

## About NESCol

### North East Scotland College [www.nescol.ac.uk](http://www.nescol.ac.uk)

#### About

*Vision: A College that transforms lives and supports regional development.*

North East Scotland College (NESCol) is the single largest provider of vocational education and training in the North East of Scotland, aiming to deliver inspirational teaching alongside flexible and accessible courses from each of our modern and well-equipped campuses. The College was formed after the merger of the former Aberdeen College and Banff & Buchan College in November 2013.

NESCol caters to a range of students of all ages and from all backgrounds, and acts as an integral part of the Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire region.

Key statistics from AY 2014-15:

- NESCol had a total of 21,525 enrolments (30.7% full-time and 69.3% part-time).
- 47% of students were from Aberdeen City, 37% were from Aberdeenshire and 16% were from outwith the region.
- The highest proportion of learners were in the 18-25 age bracket (34.5%) followed by 26-40 (25%) and the under 18 age bracket (22%). 18.5% of students were aged over 40.
- 48% of NESCol students were female and 52% of students were male.

School Links:

- Each year almost 1000 school pupils study at College as part of their school timetable and a further 400 take part in College Experience activities.
- In total over 30% of all school leavers in the North East progress to NESCol.
- 76 courses from SCQF Level 3-6 are available for school pupils in 2016-17 (1,440 places available).

University:

NESCol has articulation agreements with 11 Scottish Universities. Recent figures for the number of students articulating\* to university:

<b>2013</b>	378
<b>2014</b>	451
<b>2015</b>	490
Of those, articulating* to RGU	
<b>2013</b>	239
<b>2014</b>	307
<b>2015</b>	357

The College works closely with Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire Council, Scottish Government bodies, employers, social enterprises and other educational establishments (in particular the University of Aberdeen and the Robert Gordon University) to maintain and strengthen its influence in the development of the region and its people through the courses, facilities and progression opportunities available. In 2014, an economic study demonstrating the value of NESCol recognised that:

*The accumulated impact of former NESC learners who were employed in the regional workforce amounted to £360.9 million in added income in the North East Region's economy each year.*

*Altogether, the economic contribution of NESC to the local business community in the North East Region is £406.4 million each year.*

*The net impact of staff and College expenditure in the North East Region comes to approximately £38.7 million in added income in the regional economy each year.*

### **College Campuses and Centres**

The College has three main campuses: Aberdeen City Campus, Aberdeen Altens Campus and Fraserburgh Campus - each campus is designed to provide innovative and inclusive working environments for all students, using state-of-the-art facilities and resources, and offering extensive support services.

There are also smaller Learning Centres in place in Ellon, Inverurie and Banff/Macduff, to serve the needs of smaller communities across the region.

The College is currently carrying out vast refurbishments and an extension of facilities at the Fraserburgh Campus, which will see significantly extended and improved resources for the automotive, engineering and

construction departments (welding, brickwork, joinery, painting & decorating). New science labs will also be launched, to allow for the introduction of Science to the curriculum offering in Fraserburgh. The project, which will provide circa 2000m<sup>2</sup> of new facilities at a cost of around £8 million, is due to open in September 2016.

## **Curriculum**

NESCol has three main schools which offer full time and part time courses at different levels up to SCQF level 8 (HND):

### School of Engineering Science & Technology

- Electrical, Energy & Science
- Mechanical Engineering
- Constructive & Automotive Engineering
- Engineering Technologies

### School of Creative Industries, Computing and Business Enterprise

- Creative Arts
- Music, Drama, Media and Essential Skills
- Business Management, Tourism and Enterprise
- Computing

### School of Service Industries

- Childcare, Health & Social Care
- Hair & Beauty
- Hospitality, Sport & Animal Care
- Social Sciences and Learning Opportunities

In addition to the main three schools the Commercial & Community Development team offers:

- Part time courses in the community
- Training for business
- Specialist marine courses (Maritime Academy at Peterhead)
- Modern Apprenticeships

These courses are offered through different modes of delivery including face-to-face, blended learning and flexible or on-line.

NESCol offers a broad portfolio of training in line with the areas identified by Aberdeen City and Shire Economic Future (ACSEF) as the priorities for the economy of the North East including:

- Energy
- Food and Drink
- Hospitality and Tourism
- Life Sciences
- Creative Industries

NESCol operates Centres of Excellence in relation to the region's national specialisms - Maritime, Oil and Gas and Creative Industries.

For more information about the courses available at the College, visit: [www.nescol.ac.uk/courses](http://www.nescol.ac.uk/courses)

### **Foundation Apprenticeships**

Foundation Apprenticeships are an exciting new addition to the range of opportunities available to school pupils in the Senior Phase of Curriculum for Excellence. Foundation Apprenticeships have been designed as a blend of College, School and Work Based Learning they give young people hands-on learning and practical experience of the world of work. Each Foundation Apprenticeship has been designed in partnership with industry to make sure that young people get the skills and knowledge they need. In the classroom, the pupils cover the theory behind each role - then they'll get the opportunity to put it into practice in the workplace.

### **Modern Apprenticeships**

North East Scotland College is approved by Skills Development Scotland to deliver the Modern Apprenticeship (MA) programme. The NESCol programme is one of the largest in Scotland, with apprenticeships in place across Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire in the following sectors: automotive, business and administration, engineering, hairdressing and health & social care. NESCol also run construction and plumbing apprenticeships on behalf of specialist organisations who are responsible for administering the schemes. [www.nescol.ac.uk/apprenticeships](http://www.nescol.ac.uk/apprenticeships)

### **Scottish Maritime Academy**

[www.smaritime.co.uk](http://www.smaritime.co.uk)

In addition to the Schools, the College also operates the Scottish Maritime Academy based in Peterhead - recognised as one of Scotland's premier maritime education and training providers serving the fishing, energy and commercial sectors. As well as classroom gained qualifications, it offers combined distance learning/classroom options plus the development of bespoke courses according to the needs of organisations.

The SMA has been the main provider of fishermen's training in mainland UK for 4 decades. Since 2000 the College has trained over 190 Skippers and 260 Mates from the commercial sea fishing fleet around the UK. Although commercial sea fishing has declined in the last decade, the College retains its commitment and now supports fishermen from across the UK and Ireland. The Academy was also the first institution in the country to introduce a flexible programme for experienced mariners who wish to develop their careers while at sea, as those who wish to achieve their Officer of the Watch qualification can complete an HNC/D Nautical Science via blended learning.

### **ASET**

[www.aset.co.uk](http://www.aset.co.uk)

ASET International Oil & Gas Training Academy is a wholly owned subsidiary of North East Scotland College. It is acknowledged as a specialist training provider within the following market sectors:

- Oil & Gas Production and Maintenance Technician Training
- Electrical & EX Training
- Emergency Response Training
- Marine & Radiotelephony Training
- Health & Safety Training

ASET serves three main oil and gas markets: North Sea, UK Continental Shelf, and International. Over the last 12 months, the company has welcomed delegates from over 80 overseas countries, with an average of 200 delegated attending ASET training courses every day.

### **Business Training**

[www.nescol.ac.uk/business](http://www.nescol.ac.uk/business)

North East Scotland College offers a range of business training solutions to help meet the needs of organisations across many different industry sectors. We have a wealth of expertise and a track record in working in partnership with employers of all sizes in shaping to deliver courses that meet specific training objectives. We offer high quality learning programmes designed to suit individuals and businesses including Modern Apprenticeships, Higher National Diplomas and industry specific qualifications.