

HND Accounting *(SCQF Level 8)*

Full-time

Where will I study?

Course code	Location	Duration
CKDA	Aberdeen City Campus	2 Years
CNDA	Fraserburgh Campus	2 Years

Welcome from Director of Curriculum

As the current Director of Curriculum, I would like to welcome you to the School of Creative Industries, Computing and Business Enterprise at North East Scotland College. This school encompasses the Creative Arts, Music, Drama, Media, ESOL, Business Enterprise and Computing and IT subjects – all of which offer interesting and exciting opportunities for students to progress and achieve success in their future careers.

Through work with external clients and experienced, knowledgeable teaching teams, our students will benefit from industry-focused, high quality learning. This means that on completion of your course, you are confident and capable when it comes to entering the workplace, or progressing towards further study. We pride ourselves in offering educational opportunities for all, whether you are starting at introductory level or joining one of our advanced courses. On behalf of the entire teaching team, we are delighted to have you join – or consider joining – one of our courses.

Susan Betty, Director of Curriculum for Creative Industries, Computing and Business Enterprise

Introduction to the course

This advanced course will build on your existing knowledge, and ensure that you are well-equipped to progress towards university level study or employment. You will cover a range of topics, and by the end of the course you will be able to demonstrate the skills needed to effectively manage and make important decisions in an accounting work environment.

Entry requirements

Applicants should have two Higher qualifications at grade C or above, preferably in English and one other subject. Applicants should also have a National 5, Intermediate 2 or Standard Grade Credit level qualification (at a minimum) in Maths.

Those who have successfully completed the NC Business course are also encouraged to apply.

What subjects will I be studying?

At first you will develop skills in recording financial information and preparing final accounts, as well as cost and

management accounting. You will also study business law. You will then build on this knowledge in Year 2, when you will focus on specialist skills in auditing, financial reporting and analysis, income tax and management accountancy.

Year 1

- Recording Financial Information
- Cost Accounting
- Payroll
- Preparing Financial Statements

Year 2

- Statistics for Business
- Financial Reporting and Analysis
- Management Accountancy for Decision Making
- Income Tax

Assessment methods

On this course you will be assessed continually, throughout the year. You will also complete the Graded Unit 1 (Year 1) and Graded Unit 3 (Year 2) examinations, which are held towards the end of each session.

Course progression

Students successfully completing this course may progress towards a number of related degree programmes at one of our associate universities.

University links

North East Scotland College has links with a wide range of universities from across Scotland. Every one of our HND level courses has articulation opportunities where you could progress from your chosen course to a related university degree, subject to conditions. This is an excellent option for those who may want to come to College at an introductory level, and then work their way towards degree level study.

[Find out more about our associate universities](#)

University progression

Robert Gordon University (RGU)

- BA/BA (Hons) Accounting and Finance (Taught Route) year 3 (subject to conditions)
- BA/BA (Hons) Accounting and Finance (Taught Route, Part Time) year 3 (subject to conditions)

Abertay University

- BA (Hons) Accounting with Finance year 3 (subject to conditions)

University of the Highlands & Islands (UHI)

- BA (Hons) Business and Management year 3 (Argyll College UHI, Inverness College UHI, Lews Castle College UHI, Moray College UHI, North Highland College UHI, Orkney College UHI, Perth College UHI, Shetland College UHI, West Highland College UHI) (subject to conditions)

Please note that you must attend an interview as part of the selection process.

The Open University

An HND can give up to 240 credits towards the 360 credit BA/BSc Open Degree with Honours or 180 credits towards the 300 credit BA/BSc Open Degree.

A reduced amount of credit transfer can be awarded against other qualifications, such as:

- BA (Hons) Business Management (Accounting Pathway)

Employment

Career opportunities are available at various levels as a payroll administrator, bookkeeper, assistant accountant or trainee accountant.

Useful information

Faculty: Business Enterprise

School: School of Creative Industries, Computing and Business Enterprise

Faculty Manager: Robert Laird
Email: r.laird@nescol.ac.uk

Curriculum & Quality Manager(s): Alesia Du Plessis
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Guidance

All full-time students will have a designated Course Tutor and a Guidance Tutor. Your Course Tutor will act as your main key point of contact for all matters relating to your course and progress. Your Guidance Tutor will monitor your attendance, as well as deal with any personal matters you may want to discuss.

Guidance Tutors work closely with Course Tutors and other lecturing teams to ensure you have access to any support you need to ensure you successfully complete your course. There are various issues that may affect your learning whilst at College, so please talk to someone if you encounter any problems at all.

[Find out more about Guidance at NESCol](#)

Support

The College has trained advisers in place to help you with a range of factors that might affect your time at College.

They can help you with your application, funding queries, careers advice, learning support and more!

[Find out more about student support at NESCol](#)

Learning Resources

The College has a number of excellent learning resources available to assist and support the delivery of our classes across full-time, part-time and distance learning courses. They aim to enhance the quality of your learning experience.

[Find out more about learning resources at NESCol](#)

Library+ and Digital Skills Space

Our Library+ sites at the Aberdeen City, Aberdeen Altens and Fraserburgh Campuses provide all students with access to books, journals, newspapers, core skills materials and more! You'll also find laptop friendly areas, private study/research booths and printers, scanners and photocopiers.

Our Digital Skills Space is a new modern and accessible facility where students can study and access key resources/support. It has replaced what was previously the IT Centre, and is located in the newly expanded Library+ at City Campus.

[Find out more about what our Library+ has to offer](#)

[Find out more about the Digital Skills Space](#)

College calendar

Have a look at our [College Calendar](#) for further information on key dates throughout the year.

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