical knowledge of engineering by delivering a detailed introduction to mechanical engineering subjects. It is designed to heighten your understanding to the standard required for a National Certificate Group Award. This qualification will enable you to progress to a Higher National course or into employment.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

National 5 Maths at Grade A or B, Standard Grade Maths at Credit level or Intermediate 2 Maths including units 1, 2 and 3. Alternatively, applicants should have an NC in Engineering at SCQF Level 5 with both Mathematics Craft 1 and Craft 2 units.



Energy Transfer (ET) Pathway (NextGen) (ECITB Scholarship Technician Programme) /

SCQF Level 7

Course code: QPCT (Altens)

This two-year Energy Transfer Technician Scholarship will create a pipeline of young talent with the knowledge and technical skills required to support the country's energy transition. Learners will get a grounding in core engineering knowledge and skills as well as an understanding of the new technologies essential to the successful delivery of net zero, and a foundation in new in-demand digital skills. Successful applicants receive a £100 per week scholarship payment. NextGen is a new approach to Higher National qualifications introduced by the SQA and designed to be adaptable and flexible to respond to the needs of the employment market. Find out more at www.sqa.org.uk

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Successful completion of one of the following: Higher Maths at Grade A or B (not Applications of Mathematics), Engineering Bridger (NC to HNC) or NC SCQF Level 6 in Engineering with Technician Mathematics 2. National 5 Applications of Maths is not accepted for this course.



Shell Engineering Scheme / SCQF Level 7

Course code: RCNSG (Fraserburgh)

This is a fast track advanced course looking for the next generation of engineering technicians – have you got what it takes? The Shell Engineering Scheme is exclusive to NESCol's Fraserburgh Campus. This is a sponsored programme designed to meet the demands of today's engineering sector. It delivers a broad knowledge and skill set for electrical, mechanical and instrumentation engineering. Four full-time qualifications are delivered over two years together with a leadership qualification and industrial placements. Candidates can expect to receive an attendance allowance of approximately £100 per week.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

National 5 Maths at Grade B or above or NC in Engineering at SCQF Level 5 with both Maths Craft 1 and Craft 2 units.



HNC Electrical Engineering / SCQF Level 7

Course code: RCCR (Fraserburgh)

This highly sought-after qualification will allow you to develop advanced understanding and capabilities in electrical engineering principles and practices, equipping you with the skills required to work in industry, public sector and service organisations.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Grade B in Higher Maths (SCQF 6) or equivalent qualification in maths, and one other Higher in English or a related science/technology qualification.



HNC Engineering Systems (NextGen) / SCQF Level 7

Course code: QPCY (Altens)

The aim of this course is to equip learners with the technical knowledge and skills as well as the professional skills and personal behaviours (meta-skills) that employers expect from those entering and working in industries within the engineering, renewables and advanced manufacturing sector at HNC level. Designed to meet industry needs by allowing specialisation in engineering systems, this dynamic and flexible qualification develops skills, self-awareness, creativity and resilience. NextGen is a new approach to Higher National qualifications introduced by the SQA and designed to be adaptable and flexible to respond to the needs of the employment market. Find out more at www.sqa.org.uk

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Successful completion of one of the following: Higher Maths at Grade A or B (not Application of Mathematics), NESCol Bridger course or NC Level 6 in Engineering with Technician Mathematics 2. National 5 Applications of Maths is not accepted for this course.



HNC Engineering Practice / SCQF Level 7

Course code: RBCM (Fraserburgh)

This course is ideal for those who would like to develop their engineering knowledge to HNC level and is best suited to those who have already studied engineering skills at a lower level but who would like to progress to supervisory positions in a workshop environment.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants should have an NC in Engineering at SCQF Level 5.



HND Electrical Engineering / SCQF Level 8

Course code: QNDT (Altens) RCDR (Fraserburgh)

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This highly sought-after qualification will allow you to develop advanced understanding and capabilities in electrical engineering principles and practices, equipping you with the skills required to work in industry, public sector and service organisations.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Grade B in Higher Maths (SCQF 6) or equivalent qualification in Maths, and one other Higher in English or a related science/technology qualification.



HND Mechanical Engineering / SCQF Level 8

Course code: QPDE (Altens) RCDE (Fraserburgh)

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This highly sought-after qualification will allow you to develop advanced understanding and capabilities when it comes to mechanical engineering facilities.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Grade A or B in Higher Maths (SCQF 6) or equivalent qualification in Maths. Alternatively, students who have attained the NC Mechanical Engineering Level 6, including Technician 2 Maths, may progress to HND if they have shown good attendance and motivation to progress. National 5 Applications of Maths is not accepted for this course.

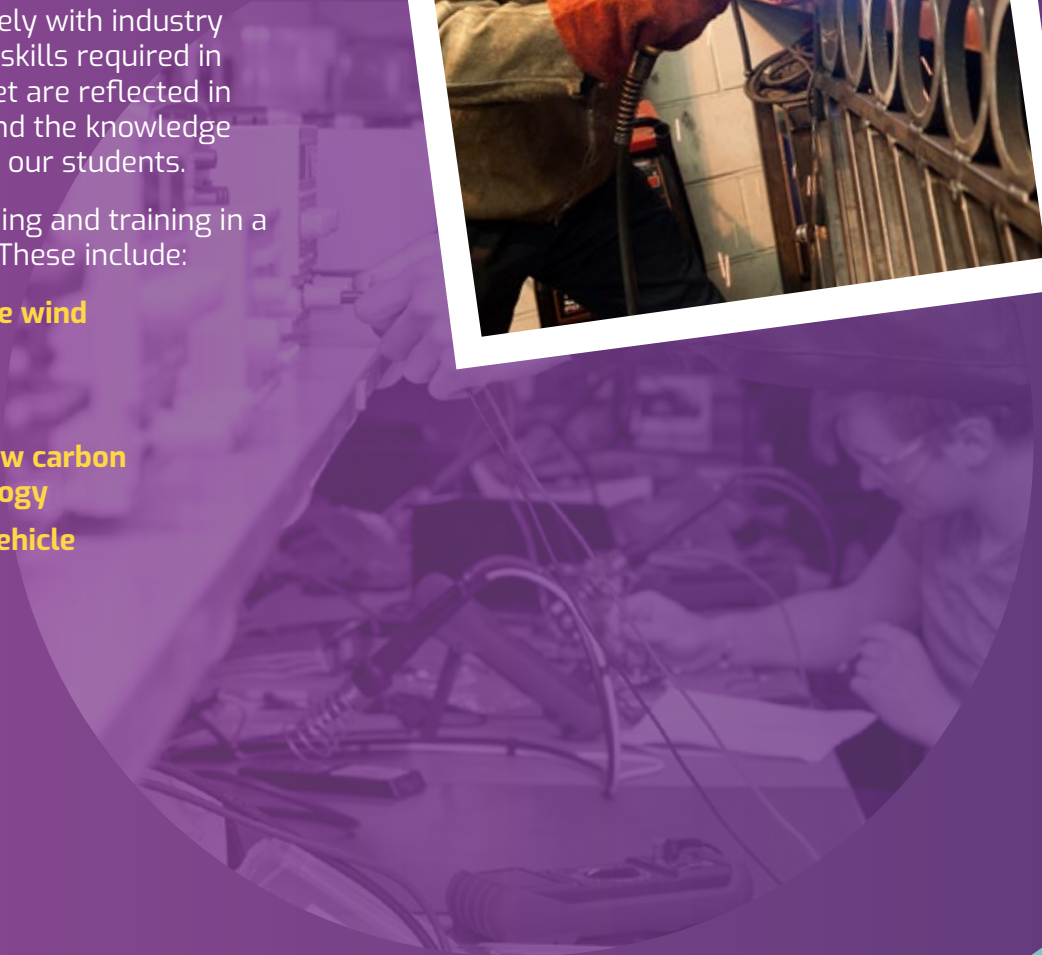


NESCol has a key role to play in ensuring the North East has a workforce equipped to embrace the opportunities presented by energy transition, with tens of thousands of jobs being created as Scotland continues its journey to net zero.

The College works closely with industry partners to ensure the skills required in the employment market are reflected in the courses we offer and the knowledge and experience built by our students.

We are delivering learning and training in a number of key areas. These include:

- Onshore and offshore wind
- Photovoltaics
- Hydrogen power
- Energy saving and low carbon construction technology
- Electric and hybrid vehicle maintenance.





CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Aerospace

Construction

Energy Industry and Energy Transition, including Renewables

Entertainment

Environmental Protection

Fashion

Food and Drink Production

Manufacturing

Medicine

Sports

Technology

Transport

58,000

**EXTRA LOW CARBON
ENERGY PRODUCTION
ROLES IN SCOTLAND
BY 2050**

Source: Scottish Government

100%

**OF NESCOL ENGINEERING
STUDENTS ACHIEVING SCQF
LEVEL 7 MOVED TO WORK
OR FURTHER STUDY**

Source: Scottish Funding Council



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**ENGLISH FOR
SPEAKERS
OF OTHER
LANGUAGES**

The English for Speakers of Other Languages courses offered at NESCol have been specifically designed by professionals to help you meet your full potential by building the confidence needed for using the English language in everyday life in Scotland. Studying ESOL can help with progression to further study or employment.

View full course listing or
to apply visit
nescol.ac.uk/esol



OUR COURSES

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

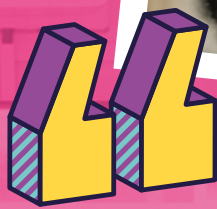
Course code: PHLF (City) RJLF (Fraserburgh)

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This course has been specifically designed by ESOL professionals and it will improve your English so that you can communicate better and feel more confident. You will practise your speaking, listening, reading and writing skills in a positive and supportive environment with experienced teachers. At the same time, you will meet people from all around the world and have fun.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will be tested and placed in a group according to your level of English before the course starts. You should be literate in your first language and have achieved ESOL National 2 level (or A1) or should be working towards ESOL National 3 level (or A2) at a minimum.



ESOL gave me self-confidence because I could express my thoughts more clearly. It was a great start and gave me a push to go on and study further and go on to university and follow my passion for law, which I hadn't planned when I started at College."

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*English for Speakers of Other Languages,
HNC Business and HND Legal Services*



ESOL course
at NESCol

HNC and HND
courses at
NESCol

Law and
Management
degree at
RGU

Career
in legal
services



HEAR FROM OUR STUDENTS

54,000

POLISH SPEAKERS IN
SCOTLAND - THE MOST
COMMON LANGUAGE AFTER
ENGLISH, SCOTS AND GAELIC

Source: Scotland's Census

"I have always wanted to work with children, but my English is not good enough! The ESOL course will give me the opportunity to study Childcare at College."

12%

OF PEOPLE LIVING IN
ABERDEEN SPEAK A
LANGUAGE OTHER THAN
ENGLISH AT HOME

Source: Scotland's Census

"Thanks to the ESOL course, I can now understand and speak to the people around me and help my children with their homework."

hair, & beauty complementary therapies



The hair, beauty and complementary therapies industries are exciting, rewarding and constantly changing. These industries are led by fashion, trends, health and wellbeing. Working in a vibrant, creative sector provides a variety of career and enterprise opportunities.

View full course listing or
to apply visit
nescol.ac.uk/hair



OUR COURSES

Barbering / Broadly comparable to SCQF Level 5

Course code: PMQRB (City)

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This course will enhance your understanding and enable you to develop practical skills in consultation, shampoo and conditioning, basic styling, cutting, colouring, lightening and perming techniques. Developing your creative skills in barbering will also feature. Promoting and selling a variety of products and services alongside reception duties and the importance of health and safety will also be covered. You will learn all of these skills in a realistic work environment, which provides preparation for work placement and excellent salon experience for progression to employment.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Completion of Introduction to Hairdressing or qualifications in Hairdressing or Beauty Therapy at Level 1 (SCQF Level 4). National 5 qualifications or equivalent, preferably including English, are desirable. Applicants who have completed a related School Links programme could progress to this course. Alternatively, life or work experience will be considered.

Introduction to Hairdressing

Broadly comparable to SCQF Level 4

Course code: PMQIH (City) RGQH (Fraserburgh)

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The course will introduce you to the hairdressing industry and enable you to develop basic practical techniques in shampooing, conditioning, styling, dressing, plaiting, twisting and basic hair colouring techniques on women. You will also learn skills in men's styling and creating a hair and beauty image. The topics covered will ensure you have a firm grasp of health and safety, how to present yourself professionally in a salon, how to carry out effective team work and reception duties.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

National 4 qualifications, Intermediate 1 or Standard Grade Foundation level qualifications, preferably including English, or successful completion of a School Links programme in Hairdressing or Beauty Therapy. Alternatively, applicants should have appropriate life or work experience, demonstrating the ability to develop and learn essential skills.

Hairdressing / Broadly comparable to SCQF Level 5

Course code: PMQHD (City) RGQH2 (Fraserburgh)

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The course will develop your understanding and enable you to develop practical skills in consultation, shampooing, conditioning and scalp massage. Basic styling, cutting, colouring, lightening and perming techniques are the main focus of the course, with opportunities to develop your creative skills. Promoting and selling a variety of products and services, alongside reception duties and the importance of health and safety will also be covered. You will learn in a realistic work environment, which provides preparation for work placement and excellent salon experience for progression to employment.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Successful completion of Introduction to Hairdressing, or an equivalent qualification. Qualifications in Hairdressing or Beauty Therapy at Level 1 (SCQF Level 4), or equivalent, or experience of full-time work in a salon environment. National 5 qualifications, Intermediate 2 or Standard Grade general level qualifications, preferably including English, are also desirable. Applicants who have attained a School Links programme in Hairdressing or Beauty Therapy could progress to this course. Alternatively, applicants should have appropriate life or work experience, demonstrating the ability to develop and learn essential skills.

Advanced Hairdressing / Broadly comparable to SCQF Level 6

Course code: PMQHS (City) RGQH3 (Fraserburgh)

The course will develop your understanding and enable you to enhance your skills in consultation, styling, dressing, cutting, colouring and lightening, as well as in the promotion/selling of products and services, and in health and safety. There is also a focus on specialist areas such as bridal hairstyling, colour correction and creative hairdressing design skills. You will learn in a realistic work environment, which provides preparation for work placement and excellent salon experience for progression to employment.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Attainment of VRQ Level 2 Hairdressing, or an equivalent qualification, or employment in the hairdressing industry.

Introduction to Beauty Therapy /

Broadly comparable to SCQF Level 4

Course code: PMQBR (City) RGQB1 (Fraserburgh)

The course will introduce you to the beauty therapy industry and enable you to develop basic practical techniques in make-up, skin and hand care, nail art, manicure and pedicure treatments. You will also learn skills and techniques for photographic make-up and creating a hair and beauty image. The topics covered will ensure you have a firm grasp of health and safety, how to present yourself professionally in a salon, how to carry out effective team work and reception duties.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

National 4 qualifications, Intermediate 1 or Standard Grade Foundation level qualifications preferably including English. Applicants who have successfully completed a School Links programme in Hairdressing or Beauty Therapy could progress to this course. Alternatively, applicants should have appropriate life or work experience, demonstrating the ability to develop and learn essential skills.

Beauty Therapy / Broadly comparable to SCQF Level 5

Course code: PMQBA (City) RGQB2 (Fraserburgh)

The course will enhance your understanding and enable you to develop practical techniques in client care and communication, promoting products and reception duties. Practical skills in a range of areas will ensure you can effectively provide facial skin care, manicure, pedicure, nail enhancements, make-up and eyelash and brow treatments. You will learn in a realistic work environment, with excellent salon experience for progression to employment.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Successful completion of Introduction to Beauty Therapy, or an equivalent qualification. Alternatively, applicants should have achieved National 5 qualifications, Intermediate 2 or Standard Grade. General level qualifications, preferably including English. Applicants who have attained a School Links programme in Hairdressing or Beauty Therapy could progress to this course. Alternatively, applicants should have appropriate life or work experience, demonstrating the ability to develop and learn essential skills.

Advanced Beauty Therapy Techniques /

Broadly comparable to SCQF Level 6

Course code: PMQBT (City) RGQB3 (Fraserburgh)

The course will enhance your understanding and enable you to develop practical techniques in advanced aspects of beauty therapy and related industries and how to work effectively with colleagues and clients. Excellent practice in promoting and selling products/services will be developed alongside practical skills in body massage, facial and body electrotherapy, stone therapy, micro-dermabrasion, eyelash treatments, intimate waxing and personal health and wellbeing. You will learn in a realistic work environment, which provides preparation for work placement and excellent salon experience for progression to employment.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Successful completion of VRQ Level 2 Beauty Therapy, an equivalent qualification or industry experience. A relevant Anatomy and Physiology qualification at SCQF Level 5 is also required.

Body & Spa Therapies / Broadly comparable to SCQF Level 6

Course code: PMQBM (City)

The course will enhance your understanding and enable you to develop practical techniques of body and spa therapy and related industries whilst working effectively with colleagues and clients. Excellent practice in the promotion and selling of products/services and maintaining personal health and wellbeing, alongside practical skills in body, aroma therapy and stone therapy massage will be developed. You will learn in a realistic work environment, which provides preparation for work placement and excellent salon experience for progression to employment.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Successful completion of VRQ Level 2 Beauty Therapy, an equivalent qualification or industry experience. A relevant Anatomy and Physiology qualification at SCQF Level 5 is also required.

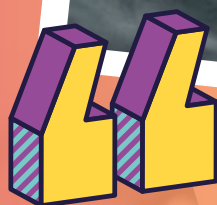
HNC Complementary Therapies / SCQF Level 7

Course code: PMCC (City)

You will learn advanced aspects of complementary therapies and related industries, and how to work effectively with colleagues and clients. You will develop critical and evaluative thinking, self-direction and reflective practices, whilst gaining practical skills in body, aromatherapy, Indian head massage and reflexology techniques whilst working with clients. Anatomy, physiology and health and safety are key theoretical subjects on the course. You will learn in a realistic work environment, promoting personal health and wellbeing, which provides preparation for work placement and excellent salon experience for progression to employment.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of two Highers including English, Biology or Chemistry, a Level 3/SCQF Level 6 in a relevant subject or an HNC/D in Beauty Therapy.



The opportunities are endless. It's such a fun, rewarding career and the job satisfaction from making your client feel better about themselves is priceless."

JULIE INGRAM

VRQ Level 3 Diploma in Body & Spa Therapies

Level 2 at
NESCol

Level 3 at
NESCol

Work in salons
in Scotland and
overseas

Lecturing
at NESCol

Work in
beauty industry



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

A therapist in organisations such as the NHS, hospices, salons and clinics.

Beauty or Spa Therapist

Colour Technician

Junior Stylist

Lecturer

Make-up support within a television or theatre company

Salon Assistant

Salon Owner/Manager

Salon Receptionist

Stylist

Stylist within a television or theatre company

Trainer/Assessor





hospitality,

professional cookery

& events



The hospitality industry, which includes professional cookery, is a growing and important part of the North East economy. There is an increasing demand for skilled and motivated employees throughout the region, across Scotland and beyond.

View full course listing or
to apply visit
nescol.ac.uk/hospitality



OUR COURSES

Introduction to Professional Cookery / SCQF Level 4

Course code: QHQPC (City) RKQPC (Fraserburgh)

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This course is designed by City & Guilds to enable anyone who aspires to work in the hospitality industry with the opportunity to develop the practical skills, knowledge and understanding required for pursuing further study or employment. You will be introduced to a broad spectrum of areas relating to working in a professional environment, and develop essential transferable skills in communication and teamwork.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Three passes at National 4, Standard Grade General, Intermediate 1 or equivalent. Applications are also welcome from those with relevant qualifications or work experience.

Intermediate Professional Cookery / SCQF Level 5

Course code: QHQPD (City)

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This vocationally-focused qualification is designed by City & Guilds for those who are currently working or want to work as a professional chef in the catering and hospitality industry, and will build on your existing skills so that you can develop and refine your culinary techniques.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Those who have completed Introduction to Professional Cookery. Those with proven industrial experience as a chef considered. Suitable for those with industry experience or training with a desire to upskill. School leavers and beginners should apply for Introduction to Professional Cookery.

Advanced Professional Cookery / SCQF Level 6

Course code: QHQPV (City)

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This vocationally-focused qualification is designed to develop your culinary skills and techniques so that you are working at an advanced level and ready for entering the workplace as a confident and able professional.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Those who have completed Intermediate Professional Cookery. Those with proven extensive industrial experience as a chef considered. Suitable for those with industry experience or training with a desire to upskill. School leavers and beginners should apply for Introduction to Professional Cookery.

NC Craft Bakery with Patisserie / SCQF Level 5

Course code: QHOBA (City)

You may be looking to gain a qualification that demonstrates practical and creative skills in the time-honoured craft of bakery. You may be looking to reskill, change career or be interested in starting your own business. There is now a rising demand for skilled artisan bakers and confectioners whose craft skills and knowledge produce fresh quality bakery, pastry and confectionary products. Be part of our ambitions to raise the profile of craft baking.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

This course is suitable for school leavers and adult returners looking to reskill or change career. Applicants should have four National 4 qualifications, ideally including English and Maths, or have successfully completed Introduction to Professional Cookery (SCQF Level 4).

HNC Hospitality Operations with Events / SCQF Level 7

Course code: QHCR (City)

The hospitality industry is looking for a new generation of dynamic people with leadership and management skills. This course is designed to enable you to obtain the key competences required for entry into operational, supervisory and management positions in a wide range of hospitality businesses. The hospitality industry is truly international. It is an important and growing sector in Scotland and the UK and career opportunities are wide and varied both at home and abroad. This course has a heavy emphasis on practical skills and developing the personal and interpersonal skills crucial in the customer-focused world of hospitality.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of two Highers at Grade C or above in English, Maths, Modern Studies, Business Management, Geography, History or equivalent. Alternatively, successful completion of an appropriate SCQF Level 6 course. Those with proven extensive industrial experience within hospitality are also welcome to apply.





I'm so proud to have achieved my HND and come so far on my journey to achieving my degree. There is no age limit to education and achieving your dreams. If anyone else is thinking about returning to education, I would tell them to go for it!"

MERCY BROWN

HND Events Management

Working in industry

HND Events Management at NESCol

Year 3 of BA International Hospitality Management at RGU

Photo of Mercy Brown by DC Thomson



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

3RD

**LARGEST
EMPLOYMENT
SECTOR IN
SCOTLAND**

Source: UK Hospitality

35%

**GROWTH IN
EMPLOYMENT
IN SCOTLAND'S
RESTAURANTS IN THE
PAST DECADE**

Source: Scottish Government

Armed Forces
Chef De Partie
Commis Chef
Cruise Liners
Events Coordinator/Manager
Executive Chef
Head Chef
Hotels
Industrial Catering
Overseas Opportunities
Private Catering
Product Development
Restaurants
Sous-chef
Waiting staff and front of house roles



Learning opportunities

If you need or have needed support for your learning in the past, Learning Opportunities courses as part of our range of supported programmes at NESCol will get you started at College. Building confidence, consolidating core skills and learning new skills in a nurturing and welcoming environment are all at the heart of these programmes.

View full course listing or
to apply visit
nescol.ac.uk/learning-opps



OUR COURSES

DFN Project SEARCH / Broadly comparable to SCQF Level 4

Applications are made through the University of Aberdeen.

DFN Project SEARCH is a one-year internship programme, based on an international model which originated in the Cincinnati Children's Hospital in the USA, supporting young people with additional needs to gain skills and experience to go on to employment. It is a collaborative project between the University of Aberdeen, North East Scotland College, and Values Into Action Scotland (VIAS). It is also supported by Skills Development Scotland. The overall aim of the project is to increase the number of people with learning disabilities who successfully secure employment.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

For further information about the programme or to find out about eligibility, please visit: nescol.ac.uk/courses/project-search or email dfnprojectsearch@nescol.ac.uk

Preparation for Work / SCQF Level 3

Applications should be made via your school.

This course is aimed at school leavers with additional learning needs, who are looking to develop essential skills for employment. The course gives you the chance to try out different vocational areas, whilst building on core skills established at school. The course encourages and promotes independent learning, and acts as a fun and diverse introduction to the world of work and further education.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Ability to work at National 2+ with support.

Qualification for Work / SCQF Level 4

Course code: QJOTR (City)

This course is mainly aimed at progressing students with additional learning needs, who are looking to develop essential skills for employment. The course gives you the chance to work towards a vocational qualification whilst building on core skills established at school. The course promotes independent learning in a range of diverse subjects that will be beneficial for employment and further education.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Ability to work at National 3+ with support. Or successful completion of the Preparation for Work course.

Qualification for Work: Horticulture / SCQF Level 5

Course code: QJOHR (City)

You will gain knowledge and skills in horticulture. Units covered on this course include: NPA Rural Skills; Communication; Numeracy; Work Placement; Scotland in Focus and Socialisation; Soft Landscaping and Horticulture Skills.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Ability to work at National 4+ with support. Or successful completion of the Qualification for Work course. For those returning to education, life skills and experience may allow entry.

Qualification for Work: Hospitality / SCQF Level 4

Course code: QJOHL (City)

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You will gain knowledge and skills in hospitality as well as have the opportunity to undertake a relevant work placement. You will develop your core skills in numeracy and communication, and your knowledge of mental health.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

This course is suitable for candidates successfully progressing from Qualification for Work, and who have shown the ability to work at Level 4 with support.

Advanced Qualification for Work: Hospitality/Retail / SCQF Level 4/5

Course code: RMOPL (Fraserburgh)

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Gain nationally recognised qualifications whilst building your personal and professional skills, confidence and enhancing your CV in preparation for the world of work or further study.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Ability to work at National 4+ level with support. Or successful completion of the Qualification for Work course. For those returning to education, life skills and experience may allow entry.

Qualification for Work: Retail Skills / SCQF Level 5

Course code: QJORT (City)

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You will gain knowledge and skills in retail. Units covered on this course include: Skills for Work: Retail; Communication; Numeracy; Work Placement; Scotland in Focus and Socialisation.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Ability to work at National 4+ with support. Or successful completion of the Qualification for Work course. For those returning to education, life skills and experience may allow entry.

Restart / SCQF Level 4

Course code: QJOZ (City)

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This course acts as a stepping stone for moving on to further study at college or employment. Units covered will include: Communication; Numeracy; Personal Development; Enterprise; Employability; Scotland in Focus and Socialisation.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Ability to work at National 3+ with support. This course is for those returning to education with no previous qualifications.

RESPECT

RESPECT AT NORTH EAST SCOTLAND
COLLEGE IS MORE THAN A CAMPAIGN.

IT'S A CULTURE;

AN EXPECTATION;

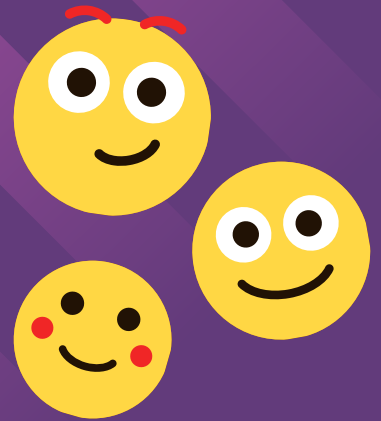
A WAY OF LIFE;

IT'S WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO;

RESPECT AT NESCOL **STARTS WITH YOU.**

**This year's Respect theme is
Neurodiversity.**

Look out for events, initiatives,
discussions, and opportunities
to get involved with our Respect
campaign this year.



GIVE • GET • GROW

RESPECT



WWW.NESCOL.AC.UK/RESPECT



If you feel like your anxiety is really bad or if you have a disability, don't let that bring you down. If you don't try, you'll never know! I might be deaf, but because you've got disabilities it doesn't make you different to anybody else."

ROSS HENDERSON
DFN Project Search



School

DFN Project Search

Modern
Apprenticeship



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Our friendly and supportive staff are experienced in delivering a diverse and relevant curriculum to suit a range of needs. We offer courses at different levels, including general education and employability courses for school leavers and adult returners to education. We also have vocationally specific courses in key service industries. Sectors include:

Food and Drink

Horticulture

Hospitality

Retail

30,000+

**ESTIMATED
HOSPITALITY
VACANCIES IN
SCOTLAND**

Source: UK Hospitality Scotland

10%

**OF SCOTLAND'S
WORKFORCE IS
EMPLOYED IN RETAIL**

Source: Scottish Government



media,

communication
& TV

The fast-paced media sector offers a huge range of career opportunities. If you aspire to work in print, photography, video or audio and want to hone your skills as a content developer, editor, director or presenter, NESCol is the perfect place to shine.

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OUR COURSES

Creative Media / SCQF Level 6

Course code: PCMCM (City)

Companies across all business sectors are looking to fully exploit the potential presented by the fast-paced, dynamic and constantly evolving digital world. This Creative Media course is primarily a practical course. However, research, regulation and understanding the industry are important considerations in pre-production planning and the course also covers those areas.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of three passes at National 5 level or equivalent. For those returning to education, life skills and experience may allow entry.

Filmcraft & Animation / Broadly comparable to SCQF Level 6

Course code: PBMFT (City)

Learners will have access to a range of high-quality resources to support their learning. This includes cameras, editing equipment and animation software.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants should have a minimum of three course passes at National 5 level or equivalent. For those returning to education, life skills and experience may allow entry.

HND Media & Communication: Production / SCQF Level 8

Course code: PCDU (City)

On this course, you will develop a wide range of skills in broadcast production and theory, enhancing employability within the media and other related industries. Based at Aberdeen City Campus, you will have access to excellent facilities including a radio studio, photography studios and industry-standard post-production facilities. In addition, you will have opportunities to collaborate with a host of other disciplines. In previous years, students have collaborated on a range of media projects in the form of client-led briefs with high-profile clients such as the Scottish Parliament, Scottish Social Services, STV and the National Trust for Scotland.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Two Higher qualifications, at Grade C or above, preferably in English or a similar subject. Alternatively, applicants should have successfully completed an appropriate non-advanced College course. For those returning to education, life skills and experience in the workplace may allow entry subject to interview. All applicants should show an interest in, and aptitude for, the subject.

HND Media & Communication: Journalism / SCQF Level 8

Course code: PCDT (City)

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This course is ideal for those seeking the skills to begin a career in a communications role - whether that is in journalism, television, marketing, PR or advertising - and for those wishing to continue their education in these fields at university. The course combines a mix of theory and practical skills, which will help you prepare well for working in a fast-paced industry, as well as giving you a taste of what life in the workplace will be like.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Two Higher qualifications, at Grade C or above, preferably in English or a similar subject. Alternatively, applicants should have successfully completed an appropriate non-advanced College course. For those returning to education, life skills and experience in the workplace may allow entry subject to interview. All applicants should show an interest in and aptitude for the subject.

HNC Television (NextGen) / SCQF Level 7

Course code: PCCV (City)

HND Television (NextGen) / SCQF Level 8

Course code: PCDV (City)

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These courses are for those interested in pursuing a career in television/filmmaking media and who wish to develop the knowledge and creative and technical skills required for the television industry, freelance, corporate video and filmmaking. Using industry-standard equipment in purpose-built facilities, students will learn the technical process of filmmaking from using cameras, lighting, and sound, through to the final editing process. Students will have an opportunity to learn After Effects, Premiere Pro, Animate, Multi-camera, scriptwriting, project management, film theory (critical analysis) and audio techniques to create a wide range of films and projects over such subjects as factual, non-factual, music videos, corporate video, scene recreations and work experience. Students will engage in meta-skill based self-reflective evaluations and activities designed to develop skills in critique, problem solving, creative thinking, numeracy, adapting, collaborating, leading, curiosity and critical thinking. NextGen is a new approach to Higher National qualifications introduced by the SQA and designed to be adaptable and flexible to respond to the needs of the employment market. Find out more at www.sqa.org.uk

HNC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Two Higher qualifications or equivalent.

HND ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

HNC Television or Year 1 of HND Television.





It's a fantastic and enjoyable experience and it really prepares you for going into a career or going into further education."

GUY INGERSON
HND Advertising and PR



Worked
in energy
industry

HND
Advertising
and PR at
NESCol

Degree
at RGU

Working in
communications
and media



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Advertising Account Manager

Broadcasting/Audio-visual

Camera Operator

Editor

Equipment Operator

Journalist

Market Researcher

Marketing Professional

Public Relations Professional

Social Media Professional

TV Researcher

TV Runner

TV/Film Director

TV/Film Editor

TV/Film Producer

Writer

10,000+

**JOBS IN SCOTLAND'S
SCREEN SECTOR**

Source: Screen Scotland

79%

**GROWTH IN
ADVERTISED UK
JOURNALISM JOBS
SINCE 2019**

Source: Press Gazette



music sound production & drama



Music, Sound Production and Drama courses are innovative and relevant to the future needs of the sector. NESCol provides an environment for new, emerging talent to develop and thrive in their respective fields. Our courses also help to build the key employability skills required to succeed.

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nescol.ac.uk/music



OUR COURSES

Introduction to Music / Broadly comparable to SCQF Level 5

Course code: PBMM5 (City)

Throughout this course, there are opportunities to perform, compose and listen to music from a wide variety of genres and styles, which could include jazz, classical, rock, folk and electronic music. It is a foundation course for learners who wish to go on to further study and to gain skills and knowledge appropriate to the music industry.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Some instrumental and/or vocal skills although you may not have had the opportunity to gain any formal qualifications. For those returning to education, life skills and experience may allow entry.

Music / Broadly comparable to SCQF Level 6

Course code: PBMMU (City)

Are you a musician who has a passion to develop your career in the music industry? Would you like the opportunity to work with like-minded musicians on a range of musical projects and uncover your creative potential? Whether you're into composing, songwriting, live performing, music production, music business or all of these, then Music level 6 is the course for you.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of three passes at National 5 level (or equivalent) or successful completion of Introduction to Music (SCQF Level 5). For those returning to education, life skills and experience may allow entry.

HND Music / SCQF Level 8

Course code: PBDM (City)

This course is aimed at musicians looking to strengthen their skill set and prepare for a career in the music industry. It will heighten your understanding of music and musical trends whilst exploring a wide range of technical aspects where practical skills will be honed and refined to the standard required for progression to degree level study or employment.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of two course passes at Higher level or equivalent, including Music. Alternatively, applicants may have completed an appropriate non-advanced course at Level 6 demonstrating an aptitude for the subject area. For those returning to education, life skills and experience may allow entry. Advanced entry directly to year 2 is possible for those who have completed 15 credits from HNC Music.

Sound Production / Broadly comparable to SCQF Level 6

Course code: PBMSP (City)

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The course will provide appropriate learning experiences in sound production at a non-advanced level. You will gain an understanding of the infrastructure of the music and audio industries and develop sound production skills.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of three course passes at National 5 level or equivalent. For those returning to education, life skills and experience may allow entry.

HND Sound Production / SCQF Level 8

Course code: PBDP (City)

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This course is for those who want to work in professional audio environments. The course will train you in the specification, utilisation and deployment of professional audio equipment, as well as how to operate in the professional sound reinforcement and recording fields. You will strengthen your understanding of working in the creative industries, and get the chance to make full use of our state-of-the-art facilities.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of two course passes at Higher level or equivalent. Alternatively, applicants may have successfully completed Sound Production (Level 6), or another appropriate non-advanced course at Level 6 demonstrating an aptitude for the subject area. For those returning to education, life skills and experience may allow entry. Advanced entry directly to year 2 is possible for those who have completed 15 credits from HNC Sound Production.

Performing Arts: Drama

/ Broadly comparable to SCQF Level 6

Course code: PBMAT (City)

Are you thinking about a career in the performing arts industry? Would you like the opportunity to develop your acting skills through working with like-minded individuals on a range of activities to uncover your creative potential? Whether you're into acting, directing or devising your own scenes then this is the course for you.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of three course passes at National 5 level or equivalent. For those returning to education, life skills and experience may allow entry.

HND Acting & Performance / SCQF Level 8

Course code: PBDC (City)

This advanced level course will allow you to develop your skills with a view to working in one of the most vibrant and competitive areas of the creative industries: the performing arts. Participants on this course take part in productions; develop skills in movement, acting, voice, technical theatre and devising. We work in closely with a range of industry partners and our students benefit from a range of opportunities such as visits from guest practitioners, theatre trips, specialist training and the chance to get involved with our live productions.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of two course passes at Higher level or equivalent. All applicants are required to attend an audition. Alternatively, applicants may have completed an appropriate non-advanced course at Level 6 demonstrating an aptitude for the subject area. For those returning to education, life skills and experience may allow entry. Advanced entry directly to year 2 is possible for those who have completed 15 credits from HNC Acting & Performance.



NESCol gave me the confidence boost that I needed to go on and continue my study of music. The course was interesting and I really enjoyed the combination of learning both popular and classical music, the broad range of subjects we studied was great. Coming to College allowed me to focus on the subject I love the most."

ARWEN SCOTT
HND Music



School

HND Music
at NESCol

BMus (Hons) Music -
Composition degree
at the Royal Welsh
College of Music
and Drama



296,000

**UK JOBS IN MUSIC,
PERFORMING AND
VISUAL ARTS**

Source: UK Government

96%

**OF NESCOL PERFORMING
ARTS STUDENTS ACHIEVING
SCQF LEVEL 8 MOVED TO
WORK OR FURTHER STUDY**

Source: Scottish Funding Council

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Actor

Audio Engineer

Audio Technician

Drama Teacher

Music Producer

Music Teacher

Music Therapist

Musician

Presenter

Sound Designer



science

Science is the evidence-based study of the world and universe in which we live. It is essential to all aspects of our lives: health and medicine, the environment, materials, industry, nature, food, communications and so much more. Life sciences are a key strand of the North East's economic growth, with the aim of doubling the number of related jobs in the region by 2027.

View full course listing or
to apply visit
nescol.ac.uk/science



OUR COURSES



NC Applied Science / SCQF Level 5

Course code: QCOA (City)

This course will increase your understanding of scientific principles and practice, and is aimed at those who have limited formal qualifications in science. A large amount of the course will involve stimulating practical activities, experiments and laboratory work ensuring the course is exciting, engaging and informative. Examples of practical activities might include the study of microbial growth in foodstuffs, the production of electricity from chemicals and the applications of physics to forensic investigations.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

It is not necessarily essential to hold previous qualifications in science subjects, but you should be comfortable studying at SCQF Level 5 and should hold National 5s at Grade C in relevant subjects. You should also have good numeracy skills. You may also progress to this course from our 'Introduction to Science' course.



NC Applied Science / SCQF Level 6

Course code: QCOS (City) QCOT (Fraserburgh)

As well as providing a sound theoretical understanding of science to allow future study at HNC/D level or university, this course will also involve a great deal of practical work which will be of direct relevance to local interests, industries or topical issues. This will ensure you acquire a broad base of laboratory knowledge and expertise of great value in the job market. Examples of practical activities might include testing of aerodynamic design and efficiency by use of a wind tunnel, synthesis and testing of biodiesels and the study of how enzymes work in our bodies.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

National 5 Grade B, or equivalent, in a minimum of two science disciplines and Maths. Applications of Maths at National 5 may be considered where there is evidence of strong qualifications in science subjects. Where an applicant only has prior qualifications in one science subject, this may still allow entry providing there is evidence of strong qualifications in other subjects. Alternatively, applicants could progress to this following completion of NC Applied Science SCQF Level 5.

Science: Routes to Higher Education / SCQF Level 6

Course code: QCHS (City)

This is an academically challenging course involving the study for four SQA Highers which will prepare you thoroughly for further study in science and related disciplines at HNC/D or university. You will be provided with lessons in small group sessions, supported by further tutorial slots. This will help ensure you are fully prepared for the final examinations.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants should hold National 5 or Intermediate 2 qualifications (Grades BBBB) or Standard Grade Credit level qualifications (Grades 2222) in their four selected subjects, (please note National 5. Applications of Maths is not accepted). For those wishing to study Environmental Science either Geography or Biology may be counted as alternative entrance qualifications to National 5 Environmental Science. Entry is also available for those who have completed our NC Level 5 or NC Level 6 Applied Science programmes.



HNC Applied Science (Chemistry/Biology Route)

SCQF Level 7

Course code: QCCAP (City) QCCAR (Fraserburgh)

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This is a wide-ranging course covering the theoretical and practical aspects of modern sciences. You will specialise in two of the major branches of science - chemistry and biology. The course also includes a large amount of training in essential practical skills and the use of modern analytical instrumentation of direct relevance to local and national employers. Scientific communication and presentation skills are also developed which, along with the extensive laboratory skills and scientific theoretical knowledge gained, ensures that our HNC and HND graduates are sought after by employers.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Higher qualifications in Chemistry and Biology/Human Biology, or a Higher in one of these subjects and a National 5 (minimum Grade B) or equivalent in the other. Maths at National 5 (minimum Grade C) or equivalent is also required (National 5 Applications of Maths is not accepted). Alternatively, applicants should have successfully completed the NC Applied Science (SCQF Level 6) course at Grade B or above.



HND Applied Science (Chemistry/Biology Route)

SCQF Level 8

Course code: QCDAP (City)

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This is a wide-ranging course covering the theoretical and practical aspects of modern sciences. You will specialise in two of the major branches of science - chemistry and biology. This will provide the opportunity to further enhance practical skills and innovation, project management and presentation. These aspects will prove of great value as you progress to further study or employment.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Higher qualifications in Chemistry and Biology/Human Biology, or a Higher in one of these subjects and a National 5 (minimum Grade B) or equivalent in the other. Maths at National 5 (Grade C) or equivalent is also required (National 5 Applications of Maths is not accepted). Alternatively, applicants should have successfully completed the NC Applied Science (SCQF Level 6) course at Grade B or above.



HNC Applied Science (Chemistry/Physics Route)

SCQF Level 7

Course code: QCCAH (City)

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This is a wide-ranging course covering the theoretical and practical aspects of modern sciences. You will specialise in two of the major branches of science - chemistry and physics. The course also includes a large amount of training in essential practical skills and the use of modern analytical instrumentation of direct relevance to local and national employers. Scientific communication and presentation skills are also developed, which along with the extensive laboratory skills and scientific theoretical knowledge gained ensures that our HNC and HND graduates are highly sought after by employers.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Higher qualifications in Chemistry and Physics, or a Higher in one of these subjects and a National 5 (minimum Grade B) or equivalent in the other. Maths at National 5 (minimum Grade B) or equivalent will also be essential (National 5 Applications of Maths is not accepted). Alternatively, applicants should have completed the NC Applied Science (SCQF Level 6) course at Grade B or above.



HND Applied Science (Chemistry/Physics Route)

SCQF Level 8

Course code: QCDAH (City)

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This is a wide-ranging course covering the theoretical and practical aspects of modern sciences. You will specialise in two of the major branches of science - chemistry and physics. This wide-ranging, advanced level course covers theoretical and practical aspects of physics and chemistry. A large amount of hands-on training is involved, giving you a chance to put theory into practice and develop valuable skills in experimentation, analytical testing and modern instrumentation in physics and chemistry.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Higher qualifications in Chemistry and Physics, or a Higher in one of these subjects and a National 5 (minimum Grade B) or equivalent in the other. Maths at National 5 (minimum grade B) or equivalent will also be essential (National 5 Applications of Maths is not accepted). Alternatively, applicants should have completed the NC Applied Science (SCQF Level 6) course at Grade B or above.

Access to Medical & Life Sciences (SWAP) / SCQF Level 6

Course code: QCOAM (City)

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This is an intensive course which aims to prepare you academically, and to give you the opportunity to develop the skills and confidence you need, for entry into university or HNC/D courses. As well as providing a sound grounding in the theoretical basis of medical and life sciences, the course contains a significant amount of stimulating practical activities. Much of the practical work will be of direct relevance to local interests, industries or topical issues, and will ensure you acquire a broad base of laboratory knowledge and expertise.

The Scottish Wider Access Programme (SWAP) supports access to higher education for adult learners. SWAP access programmes run at colleges across Scotland and are a route into hundreds of university degree courses. SWAP courses are specifically designed for adults who are returning to education after a gap.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You don't have any qualifications above SCQF Level 5 (Standard Grade, Intermediate 2 or equivalent) and have been out of full-time education for at least three years
OR
You don't have qualifications above SCQF 6 or 7 (Highers, HN or equivalent) and have been out of full-time education for 5 years or more. You can undertake a science course such as NC Applied Sciences (SCQF Level 5) the year before you undertake the SWAP course.

Forensic Science & Biotechnology / SCQF Level 6

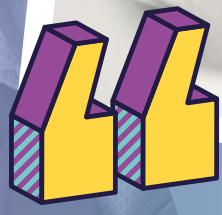
Course code: QCMF (City)

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Forensic science is a crucial part of crime scene investigation, using scientific techniques to analyse and piece together the evidence to be presented during a court case and help solve the crime. Biotechnology explores how some of these techniques, and others, can be used to harness biological processes for use in industry. This includes interesting topics like vaccine production, DNA analysis and genetic engineering. This Level 6 course is a great stepping stone to further study with NESCol via the HNC/D Applied Science which can lead to a range of exciting careers or direct entry to year 3 of a large range of degree programmes.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

National 5 qualifications (or equivalent) in two science subjects (at minimum Grade B) and Maths. Where an applicant only has prior qualifications in one science subject, this may still allow entry providing there is evidence of strong qualifications in other subjects. Alternatively, applicants could progress to this course following completion of our NC Applied Science (SCQF Level 5) course.



Coming to NESCol has been a great experience for me and I think it prepared me really well for the demands of university. I'm looking forward to learning more, achieving my degree and perhaps using it to go into teaching."

CONNAR DUNCAN
HND Applied Science



Employed in oil and gas industry

HND Applied Science at NESCol

Year 3 of BSc Applied Science at RGU



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Biochemist

Biological Scientist

Brewing Technician

Chemical Scientist

Environmental Health

Environmental Scientist

Fermentation Engineer

Forensic Scientist

Geophysicist

Laboratory Technician

Marine Biologist

Medical Physicist

Pharmaceutical
Technician

Physical Scientist

Professional

Researcher

100%

**OF NESCOL SCIENCE
STUDENTS ACHIEVING SCQF
LEVEL 7 MOVED TO WORK
OR FURTHER STUDY**

Source: Scottish Funding Council

75%

**OF SCOTLAND'S LATE STAGE
DRUG DEVELOPMENT
COMPANIES ARE IN THE
NORTH EAST**

Source: Invest Aberdeen



Social Sciences

Social Sciences cover a diverse and interesting area of study, focused on the understanding of society and human behaviour. The varied nature of the subject gives those who study it a huge variety of career and progression opportunities, as well as the chance to develop a range of transferable employability skills.

View full course listing or
to apply visit
nescol.ac.uk/social-sciences



OUR COURSES

Social Sciences: Understanding Human Behaviour & Society /

SCQF Level 5

Course code: QGMSS (City) RMMSC (Fraserburgh)

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This course will introduce you to different social science subjects such as sociology, psychology, modern studies, citizenship and mental health and wellbeing to develop your understanding of what makes us both human and social. Through studying human behaviour and society you will develop a range of essential skills that will improve your communication skills, self-awareness and confidence, digital skills, self-management, social intelligence and innovation skills.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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Passes at National 4 and National 5 level or equivalent. Life skills and experience may allow entry.

Social Sciences: Perspectives on 21st Century Society & Culture /

SCQF Level 6

Course code: QGMH (City) RMMH (Fraserburgh)

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There has never been a better time to study social sciences. This exciting and relevant course includes social science subjects such as sociology, psychology, criminology, philosophy, social anthropology, social research, counselling and a historical/political investigation of contemporary issues. Through studying perspectives on 21st Century society and culture you will aim to develop a range of essential skills that will improve your communication skills, self-awareness and confidence, digital skills, self-management, social intelligence and innovation skills.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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Minimum of three passes at National 5 level or equivalent. Alternatively applicants should have successfully achieved an appropriate Level 5 course. Life skills and experience may allow entry.

Access to Social Sciences, Arts & Education (SWAP) / SCQF Level 6

Course code: QGOAA (City)

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This course offers an excellent opportunity for those who would like to progress to university in an undergraduate degree in the arts, social sciences or education. This will be ideal for anyone wishing a change of career and considering a career in primary teaching. The SWAP programme is built from SQA Units and involves one year full-time study. The units selected on the Access to Arts, Social Sciences and Education programme are those that have been agreed with the partner Higher Education Institutions. In addition to the academic units, SWAP students also study a unit called Preparation for Higher Education. This includes core skills, study skills, reflective exercises on student progress and visits to universities.

The Scottish Wider Access Programme (SWAP) supports access to higher education for adult learners. SWAP access programmes run at colleges across Scotland and are a route into hundreds of university degree courses. SWAP courses are specifically designed for adults who are returning to education after a gap.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You do not need any formal qualifications, however:
If your last course of study was up to SCQF Level 5 you must have been out of full-time education for three years.
If your last course of study was at SCQF Level 6 or above you must have been out of full-time education for five years.

HND Social Sciences / SCQF Level 8

Course code: QGDS (City) RMDS (Fraserburgh)

Please note: HND year 1 is available at City and Fraserburgh
HND year 2 is available at City only

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This advanced level course will strengthen your existing knowledge and understanding when it comes to human behaviour and human society. You will use critical thinking to analyse different issues and build valuable evaluative and problem solving skills. You will also develop sound research skills – a vital component in the understanding and study of social sciences.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Minimum of two Highers that must include a relevant Higher such as English, History, Psychology, Sociology, Modern Studies, Geography, Philosophy or RMPS.
Alternatively, applicants should have achieved an appropriate Level 6 course. Life skills and experience may allow entry.





I'm so glad that I came to NESCol because it really has been a life changing experience. I think Social Sciences is a great place to be if you're curious about the world or if there's something that really frustrates you about the system and you'd really like to see it change."

KIRSTEN KOSS
HND Social Sciences

Worked in
hospitality

Highers at
NESCol

HND Social
Sciences at
NESCol

Year 2 of MA
in History and
Politics at
University of
Aberdeen





CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Administration

Business Management

Community Planning and

Development

Journalist

Police

Public Services

Recruitment Consultant

Social Researcher

Social Worker

Teacher

Tourism and Service Industries





sport fitness & uniformed services

A career in the sports industry will allow you to make a positive impact on individuals, communities and wider society. This growing sector offers a huge range of career opportunities across the UK and the world.

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OUR COURSES

Level 2 Certificate in Sport, Exercise & Fitness /

Broadly comparable to SCQF Level 4/5

Course code: PNNST (City) RGNST (Fraserburgh)

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This NCFE course will help you begin to develop the skills required to start a career in the sport and leisure industry. It is designed to offer progression towards further academic study or entry level employment within this field. You will also develop skills that are valued by employers.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

No formal qualifications are required, however, you must have a keen interest in the subject and have the commitment to study at SCQF Level 4/5. Applicants will be invited to attend an interview. Appropriate life or work experience will also be considered for entry to this course.

Level 3 Certificate in Sport & Physical Activity /

Broadly comparable to SCQF Level 5/6

Course code: PNNSA (City) RGNSA (Fraserburgh)

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This NCFE course will allow those keen to begin a career in sport and exercise science to develop appropriate skills and knowledge. Areas covered will include nutrition, exercise, healthy lifestyles and fitness testing. It will also allow successful candidates to progress to further study or employment.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants should have successfully completed Level 2 Certificate in Sport, Exercise & Fitness (SCQF Level 4/5), two National 5 qualifications (at minimum Grade C), Intermediate 2 or Standard Grade General qualifications, preferably including English. Appropriate life or work experience will also be considered.

HNC Soft Tissue Therapy / SCQF Level 7

Course code: PNCS (City) RGCS (Fraserburgh)

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This course has been designed for those who want to perform hands-on treatments for people who participate in sport. The course focuses heavily on sports massage, allowing learners to develop the knowledge and skills necessary to work as a soft tissue therapist whilst working towards an industry-recognised qualification.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Highers: a minimum of two in subjects such as Maths, English, Science, or Physical Education at Grade C or above. Alternatively, completion of Level 3 Sport & Exercise Massage or Level 3 Sport course. SCQF Level 6 in appropriate subject area. Industry-based experience would also be considered upon interview for those without previous qualification.

HND Sports Coaching & Development / SCQF Level 8

Course code: PNDS (City)

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This course, which has football or multisport options, will provide an introduction to the sports coaching and development industry. It provides an exciting mix of practical subjects, which are studied alongside related theory, giving you the opportunity to develop new skills, improve on existing skills and gain an in-depth understanding of sports coaching and development subjects. The course will provide learners with an industry-recognised qualification, and the knowledge and skills necessary to work as a professional within the sports industry in a variety of contexts. The course also includes national governing body awards in a range of sports.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Minimum of two Highers (one must be PE and the other in a relevant subject such as a science, Maths or English) at Grade C or above and successful interview. Completion of an NPA in Exercise Leadership plus one additional higher would also be considered. Alternatively, NCFE Level 3 Sport or equivalent. Industry-based experience would also be considered upon interview for those without previous qualifications.

HND Fitness, Health & Exercise / SCQF Level 8

Course code: PNDF (City)

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If you wish to work in the areas of fitness, health and exercise instruction then this course is the perfect option. You will study a wide variety of subjects spanning the whole spectrum of sport science and fitness leadership, as well as a PDA in Personal Training. You will develop a wide range of fitness leadership and exercise prescription skills whilst building a good understanding of the key underpinning scientific principles that support practical performance. This course provides the opportunity to gain membership of the Chartered Institute for the Management of Sport and Physical Activity (CIMSPA). CIMSPA is the professional development body for the sport and physical activity sector, offering Scottish colleges support with student and practitioner membership alongside partnership opportunities. CIMSPA has identified the standards for professional excellence and best practice in the sport and physical activity sector, members and partners are recognised for upholding and delivering these standards.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Minimum of two Highers (one must be PE and the other in a relevant subject such as a science, Maths or English) at Grade C or above and successful interview. Alternatively, completion of an NPA in Exercise Leadership plus one additional higher would also be considered. NCFE Level 3 Sport or equivalent. Industry-based experience would also be considered upon interview for those without previous qualifications.

Level 2 Diploma for Entry to The Uniformed Services /

Broadly comparable to SCQF Level 4/5

Course code: PNNFM (City) RGNFM (Fraserburgh)

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This course allows participants to learn about the uniformed services and the employment opportunities within them. The course will help you develop your knowledge and strengthen essential skills such as communication, problem-solving and teamwork which are required in this field. This will be achieved through participation in a range of challenging activities. Learners will also receive presentations from representatives of the uniformed services (Police, Fire and Rescue Service, Prison Service, Ambulance, Army, Royal Navy, Royal Marines and Royal Air Force).

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

No formal qualifications are required, however, you must have a keen interest in the subject. Applicants will be invited to attend an interview. They must demonstrate that they have the commitment to study at SCQF Level 5/6 and an interest in the subject area.

Level 3 Certificate for Entry to The Uniformed Services /

Broadly comparable to SCQF Level 5/6

Course code: PNNFT (City) RGNFT (Fraserburgh)

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This course allows students to learn about the uniformed services and the career opportunities within them. Work-related units will allow students to build key skills and understanding relating to realistic workplace situations, activities and demands effectively preparing you for work in the uniformed services (Police, Fire and Rescue Service, Prison Service, Ambulance, Army, Royal Navy, Royal Marines and Royal Air Force).

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Two National 5 qualifications (minimum grade C) or successful completion of the Level 2 Diploma for Entry to the Uniformed Services (SCQF Level 4/5). Must attend an interview and have the commitment to study at SCQF Level 5/6. Must demonstrate an interest in studying uniformed services.



It has been a fantastic journey and I have really challenged myself to get to where I am now. I have, and am still building up a good, loyal clientele base and I'm thankful to everyone who has supported me on my journey. You never stop learning."

KAREN WATSON

HNC Soft Tissue Therapy



In employment

HNC Soft
Tissue Therapy

Part-time
Introduction to
Sport & Exercise
Massage at NESCoI

Self-employed
Sports Massage
Therapist



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Ambulance Service

British Army

Coastguard

Fitness Instructor

Outdoor Activities Instructor

PE Teacher

Personal Trainer

Police Scotland

RAF

Royal Marines

Royal Navy

Scottish Fire and Rescue

Scottish Prison Service

Sport and Exercise Scientist

Sport and Leisure Manager

Sports Coach

Sports Professional

Sports Rehabilitator

100%

OF NESCOL SPORT, FITNESS
& UNIFORMED SERVICES
STUDENTS ACHIEVING
SCQF LEVEL 7 OR 8 MOVED
TO WORK OR FURTHER
STUDY

Source: Scottish Funding Council

38,000

EMPLOYED BY THE THE
ARMED FORCES, POLICE
AND FIRE SERVICES IN
SCOTLAND

Source: Scottish Government



travel & tourism

The title 'travel & tourism' is rendered in a playful, 3D block font. 'travel' is pink, '&' is white with a blue outline, and 'tourism' is yellow with purple hatching. Surrounding the text are travel-themed icons: mountains, a location pin, and an airplane. The background features large, flowing purple and pink abstract shapes.

Travel and Tourism is a huge growth sector for the North East, with lots of new developments and investment creating exciting career opportunities. Our courses help build professional attitudes, skills, awareness and knowledge to enable students to embrace the diverse opportunities available.

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OUR COURSES

Travel & Tourism: Discover Travel & Tourism / SCQF Level 5

Course code: QHMTT (City)

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This course gives those who wish to work in travel and tourism or other customer-facing industries, the skills and knowledge needed to do so.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Passes at National 4 and National 5 level or equivalent. For school leavers and those returning to education, life skills and experience may allow entry.

Travel, Tourism & Aviation / SCQF Level 6

Course code: QHOTR (City)

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Develop your knowledge of the travel industry with an additional focus on air cabin crew. This course will cover units including airport ground operations, activity tourism, dynamic package holidays and working as air cabin crew.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Minimum of three passes at National 5 level or equivalent or successful achievement of an appropriate SCQF Level 5 course. For school leavers and those returning to education, life skills and experience may allow entry.

HND Travel & Tourism / SCQF Level 8

Course code: QHDT (City)

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This course is designed to produce industry-ready students who are well equipped with the skills, knowledge and attributes required for working in travel and tourism. On successful completion of the course, students can expect to find opportunities across a range of organisations including cruise lines, airlines, airports, business travel specialists and those offering hospitality. Alternatively, many successful students use this course to progress to university level study where entry at year 3 of selected degree courses is possible.

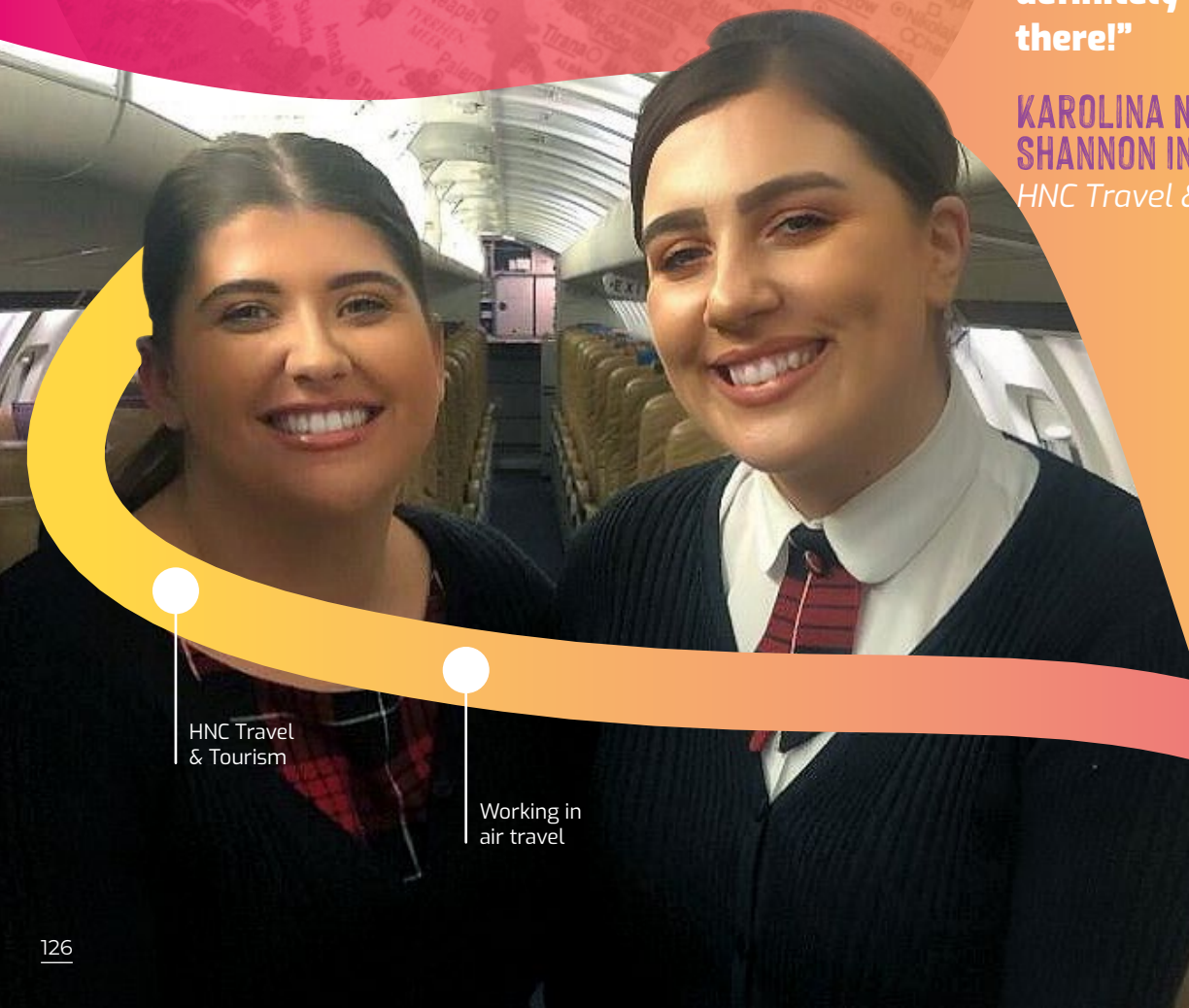
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Minimum of two Highers including subjects such as English, History, Geography, Psychology, Sociology, Modern Studies, Philosophy or RMPS. Alternatively, successful achievement of an appropriate Level 6 course. Life skills and experience may allow entry.



One of the best things about the course was learning about the travel industry through the lecturers' own experiences. Working as cabin crew is an amazing career and NESCol can definitely help you get there!"

KAROLINA NAVIKAITE AND SHANNON INGRAM
HNC Travel & Tourism



HNC Travel
& Tourism

Working in
air travel



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

45,000

**EXTRA WORKERS REQUIRED
TO SUPPORT THE SCOTTISH
TOURISM INDUSTRY**

Source: VisitAberdeenshire

£1bn

**TARGET SET FOR
ANNUAL SPENDING
BY TOURISTS IN THE
NORTH EAST**

Source: Opportunity North East

Airport Check-in Staff
Airport Ground Crew
Retail Travel Agent
Seasonal Tour Guide
Hospitality Supervisor
Customer Service Personnel
Regional Cabin Crew
Cruise Line Worker
Information Centre Manager
Tour Manager
Tourism Officer
Travel Agency Manager
Travel Agent

SCOTTISH MARITIME ACADEMY



careers at sea

Whether you aim to become a Deck Officer in the Merchant Navy or work in the standby and supply fleet or fishing industry, the Scottish Maritime Academy can help you build a career at sea. As NESCol's nautical centre of excellence, the Peterhead campus and its expert staff play a key role in supporting the maritime sector in the UK and beyond.

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scottish maritime academy

A centre of excellence of NORTH EAST SCOTLAND COLLEGE

OUR COURSES

NPA Maritime Studies – Trainee Deckhand / SCQF Level 5

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This 12 week course is specifically designed for new entrants interested in exploring a maritime career. This course covers the basic requirements of a trainee deckhand. It provides the necessary training to enter the Merchant Navy; the offshore supply and standby vessel fleet and the fishing industry. In addition to the National Progression Award (NPA) in Maritime Studies, you may achieve STCW basic safety training and Seafish mandatory safety certificates allowing you to work at sea.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

No formal qualifications are required. You must be at least 16 years old and hold a basic level of core skills.

Deck Officer Cadet Programme / SCQF Level 7

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Deck Officers are vital members of the ship's operational team, responsible for navigating ships safely around the world. The programme consists of five phases, over three years, and is a combination of Academy based learning and seetime. Upon completion you will gain the MCA Officer of the Watch Certificate of Competency and an HNC in Nautical Science. Places are sponsored by shipping companies and further information is available by contacting us. Your application process will be directed via the shipping companies.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Minimum entry requirements are four Standard Grades at 1-3 or four National 5 passes. Subjects must include English, Maths and one science subject. You will be required to pass a seafarer medical test (ENG 1).



Within a month of finishing at the SMA I was away on my first trip onboard the Grampian Cavalier. I was made to feel welcome and I have been given plenty of opportunity to progress and to develop my knowledge and understanding."

JACK SMITH

*NPA Maritime Studies
Trainee Deckhand*

NPA at
Scottish
Maritime
Academy



Employment
in offshore
standby and
supply sector



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Merchant Navy Ship's Captain

Merchant Navy Deck Officer

Deckhand: renewables;
standby and supply; fishing;
cruise and leisure craft

Fisherman

Fishing Vessel Skipper

Able Seaman

Ordinary Seaman

2,000+

ACTIVE FISHING
VESSELS IN
SCOTLAND

Source: Scottish Government

22,000

SEAFARERS BASED
IN THE UK

Source: UK Government



All of the lecturers know their stuff – they are previous seagoers so they are not just teaching, they are sharing.”

FINN BUCHANAN

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