

## **HND Accounting** *(SCQF Level 8)*

Full-time

### **Where will I study?**

<b>Course code</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Duration</b>
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, maths and managing people. 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
- Maths for Business
- Preparing Financial Accounts

### Year 2

- Auditing
- 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 can progress from your chosen course to a related university degree. 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 in the University Links section of the NESCol website.](#)

## 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)

### University of Aberdeen (AGREED PATHWAY TO YEAR 2 ONLY)

- MA Accountancy year 2 (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)

### 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

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**Faculty:** Business Enterprise

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**School:** School of Creative Industries, Computing and Business Enterprise

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## Guidance and Support

### Guidance

You will be assigned a Guidance Tutor when you are enrolled on the course. They will act as your primary contact should you have any issues, personal or involving your course, whilst at North East Scotland College. They will support you for the duration of your course along with relevant teaching staff. For assignments and assessments you will be provided with detailed feedback where possible, allowing you to pinpoint areas of good performance and areas that may need improvement - essential for your educational development.

[View our Guidance Tutor contact information.](#)

### Support

Our Student Services team are dedicated to helping all students with a range of factors that might affect your time at College. They can help you with funding queries, careers advice, learning support and more!

[Visit the Support section of our website for more information](#)

## 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 NESCol learning resources](#)

## Library+

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.

[Find out more about what our Library+ services can offer](#)

## College calendar

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

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