

About NESCol

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About

North East Scotland College (NESCol) is the only further-education college located within the North East of Scotland, aiming to deliver a wide range of flexible and accessible education and training opportunities to meet the needs of individuals, communities and employers across the region, from each of our modern and well-equipped campuses.

Key statistics

- In 2016-17, 41% of NESCol students lived in Aberdeen City and 52% in Aberdeenshire, with the remainder (7%) coming from outside of the area.
- In 2016-17, the College enrolled 18,020 learners on Scottish Funding Council funded programmes - 6,862 (38%) on full-time courses and 11,058 (61%) on part-time courses.

College Campuses and Centres

The College serves an extensive geographical area, with three main campuses - two in Aberdeen and one in Fraserburgh - and a presence in regional centres: Ellon, Inverurie, Banff/Macduff and Peterhead. 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.

The new STEM Centre at North East Scotland College's Fraserburgh Campus was officially opened by Sir Ian Wood GBE on Wednesday 1st February 2017.

The 2,300m² extension not only increased accommodation for engineering, automotive and construction, but allows for more flexible teaching spaces. This has, in turn, allowed the College to introduce additional study options including science - which is a first for the Fraserburgh Campus.

Curriculum

NESCol offers a varied portfolio of full-time and part-time training up to SCQF level 8 (HND). The curriculum offering is categorised into three 'Schools' made up of a number of specialised faculties:

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 and Sport
- Social Sciences, Learning Opportunities and Hospitality

In addition to the 3 main schools the Business & 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 attendance at College or distance learning. 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

School Links

- Strong links with local authorities in Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire ensure that many College programmes and services are accessible to school-aged learners.
- For AY 2016-17, the College enrolled 1,200 school pupils on year-long programmes and 200 school pupils on College Experience taster courses from 40 local schools.
- The College partnership with Shell has, year-on-year, led to increasing numbers of female school pupils

enrolling onto the 'Girls in Energy' course; a course aimed at redressing gender imbalance within the energy sector.

- Over many years the course has grown significantly and is now offered to 124 school pupils from 9 Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire Academies.
- 75% of learners tracked beyond these programmes have secured employment in the oil and gas sector.

University

The College has strong links with the two local universities: Robert Gordon University, and the University of Aberdeen. In addition, the College has established articulation agreements with a number of universities across Scotland, with agreed articulation routes in place for the majority of its HND courses and some of its HNC level courses. These include:

- Abertay University
- Edinburgh Napier University
- Glasgow Caledonian University
- Queen Margaret University
- Robert Gordon University (RGU) (including Grays School of Art)
- The Open University
- University of the Highlands & Islands (UHI)
- University of Aberdeen

Data from May 2017 provides the following data on NESCOL student articulation:

- The College currently promotes a total of 168 advanced standing degree programmes across 37 College HNC/D's and an additional 32 agreed pathways with formal agreements applied.
- In addition to this the College also has a formal articulation agreement in place with the Open University which can give up to 240 credit transfer covering a range of degree programmes.

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.

Articulation data, over three years to AY 2015-16:

NESCol Articulation Data - All Universities (excluding the Open University)

2015/16	2014/15	2013/14
452	430	379

University of Aberdeen - NESCol Articulating Students 2016-17

HNC/Year 2	HND/Year 3	Decrease from previous year
1	18	29

RGU - NESCol Articulating Students 2016-17

HNC/Year 2	HND/Year 3	Increase from previous year
47	341	54

Foundation Apprenticeships

www.nescol.ac.uk/foundation-apprenticeships

Foundation Apprenticeships (FAs) are an exciting new addition to the range of opportunities available to school pupils about to go into S5. Designed as a blend of College, School and Work Based Learning they give young people the opportunity to secure an industry recognised qualification alongside valuable and accredited practical experience of the world of work! Each FA is designed in partnership with industry to make sure that young people get the skills and knowledge they need to support a range of potential progression routes from school.

During S5 Foundation Apprentices will spend the equivalent of a day a week (sometimes two afternoons a week) to work towards an industry relevant qualification. During S6 pupils will progress to extended work experience opportunities where they'll get the opportunity to put the theory learnt into practice in the workplace! The blended

experience of classroom based study and work based learning will lead to the development of skills essential for the workplace and industry recognised qualifications, set at SCQF Level 6 (the same level of learning as a Higher).

The College currently offers FAs in Care, Engineering, Creative Industries, Business and Computing. In November 2017, 89 school pupils were enrolled on the FA Programme. This is set to increase significantly for the next intake in 2018.

Modern Apprenticeships

www.nescol.ac.uk/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.

In November 2017, approximately 350 employees from 175 local companies were undertaking an MA programme at NESCol.

Scottish Maritime Academy

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, merchant navy, energy and commercial sectors. As well as classroom gained qualifications, it offers combined distance learning/ classroom options for candidates undertaking HNC/D Nautical Science and works closely with external stakeholders in 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 and continues to support fishermen, gain their certificates of competency, from across the UK and Ireland. The Academy also delivers the Skills for Work Maritime programme to school pupils from the city and shire in order to inform and engage the next generation of seafarers.

ASET

www.aset.co.uk

ASET - Skills training that works for the Upstream and Downstream Oil and Gas Industries.

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 sectors:

- Oil & Gas Production and Maintenance Technician training
- Electrical and Ex training

- Emergency Response training
- Marine & Radiotelephony training
- Health & Safety training
- Assessor and Verifier Qualifications
- Specialised and custom training provision

ASET's training and assessment is integrated with a heavy bias towards hands-on skills training and technical assessments on both the ABCOL Oil & Gas Production Training Platform and other industrial work related settings. Knowledge, Know-How and Understanding leading to Technical Skills Development demonstrated by Competence through professional technical assessments.

ASET's integrated training and assessment methodology consists of around 70% hands on practical skills training and assessment supported by around 30% underpinning knowledge. The knowledge is fused through the training courses as integral and is not separate.

Employer Links

www.nescol.ac.uk/employer-links

NESCol aim to work with the business community to provide relevant training opportunities which develop and build the skills of businesses and their employees across the region. We have a wealth of expertise and a track record in working in partnership with employers of all sizes to shape courses that meet specific training objectives.

All Employer Links courses are listed in the College's new Employer Links Guide, which provides information on the wide range of training and development opportunities available.

[View Employer Guide](#)