YOUR FUTURE STARTS HERE

NORTH EAST SCOTLAND COLLEGE

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Welcome to NESCol

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.

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.

Applications for courses starting in August 2025 are open now. We will be hosting our spring open day on 15 March 2025, providing an opportunity to meet with our subject specialists and explore the campuses.

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

Neil Cowie
Principal and Chief Executive

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View our courses & apply online

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YOUR ROUTE TO SUCCESS

4 LOCATIONS

18 SUBJECT AREAS

130 FULL-TIME COURSES

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.

ABERDEEN ALTENS

ABERDEEN CITY

FRASERBURGH

SCOTTISH MARITIME ACADEMY

ACCESS EXCELLENT STUDENT SUPPORT

The College's friendly Student Advice Centre staff and Student Advice and Support Team offer expert guidance on a wide range of different topics while you enjoy your NESCol experience and when you look to progress to further study or 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.

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 offer, all of our courses provide the chance to fit with family, work and other commitments. Most full-time courses require you to be in class for around 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.

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:

nescol.ac.uk/respect

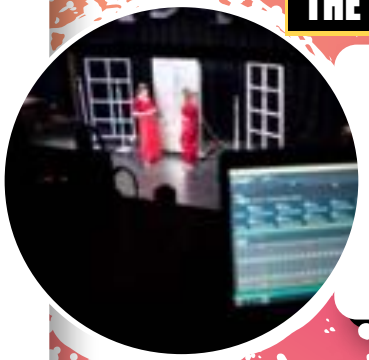
18
HOURS A WEEK

MORE THAN
35%
OF NORTH EAST SCHOOL LEAVERS CHOOSE NESCOL FOR THEIR NEXT STEP

A JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY

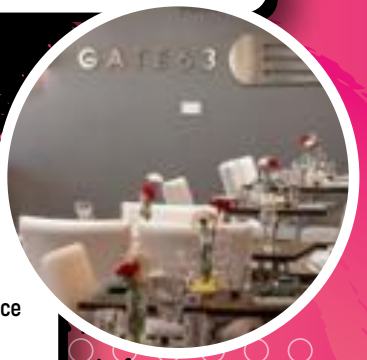
Behind the doors at NESCol there's a whole new world waiting to be discovered

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

NESCol's training restaurant at City Campus is renowned for its 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 provides a wonderful location for any occasion.

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 career at sea. The bridge simulators at the Scottish Maritime Academy provide a challenging and realistic representation of the rigours of the sector.

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 industry.

FutureSkills WORKSHOP

Created following a generous donation by a local benefactor, these vibrant learning areas are at the heart of Fraserburgh Campus and 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, 3D printing and drones to virtual reality and renewable energy engineering.

FutureSkillsZONE

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.

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.

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 photography studios kitted out with the very latest industry equipment.

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.

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.

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 – Fraserburgh has the recently introduced Future Skills Workshop and Altens will be home to the Energy Transition Skills Hub, being created in conjunction with key partners.

NESCol Esports Hub

The NESCol Esports Hub at Fraserburgh Campus is an exciting addition to the College, providing the next generation of Esports stars with an exciting opportunity to develop their skills. The facility includes 13 high specification gaming PCs and large screen displays to aid teaching.

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 P20.

Applications are accepted right through to the start of each session, but courses can fill up quickly so we always advise applying as soon as you are ready. 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.

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

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.

Tel: 01224 612704
Email: studentadvice@nescol.ac.uk

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.

nescol.ac.uk/full-time-funding

Visit:

nescol.ac.uk/full-time-funding for 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**

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.

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 computing 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:

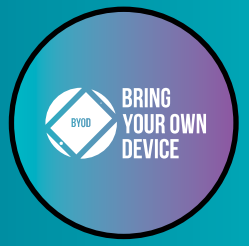
The libraries at our Altens, City and Fraserburgh campuses stock a range of resources for study and leisure. From subject specific books and journals to the latest fiction releases, there is something for everyone. With a Digital Skills Space at each, they offer a friendly study space for all.

MyNESCol

MyNESCol is the online home to a host of key tools and information for students, including the virtual learning environment (VLE). The VLE 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. The MyNESCol Life section is where you will find your timetable, manage absences and get the latest news and information. MyNEScol is accessible using web browsers or as an Android or Apple 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.



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 2024 and we're delighted with the results!

"The lecturers have been amazing, friendly and easy to approach. If we have any issues they are quick to help us."

"I am loving the course and feel like I'm finally thriving in an academic environment for the first time in my life."

NESCOL FIRST IMPRESSIONS SURVEY
MORE THAN
5,000
students responded
AUTUMN 2024

READ OUR STUDENT STORIES

nescol.ac.uk/stories

"I think the course is absolutely fabulous and the teaching is so informative and helpful. It genuinely couldn't be better."

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

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.

"Coming to NESCOL has been the best decision of my adult life. My academic tutor has been very supportive and informative. I feel welcome and cared for each day I step into the classroom."

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.

"College is actually the best thing that's happened to me. I feel more free and comfortable around new people now."

OUR CAMPUSES

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

4 CAMPUSES

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. Student kitchens, with access to microwaves and hot water, provide a space to prepare hot food and drinks.

Altens Campus

600+ STUDENTS

FITNESS SUITE

2 CAFÉS

QUIET & SOCIAL AREAS

City Campus

4,000+ STUDENTS

FITNESS SUITE

4 CAFÉS

QUIET & SOCIAL AREAS

Fraserburgh Campus

1000+ STUDENTS

FITNESS SUITE

2 CAFÉS

QUIET & SOCIAL AREAS

Altens, City and Fraserburgh campuses feature: ITHELPZONE LIBRARY PLUS NESCol Students' Association STUDENT ADVICE CENTRE

scottish maritime academy

A centre of excellence of NORTH EAST SCOTLAND COLLEGE

40 YEARS MARITIME TRAINING EXPERIENCE

250 METRES PROXIMITY TO PORT

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.

A CLEAN, GREEN FUTURE

AIM TO BE net zero BY 2035

Read our pledge

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.

nescol.ac.uk/sustainability

THE NESCOL EXPERIENCE

NESCol Students' Association

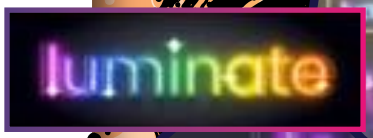
Run by students for students, the SA leads initiatives, events and activities as well as supporting those keen to establish clubs and societies of their own. From music to sport and politics, there are opportunities for all. The SA also plays a vital part in representing the student voice at NESCol and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

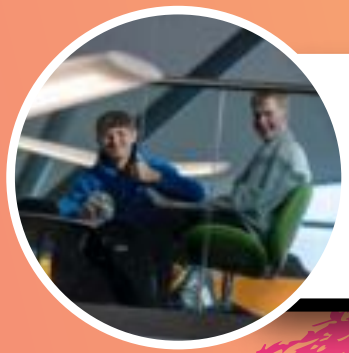
EXHIBITIONS AND PERFORMANCES

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. The Luminate festival brings a host of creative events together each May and June.



GRADUATION

With annual ceremonies in Aberdeen and Fraserburgh, NESCol Graduations are a glittering occasion designed to ensure every student completing their Modern Apprenticeship, 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.



FRESHERS' WEEK

The College year starts with Freshers' Week – a chance to settle into new surroundings and find out more about College life. 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.

Sparkle at NESCol

WINTER FESTIVAL

In December, the College community joins together for a month of fun and fundraising, with a packed festive programme. In 2023 the events raised thousands of pounds for The Student Pantry, a NESCol Students' Association 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 Students' Association.

YOUR FUTURE YOUR WAY

Around 6,000 students enrol on full-time courses each year.

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

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.

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.

To find out about eligibility for this course, please email: dfnprojectsearchuoa@abdn.ac.uk or scan the QR code.

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

nescol.ac.uk/modes-of-study

FOR EMPLOYERS

Tailored support can be provided for employers 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 training services and further information can be found at:

nescol.ac.uk/college-services/employers

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

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. A recent 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.

"IT'S AMAZING TO THINK THAT MY FIRST FULL-TIME POSITION OUT OF COLLEGE IS AT A MICHELIN-STARRED RESTAURANT. I'D RECOMMEND THE PROFESSIONAL COOKERY COURSES AT NESCOL TO ANYONE KEEN TO GET INTO THE INDUSTRY."

NESCOL.AC.UK/STORIES

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

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 a recent 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!

DEGREE LINK | ROBERT GORDON UNIVERSITY ABERDEEN

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.

Look out for the Degree Link badge on course descriptions, showing routes to RGU degree programmes.

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

nescol.ac.uk/university-links

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

MORE THAN **55%** OF STUDENTS GO ON TO STUDY AT UNIVERSITY

ADMISSIONS PROCEDURE FOR FULL-TIME APPLICANTS

HOW DOES IT WORK?

FIND YOUR COURSE

Visit our website **www.nescol.ac.uk** and decide which course you'd like to study.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

YES

NO

GUIDANCE

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.

APPLY ONLINE

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. Please apply using your personal email address rather than a school email account, so we can keep in touch with you about your application after you have left school.

***A paper application can be submitted**

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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 6 weeks. Interviews may be in person on campus or online via Teams.

***For paper applications this will be within 5 working days**

INTERVIEW

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.

Sometimes our Admissions team can make you an offer straight away. This is often the case for current students progressing between course levels.

WAITING LIST

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.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

INTERVIEW

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

YOU WILL EITHER BE:

MADE A FULL (UNCONDITIONAL) OFFER

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

OR

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, Highers at school) we'll let you know how to share those with us nearer results day (5 August 2025).

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.

ALTERNATIVE COURSE

We'll keep in touch with you over the coming months 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.

www.nescol.ac.uk

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®
scottish credit and qualifications framework

SCQF LEVELS	SQA QUALIFICATIONS			QUALIFICATIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS	APPRENTICESHIPS & SVQS
SCQF 12			Professional Development Award	Doctoral Degree	Professional Apprenticeship
SCQF 11			Professional Development Award	Integrated Masters Degree, Masters Degree, Post Graduate Certificate, Post Graduate Diploma	Graduate Apprenticeship, Professional Apprenticeship, SVQ
SCQF 10			Professional Development Award	Honours Degree, Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma	Graduate Apprenticeship, Professional Apprenticeship, SVQ
SCQF 9			Professional Development Award	Bachelors / Ordinary Degree, Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma	Graduate Apprenticeship, SVQ, Technical Apprenticeship
SCQF 8	Advanced Diploma	Higher National Diplomas	Professional Development Award	Diploma of Higher Education	Higher Apprenticeship, SVQ, Technical Apprenticeship
SCQF 7	Advanced Higher, Scottish Baccalaureate, Awards	Advanced Certificate, Higher National Certificate	Professional Development Award	Certificate of Higher Education	Foundation Apprenticeship, Modern Apprenticeship, SVQ
SCQF 6	Higher, Awards, Skills for Work Higher	National Certificate	National Progression Award, Professional Development Award		Foundation Apprenticeship, Modern Apprenticeship, SVQ
SCQF 5	National 5, Awards, Skills for Work National 5	National Certificate	National Progression Award		Modern Apprenticeship, SVQ
SCQF 4	National 4, Awards, Skills for Work National 4	National Certificate	National Progression Award		SVQ
SCQF 3	National 3, Awards, Skills for Work National 3	National Certificate	National Progression Award		
SCQF 2	National 2, Awards	National Certificate	National Progression Award		
SCQF 1	National 1, Awards				

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS ARE OUTLINED ALONGSIDE EACH COURSE DESCRIPTION TO HELP YOU MAKE THE CHOICE THAT'S RIGHT FOR YOU.

Where a Higher or Highers are listed, this means a Higher award or awards from the SQA at any grade from A to D.

For those returning to education, if you do not have the qualifications listed, life and work experience can also be taken into account when you make an application. Examples include responsibilities as a carer, voluntary work or other activities that demonstrate your skills, knowledge and enthusiasm.

Qualifications equivalent to those currently awarded by the SQA are also accepted. Examples include those awarded in Scotland before National 4s and National 5s or Highers were introduced. Qualifications from England, Wales, Northern Ireland, Ireland and other countries are also accepted.

Equivalent qualifications can be explored on the SQA website:

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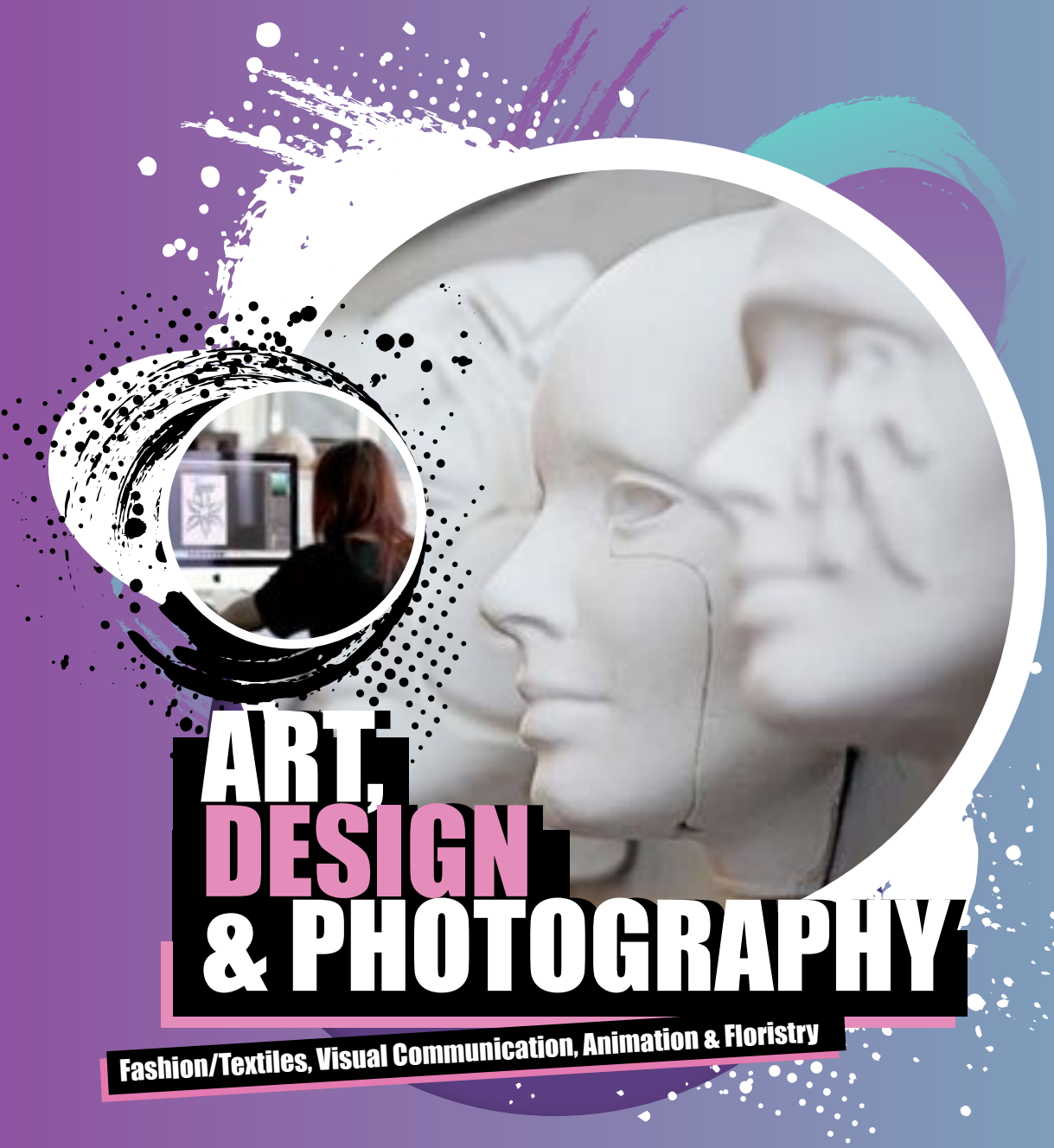

ART, DESIGN & PHOTOGRAPHY

Fashion/Textiles, Visual Communication, Animation & Floristry

NESCOL'S STUDIOS ARE A HUB OF CREATIVITY. OUR COURSES COVER PHOTOGRAPHY, FASHION/ TEXTILE DESIGN AND BUSINESS, GRAPHIC DESIGN, ANIMATION, ART AND VISUAL COMMUNICATION. WHATEVER YOUR ASPIRATION, WE'RE HERE TO HELP YOU DISCOVER YOUR TALENT.

You'll be supported by a team of experienced staff as you develop your creative skills and build a portfolio that is flexible and future-ready.

For many of our courses, we collaborate with local communities and industry to offer you opportunities such as working with real clients and briefs, and participating in exhibitions and visits.

WHAT WILL YOU CREATE?

VIEW FULL COURSE LISTING OR TO APPLY VISIT:

nescol.ac.uk/art

SCQF LEVEL 5

INTRODUCTION TO ART & DESIGN

Course code:

C00008 (City)
C00152 (Fraserburgh)

This introductory course is a great starting point if you have little experience with art and design. Get hands-on with a range of creative disciplines including drawing and painting, printmaking, mixed media, and 2D and 3D design. Develop your own sketchbook and mood boards, and enhance your artistic skills and understanding with an introduction to art and design history.

Entry Requirements

- Four National 4 passes preferably including Art and English/ Communication
- Relevant life skills and experience may be considered.

SCQF LEVEL 6

ART & DESIGN PORTFOLIO BUILDING

Course code:

C00009 (City)
C00150 (Fraserburgh)

Build a solid portfolio of art and design work, showcasing your skills and techniques. You'll experiment with creative disciplines including analytical and developmental drawing, composition and painting, mixed media applications and printmaking, 3D design and construction techniques, and digital design applications. You will also develop your understanding of social and cultural impacts on art and design in historical and contemporary settings.

Entry Requirements

- Four National 5 passes including Art & Design and English/ Communication
- Or appropriate SCQF Level 5 course.

SCQF LEVEL 7

HNC ART & DESIGN

Course code:

C00147 (Fraserburgh)

Strengthen and refine your art and design expertise in both 2D and 3D areas using a range of media and techniques. You'll grow your understanding of analysis and concept development, learning research and professional presentation skills.
Your lecturers will also explain historical, contemporary and social issues relevant to art and design practice.

Entry Requirements

- One Higher in Art & Design and one National 5 in English, plus recent examples of art or design work that demonstrate an appropriate skill level
- Or appropriate SCQF Level 6 course
- Relevant life skills and experience may be considered.

DEGREE LINK

SCQF LEVEL 8

HND CONTEMPORARY ART PRACTICE

Course code:
C00006 (City)

Develop your skillset of specialist art and design disciplines and produce an advanced portfolio for university or employment. This course allows you to refine your individual practice in relation to your personal interests, explore the work of 20th and 21st century artists and designers, and enhance your investigative and research skills. You'll also participate in external exhibitions and conclude your course presenting your work at NESCol's End of Year Show.

Entry Requirements

- Two Highers including Art & Design and preferably English/ Communication, plus a portfolio for review
- Or appropriate SCQF Level 6 course
- A portfolio from employment or personal creative practice may be considered.

SCQF LEVEL 6

FASHION AND TEXTILES: DESIGN & MANUFACTURE

Course code:
C00010 (City)

This course introduces the skills required to design and manufacture garments in the fast-paced fashion industry. Learn fashion and textile design, garment design and construction, surface decoration, mixed media drawing for design, and hand and machine sewing. Each year culminates in a fashion show, and you'll build a portfolio of work ready to advance to HND level.

Entry Requirements

- Four National 5 passes including Art & Design and English/ Communication
- Or appropriate SCQF Level 5 course
- Relevant life skills and experience may be considered.

DEGREE LINK

SCQF LEVEL 8

HND TEXTILES WITH FASHION DESIGN

Course code:
C00007 (City)

Learn how to design textiles and produce garments using advanced techniques and a range of materials. Our lecturers will guide you through topics that will help you develop your own original concepts such as hand and machine embroidery; dyeing, knitting and weaving; fashion design; pattern cutting and manufacture. This course includes a creative project, and you'll also get the chance to take part in exhibitions and events, such as the End of Year Fashion Show.

Entry Requirements

- Two Highers including Art & Design and preferably English/Communication
- Or appropriate SCQF Level 6 course
- Relevant life skills and experience may allow entry.

SCQF LEVEL 6

FASHION BUSINESS

Course code:
C00011 (City)

Whether you want to work in high street or high-end fashion, this course is the perfect introduction to the business and management side of the fashion industry. You'll cover topics including merchandising, buying, styling, range planning, and forecasting for the latest trends. As well as gaining essential employment skills, you'll learn about key roles in the industry to guide your own progression to further study or work.

Entry Requirements

- At least four National 5 passes
- Relevant life skills and experience may be considered.

DEGREE LINK

SCQF LEVEL 7

HNC FASHION BUSINESS

Course code:
C00004 (City)

This course will prepare you for progression to university or a career in the business side of the exciting fashion and retail industry. Our lecturers will engage you in topics including fashion marketing, retailing, branding, public relations (PR) and communication. You'll develop creative approaches for customer relations, and an understanding of merchandising, fashion forecasting and range planning, buying and business management.

Entry Requirements

- Two Highers preferably including English/ Communication
- Or appropriate SCQF Level 6 course
- Relevant life skills and experience may be considered.

SCQF LEVEL 6

PHOTOGRAPHY PORTFOLIO BUILDING

Course code:
C00028 (City)

A portfolio is key if you're looking to progress to further levels of study or secure an entry-level role in the photography industry. In this course, you'll explore different styles of photography including portraiture, still life, reportage, urban and environment. You'll also learn photography essentials including darkroom, video and digital editing skills.

Entry Requirements

- Four National 5 passes preferably including Art & Design and English/ Communication
- Or appropriate SCQF Level 5 course
- Relevant life skills and experience, or a portfolio, may be considered.

DEGREE LINK

SCQF LEVEL 8

HND PHOTOGRAPHY

Course code:
C00023 (City)

Develop advanced photographic skills and make the most of our excellent facilities and industry-standard equipment. You'll explore a diverse range of photographic styles including studio still life, applied scientific, documentary, corporate, fashion and portraiture. Gain a true insight into the photography industry with visits to professional studios in London and Europe's largest photographic fair in Paris.

Entry Requirements

- Two Highers including Art & Design, English or Photography
- Or appropriate SCQF Level 6 course
- Relevant life skills and experience, or a portfolio, may be considered
- Advanced entry to year 2 with 15 credits from HNC Photography.

BROADLY COMPARABLE TO

SCQF LEVEL 6

FILMCRAFT & ANIMATION

Course code:
C00018 (City)

This course is a great introduction to the flexible skills you need for the film and animation industries. Learn all about animation, video production and post-production, and sound design for visual media. You'll have access to high-quality resources including cameras, editing equipment and animation software, giving you the knowledge to progress to advanced courses.

Entry Requirements

- Three National 5 passes
- Relevant life skills and experience may be considered.

DEGREE LINK

SCQF LEVEL 8

HND 3D COMPUTER ANIMATION

Course code:
C00014 (City)

On this course, you will learn the practical and creative skills essential for a successful career in the animation industry. Gain hands-on experience as you navigate the animation pipeline from concept creation and modelling, to animation and post-production. You'll engage with a broad spectrum of topics including digital and traditional drawing, character design, modelling and rigging, environmental modelling, special effects and motion graphics.

Entry Requirements

- Two Highers preferably including Art & Design plus recent examples of work that demonstrate an appropriate skill level
- Or appropriate SCQF Level 6 course
- Relevant life skills and experience may be considered
- Advanced entry to year 2 with 15 credits from HNC 3D Computer Animation.

SCQF LEVEL 6

VISUAL COMMUNICATION PORTFOLIO BUILDING (GRAPHIC DESIGN & ILLUSTRATION)

Course code:
C00012 (City)

This project-based course is great if you're interested in pursuing a career in digital aided art for illustration and graphic design. You'll develop your creative skillset, focusing on hand and digital drawing, illustration, graphic design and typography. This course includes the use of industry-standard software, and the opportunity to design packaging and advertising materials.

Entry Requirements

- Four National 5 passes including Art & Design and English/ Communication
- Or appropriate SCQF Level 5 course
- Relevant life skills and experience may be considered.

DEGREE LINK

SCQF LEVEL 8

HND VISUAL COMMUNICATION (GRAPHIC DESIGN AND/OR ILLUSTRATION)

Course code:
C00005 (City)

Gain in-depth expertise and build a portfolio of work ready for progression to university or employment. In this practical course, you'll boost your creativity, conceptual thinking, critical analysis, and planning skills. You'll also use advanced digital software to create solutions for a range of projects in typography, promotion and advertising, packaging, illustration, information graphics and live client commissions. You will conclude the course with presenting your work at NESCol's End of Year Show.

Entry Requirements

- Two Highers including Art & Design and preferably English/ Communication
- Or appropriate SCQF Level 6 course
- Relevant life skills and experience may be considered
- Advanced entry to year 2 with 15 credits from HNC Visual Communication.

BROADLY COMPARABLE TO

SCQF LEVEL 5

FLORISTRY

Course code:
C00149 (Fraserburgh)

Prepare for a career in a modern floristry business. You'll learn the practical skills required to style and create a range of traditional and contemporary floral designs, such as wedding flowers and event displays. You'll also be equipped with essential knowledge such as how to care and condition flowers and foliage.

Entry Requirements

- Two National 5 passes including English/ Communication
- Relevant life skills and experience may be considered.

PROFILE

COSMIN MIHAI

HND TEXTILES

> I WOULD RECOMMEND THIS COURSE TO WHOEVER THINKS THIS IS THE PATH IN LIFE THEY HAVE TO TAKE.

School > Fashion and Textiles: Design & Manufacture > HND Textiles > Gray's School of Art

READ COSMIN'S STORY

ART, DESIGN & PHOTOGRAPHY

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Animator • Art Coordinator • Content Producer • Designer • Fashion/Textile Designer • Florist • Freelance Artist

Gallery Curator • Graphic Designer • Illustrator • Image Editor • Media Assistant • Photographer

Printmaker • Product Designer • Retail Management • Seamstress/Tailor • Visual Merchandiser

114,500

PEOPLE EMPLOYED IN SCOTLAND'S CREATIVE INDUSTRIES IN 2023

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SCOTLAND

£5.7 billion

CONTRIBUTED BY CREATIVE INDUSTRIES TO THE SCOTTISH ECONOMY IN 2022

SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT

OUR FANTASTIC FACILITIES

ART, DESIGN & PHOTOGRAPHY STUDIOS

Across City and Fraserburgh campuses, there are a range of vibrant learning spaces including art workshops, textile rooms and photography studios kitted out with the latest industry equipment.

The work of our students is widely celebrated throughout the College and local community with showcases, exhibitions, awards and competitions.

Join the vibrant and creative community of students and staff at NESCol, and begin to develop your own artistic style and expression.

nescol.ac.uk/art

AUTOMOTIVE

TURN YOUR LOVE OF CARS INTO A CAREER. WORK ON REAL VEHICLES WITH SPECIALIST EQUIPMENT IN OUR AUTOMOTIVE WORKSHOPS, WITH COURSES LED BY INDUSTRY-EXPERIENCED STAFF.

The automotive industry is exciting and constantly evolving as new technologies are developed. With the energy transition, the move towards electrical and hydrogen vehicles will create even more career opportunities and skills to learn.

Our courses will give you the maintenance and repair skills to help keep drivers safe and get their vehicles back on the road.

WHAT SKILLS WILL YOU MASTER?

VIEW FULL COURSE LISTING OR TO APPLY VISIT:

nescol.ac.uk/auto

BROADLY COMPARABLE TO SCQF LEVEL 4

DIPLOMA IN AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLE ACCIDENT REPAIR LEVEL 1

Course code:
C00101 (Altens)

Kickstart your career in the automotive industry in accident repair. This entry level course will introduce you to bodywork and paintwork principles and techniques, as you learn how to repair and refinish vehicles. You'll work in small groups to repair a range of vehicles and discover how new developments in the motor industry impact your work.

Entry Requirements

- No formal entry requirements
- A genuine interest in the automotive industry is desirable
- You must be 16 or over by the start of the course.

BROADLY COMPARABLE TO ENERGY TRANSITION SKILLS SCQF LEVEL 4

DIPLOMA IN AUTOMOTIVE MAINTENANCE & REPAIR PRINCIPLES LEVEL 1

Course code:
C00102 (Fraserburgh)
C00103 (Altens)

This entry level course is ideal if you're interested in an automotive career and want to specialise in the maintenance and repair of motor vehicles. You'll learn how different automotive systems work including transmission, steering, air/fuel and suspension. Our lecturers will also guide you through workshop bench skills and important health & safety standards.

Entry Requirements

- No formal entry requirements
- A genuine interest in the automotive industry is desirable
- You must be 16 or over by the start of the course.

ENERGY TRANSITION SKILLS SCQF LEVEL 5

AUTOMOTIVE MAINTENANCE & REPAIR PRINCIPLES

Course code:
C00104 (Altens)

This course will help you strengthen your skillset and prepare for a career in the motor industry. You'll build on your existing knowledge and understanding of automotive systems, and perfect your practical skills through extensive work in vehicle service and repair.

Entry Requirements

- One National 4 pass in Maths, English or a technical subject
- Or Level 1 Diploma in Automotive Vehicle Accident Repair or Automotive Maintenance & Repair Principles
- You must be 16 or over by the start of the course.

"MY LECTURER IS VERY HELPFUL AND HAS A GOOD WAY OF TEACHING. I FEEL HIS EXPERIENCE OF WORKING IN MULTIPLE GARAGES HELPS RELATE EVERYTHING WE ARE LEARNING TO THE REAL WORLD."

AUTOMOTIVE STUDENT

AUTOMOTIVE

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Engineer • Garage Manager • Motor Mechanic • Motor Vehicle Breakdown Engineer • Motor Vehicle Fitter
Motor Vehicle Parts Technician • Vehicle Body Repairer • Vehicle Spray Painter

30million
VEHICLES ARE SERVICED EACH YEAR
INSTITUTE OF THE MOTOR INDUSTRY

8,500
MOTOR MECHANICS EMPLOYED IN SCOTLAND
OXFORD ECONOMICS

OUR FANTASTIC FACILITIES

AUTOMOTIVE WORKSHOPS

In our automotive workshops based at Altens and Fraserburgh campuses, students work on a range of real vehicles with specialist equipment.

At Altens, students also have access to a fully-equipped paint shop complete with spray booths and paint mixing equipment.

Get hands-on training in how to maintain, repair and refinish vehicles in NESCol's automotive workshops.

nescol.ac.uk/auto

BUSINESS & MANAGEMENT

Accounting, Administration, Business and Legal Services

STUDYING BUSINESS PROFESSIONS WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH A DIVERSE SKILL SET ESSENTIAL FOR ADVANCING INTO A VARIETY OF CAREERS ACROSS MANY GLOBAL SECTORS.

Most industries require administration, accounting, legal and management teams to support their business goals.

Our courses will help you develop transferable skills sought after by organisations both locally and internationally, and provide progression pathways through to university.

You'll find fantastic career opportunities across many sectors including accounting, finance, administration, law, marketing, human resources and sales.

WHAT CAREER WILL YOU CHOOSE?

VIEW FULL COURSE LISTING OR TO APPLY VISIT:

nescol.ac.uk/business

BROADLY COMPARABLE TO

SCQF LEVEL 4/5

INTRODUCTION TO BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATION

Course code:

C00034 (City)
C00153 (Fraserburgh)

Gain the personal skills and knowledge required to work in a professional administrative environment. This introductory course will give you a well-rounded understanding of business and administration subjects. Your lecturers will take you through topics including IT, accounting, administration, work experience, economics and customer care.

Entry Requirements

- At least two National 4 passes including English/Communication
- Relevant life skills and experience may be considered.

BROADLY COMPARABLE TO

SCQF LEVEL 5/6

BUSINESS, ACCOUNTING & ADMINISTRATION

Course code:

C00033 (City)
C00151 (Fraserburgh)

This course is designed as a pathway to employment or further study with an HND in Accounting, Administration & IT, Business or Legal Services. You'll develop a broad knowledge of key business functions in areas such as IT, administration, finance and marketing. There is also a focus on practical skills, and you'll get plenty of opportunities to apply what you've learned.

Entry Requirements

- Three National 5 passes, preferably including English and Maths
- Or SCQF Level 4/5 Introduction to Business & Administration
- Relevant life skills and experience may be considered.

DEGREE LINK

SCQF LEVEL 8

HND BUSINESS

Course code:

C00030 (City)

With this advanced course, you'll expand your understanding of the business world. Learn about key business functions and topics including law, marketing, people management and accounting. You'll also develop a range of transferable skills that are sought-after by employers, making sure you're prepared for employment or further study in a range of business degree courses.

Entry Requirements

- Two Highers preferably including Business and English, plus one National 5 pass in Maths, Applications of Maths or Accounting
- Or SCQF Level 5/6 Business, Accounting & Administration
- Or Foundation Apprenticeship in Accountancy or Business Skills
- Relevant life skills and experience may be considered.

DEGREE LINK

SCQF LEVEL 8

HND LEGAL SERVICES (LAW)

Course code:
C00032 (City)

This advanced-level course will give you a detailed insight into how the Scottish legal system works. You'll gain an overview of various laws including property and company law, as well as legal practices and procedures. If you're looking to work as a paralegal or legal secretary, or continue studying law at university, HND Legal Services is suited to you.

Entry Requirements

- Two Highers preferably including English
- Or SCQF Level 5/6 Business, Accounting & Administration
- Or Foundation Apprenticeship in Accountancy or Business Skills
- Relevant life skills and experience may be considered.

DEGREE LINK

SCQF LEVEL 8

HND ACCOUNTING

Course code:
C00029 (City)
C00148 (Fraserburgh)

Prepare for a career in accounting or further study at university. You'll build a solid foundation of concepts and processes used in financial and management accounting, as well as essential workplace skills. This course will help you enhance your existing knowledge and develop a skill set that meets the standards required by employers, while also providing progression opportunities at university.

Entry Requirements

- Two Highers preferably including English, plus one National 5 pass in Maths or Applications of Maths
- SCQF Level 5/6 Business, Accounting & Administration
- Foundation Apprenticeship in Accountancy or Business Skills
- Relevant life skills and experience may be considered.

DEGREE LINK

SCQF LEVEL 8

HND ADMINISTRATION & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Course code:
C00031 (City)

Learn how to effectively manage and make important decisions in an administration environment by studying a diverse range of subjects, including office administration and management; IT and digital technologies; marketing; and human resources (HR). You'll also develop essential business skills such as interviewing, advanced word processing and presentation skills, with the opportunity for progression to university.

Entry Requirements

- One Higher, preferably in Administration, Business or English
- Or SCQF Level 5/6 Business, Accounting & Administration
- Or Foundation Apprenticeship in Accountancy or Business Skills
- Relevant life skills and experience may be considered.

BUSINESS & MANAGEMENT

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Administrator • Assistant Accountant • Bookkeeper • Clerical Assistant • Conveyancing Assistant

HR Administrator • HR Officer • Junior Admin Manager • Legal Accountant • Legal Cashier

Legal Secretary • Management Consultant • Office Manager • Paralegal Assistant • Payroll Administrator

Personal Assistant • Receptionist • Recruitment Consultant • Trainee Accountant • Trainee Administrator

235,000

EMPLOYED IN SCOTLAND'S FINANCIAL & BUSINESS SECTOR IN 2022

SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT

£1 billion

SCOTTISH LEGAL SECTOR'S VALUE TO THE ECONOMY EACH YEAR

SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT

PROFILE

KATE WOLSKA

HND ACCOUNTING

> MY LECTURER WAS AMAZING; SHE WAS THERE FOR ME THROUGH THE UPS AND DOWNS.

Moved to Aberdeen > Employment in administration > Business, Accounting & Administration course > HNC/D Accounting > MHA Excellence in Accounting award winner > Employment in accounting

READ KATE'S STORY

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OUR FANTASTIC FACILITIES

CLASSROOMS AND STUDY SPACES

You'll learn in modern and well-equipped classrooms, with WiFi available across each campus.

In Altens, Fraserburgh and City, you'll find libraries complete with thousands of resources, quiet zones, areas for group work and PCs to support your studies.

CARE

PEOPLE ARE AT THE HEART OF A CAREER IN CARE. IT'S MORE THAN JUST A JOB – IT'S ONE OF THE MOST REWARDING PROFESSIONS OUT THERE.

Whether you choose to follow a childcare, healthcare, social care or social work path, you'll have a direct impact on the lives of the people you support.

At NESCol, our experienced lecturers will guide you through courses designed to prepare you for employment. With facilities like a replica care ward and childcare areas, you'll feel ready to transition from College to the workplace.

ARE YOU READY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

VIEW FULL COURSE LISTING OR TO APPLY VISIT:

nescol.ac.uk/care

SCQF LEVEL 4

INTRODUCTION TO CARE PROFESSIONS

Course code:
C00063 (City)
C00159 (Fraserburgh)

This course highlights the importance of providing effective and efficient care, covering various service areas and user needs. You'll focus on developing your soft skills like communication and teamwork and study topics including development, health & wellbeing and how to care for people from birth to older adults. You'll also explore job roles in early education and childcare, healthcare and social care to help guide your career path and progression.

Entry Requirements

- Two National 4 passes preferably including English
- A genuine interest and aptitude for working within the care sector
- Good communication and numeracy skills
- Relevant life skills and experience may be considered.

SCQF LEVEL 4/5

CARE WITH ESOL

Course code:
C00055 (City)

This introductory course is great if you're a speaker of other languages and interested in a career in childcare, healthcare or social care. You'll increase your knowledge of a wide range of care professions and develop your English language skills. You'll feel prepared with the skills needed for further study or employment in a trainee-level role.

Entry Requirements

- ESOL qualification at Pre Intermediate/ Strong B1 or IELTS 4.5 minimum or Cambridge 153
- A genuine interest and aptitude for working with children and vulnerable adults
- Good communication and numeracy skills.

SCQF LEVEL 5

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

Course code:
C00064 (City)

Grow your understanding of the expectations and values related to care roles, in preparation for a career in healthcare or social care. You'll learn about providing effective care to different service users and explore a variety of key topics including mental health. You'll also develop essential skills necessary to apply for a job in the care sector or continue studying healthcare or social care.

Entry Requirements

- Two National 5 passes preferably including English
- Or relevant SCQF Level 4 course
- A genuine aptitude for working with people
- Good communication skills
- Relevant qualifications and experience may be considered.

SCQF LEVEL 6

ADVANCED HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

Course code:
C00157 (Fraserburgh)

Prepare for further study or employment in health and social care. You'll build on your knowledge of health and social care contexts and service users, including learning about dementia care. You'll investigate care intervention and the roles and responsibilities across associated professions. This course will also help you gain a Higher Care qualification.

Entry Requirements

- Four National 5 passes at grade B or above, preferably including English
- Or relevant SCQF Level 5 course
- A genuine aptitude for working with people
- Good communication skills.

SCQF LEVEL 6

ADVANCED HEALTHCARE

Course code:
C00062 (City)

If you're interested in becoming a nurse with a focus on adult, mental health or children & young people, this course is suited to you. You'll cover how best to support those who need help with daily activities, as well as key topics like dementia care, psychology and mental health. Please note: This course is suitable for those who wish to pursue a career in paramedic practice or midwifery, but you require additional Highers or will need to undertake the HNC Healthcare Practice. For midwifery, you must have Higher English to be considered.

Entry Requirements

- Four National 5 passes at grade B or above, preferably including English
- Or relevant SCQF Level 5 course
- A genuine aptitude for working with people
- Good communication skills.

SCQF LEVEL 6

ACCESS TO NURSING (SWAP)

Course code:
C00066 (City)

This is an excellent opportunity if you are an adult returning to education and interested in becoming an Adult, Mental Health or Children & Young People Nurse. It provides a pathway to university and will prepare you for the transition to higher education. You'll study topics including human biology, mental health and mental illness, health promotion and how to care for people with dementia.

Entry Requirements

- No formal qualifications required
- You must have been out of education for at least 3 years if your last course of study was up to SCQF Level 5
- You must have been out of education for at least 5 years if your last course of study was up to SCQF Level 6.

SCQF LEVEL 6

ACCESS TO ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS (SWAP)

Course code:
C00065 (City)

This programme is designed for adult learners looking to gain a degree in Midwifery, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy or Paramedic Practice. Developed by NESCol and Robert Gordon University (RGU), you'll learn key healthcare topics including first aid, biology, physiology and care values & principles. This is a highly demanding course, and you will undertake subjects and assessments for Higher Human Biology and Higher English, as well as Maths for Science.

Entry Requirements

- No formal qualifications required
- You must have been out of education for at least 3 years if your last course of study was up to SCQF Level 5
- You must have been out of education for at least 5 years if your last course of study was up to SCQF Level 6.

SWAP

The Scottish Wider Access Programme (SWAP) supports access to higher education for adult learners. SWAP access programmes run at colleges across Scotland and provide a route into hundreds of university degree courses. This course is specifically designed for adults who are returning to education after a gap and is not suitable for candidates applying straight from school or those who have a degree.

SCQF LEVEL 7

HNC HEALTHCARE PRACTICE

Course code:
C00057 (City)

This course is for those intending to apply for Year 1 of a Paramedic Practice, Midwifery or Children and Young People Nursing degree on completing the course.

Gain the practical skills and clinical knowledge required to thrive as a healthcare professional. You'll work with individuals, families and communities to promote health, prevent illness and improve mental and physical wellbeing. There is a large placement element to this course, and you must be able to commit to shift work.

Entry Requirements

- Two Highers preferably including English
- Or relevant SCQF Level 6 course
- Or Foundation Apprenticeship in Social Services & Healthcare
- For entry to nursing, you will be required to undergo an interview with RGU, NHS Grampian and NESCol
- Full requirements on the NESCol website.

DEGREE LINK

SCQF LEVEL 7

HNC HEALTHCARE PRACTICE: NURSING DEGREELINK ROUTE

Course code:
C00058 (City)

This course is for those who wish to progress to Year 2 of an Adult or Mental Health Nursing degree at RGU, or a Learning Disabilities Nursing degree at Edinburgh University. You will be working and studying as a Stage 1 Student Nurse.

Learn the skills and knowledge to deliver person-centred care as a nursing professional. Working with a range of people mainly over the age of 16, you'll support individuals through all stages of the life cycle and help them maintain and improve their mental and physical health. There is a large placement element to this course, and you must be able to commit to shift work.

Entry Requirements

- Two Highers preferably including English
- Or SCQF Level 6 Advanced Healthcare or Advanced Health & Social Care
- Or Foundation Apprenticeship in Social Services & Healthcare
- For entry to nursing, you will be required to undergo an interview with NESCol, RGU and NHS Grampian
- Full requirements on the NESCol website.

SCQF LEVEL 6

ADVANCED SOCIAL CARE

Course code:
C00061 (City)

At this advanced level, you'll have a desire to help those who are vulnerable within our society through a career in social work or social care. You'll grow your understanding of a variety of care contexts and service users in preparation for further study or employment. You'll also learn about care intervention and the roles and responsibilities across associated professions.

Entry Requirements

- Four National 5 passes at grade B or above, preferably including English
- Or relevant SCQF Level 5 course
- A genuine interest in working with people
- Good communication skills.

DEGREE LINK

SCQF LEVEL 7

HNC SOCIAL SERVICES

Course code:
C00059 (City)

This course is perfect if your goal is to work in services that support the most vulnerable members of our society to lead a fulfilled and independent life. You'll gain the knowledge and practice to gain employment in a social care role or progress to further education at university level. Part of the course involves 360 hours of placement, and you must be prepared to be available 5 days a week.

Entry Requirements

- Two Highers preferably including English
- Or relevant SCQF Level 6 course
- Or Foundation Apprenticeship in Social Services & Healthcare
- A genuine interest in working with people
- Good communication skills
- Evidence of 80 hours volunteering in a social care setting is desirable
- A clear PVG disclosure is required prior to placement allocation, organised by the College.
- National 5 Numeracy or equivalent is required to gain access to university.

SCQF LEVEL 5

CHILDCARE & DEVELOPMENT

Course code:

C00053 (City)
C00155 (Fraserburgh)

This course will help you develop your understanding of children, the stages of development and how to care for them. You must be able to embrace diversity and work as part of a team, as well as independently. A placement opportunity may be provided if you demonstrate appropriate skills and values.

Entry Requirements

- Two National 5 passes preferably including English
- Or relevant SCQF Level 4 course
- Evidence of 20 hours volunteering or placement is preferable, ideally within an early years or childcare environment
- A clear PVG disclosure is required prior to placement allocation, organised by the College.

SCQF LEVEL 6

NC CHILDHOOD PRACTICE

Course code:

C00056 (City)
C00160 (Fraserburgh)

Build on your existing knowledge and skills in education and childcare in preparation for further study at HNC level, or employment. This course includes a mandatory placement opportunity for students who demonstrate the appropriate skills and values. Once you complete your NC, you'll be eligible to register with the Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) at support worker level.

Entry Requirements

- Four National 5 passes at grade B or above, preferably including English
- Or relevant SCQF Level 5 course
- Evidence of 40 hours volunteering or placement is preferable - ideally within an early years or childcare environment
- A clear PVG disclosure is required prior to placement allocation, organised by the College.

SCQF LEVEL 7

HNC CHILDHOOD PRACTICE

Course code:
C00051 (City)
C00154 (Fraserburgh)

This HNC will prepare you for employment as an Early Years Practitioner by giving you the values, essential skills and principles required. You'll also gain an understanding of current legislations, policies and frameworks necessary for working in a childcare practice setting. On completion of the course, you'll be eligible to register with the Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) at practitioner level.

Entry Requirements

- Two Highers preferably including English
- Or relevant SCQF Level 6 course
- Or Foundation Apprenticeship Social Services (Children & Young People)
- Evidence of 60 hours volunteering or placement is preferable – ideally within an early years or childcare environment
- A clear PVG disclosure is required prior to placement allocation, organised by the College.

PROFILE

VICTORIA GROVER

HNC SOCIAL SERVICES

> AS A MATURE STUDENT, I HAVE BEEN SUPPORTED IN MANY WAYS AND HAD A GREAT COLLEGE EXPERIENCE, EVEN WITH THE CHALLENGES I'VE FACED.

School > part-time work & parenting > Introduction to Health & Social Care > Social Care > Advanced Health & Social Care > HNC Social Services > employment

READ VICTORIA'S STORY

CARE

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Childminder • Childhood Practitioner/ Early Years Practitioner • Childcare Support Worker
Education Support Assistant • Health Care Support Worker • Midwife • Nurse • Nursery Manager
Occupational Therapist • Paramedic • Physiotherapist • Podiatrist • Social Care Assistant/ Support Worker
Social Work Assistant • Social Worker

211,510
PEOPLE EMPLOYED IN SOCIAL WORK, SOCIAL CARE AND CHILDCARE IN SCOTLAND IN 2022
SCOTTISH SOCIAL SERVICES COUNCIL

51%
OF EMPLOYERS REPORTED HAVING NOT ENOUGH QUALIFIED APPLICANTS FOR VACANCIES IN 2022
SCOTTISH SOCIAL SERVICES COUNCIL

OUR FANTASTIC FACILITIES

CARE LEARNING AREAS

At both City and Fraserburgh campuses, you'll find dedicated health and social care facilities, as well as childcare areas with materials and learning tools.

We also have a simulated care ward located at City Campus which features hospital beds and specialist training mannequins.

Our care learning areas are designed to help students gain the confidence and skills to transition from College to the workplace.

nescol.ac.uk/care

COMPUTING

COMPUTING AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ARE AT THE CENTRE OF ALL THE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES WE USE IN LIFE, FROM OUR PHONES, CARS, AND TVS, TO ONLINE BANKING, SHOPPING AND BOOKING HOLIDAYS.

It's a crucial field that impacts every individual, organisation and business across the globe and is constantly developing. So whether you want to develop the next big video game, become a cyber-security specialist, or provide technical support to others, our courses will set you on the right path.

BE PART OF IT AT NESCOL

VIEW FULL COURSE LISTING OR TO APPLY VISIT:

nescol.ac.uk/computing

BROADLY COMPARABLE TO

SCQF LEVEL 4/5

INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTING TECHNOLOGIES

Course code:
C00075 (City)

Get a taster of programming, data science, hardware and networking to prepare you for further studies in computing. Use this course to discover where your interest lies and then study at a higher level. You'll learn in our classrooms and hardware labs and get the opportunity to create your own python programs to control miniature robots and cars amongst other experiences.

Entry Requirements

- This course is suitable for those with no previous qualifications or work experience, but applicants should have a genuine interest in computing.

SCQF LEVEL 6

ACCESS TO SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT

Course code:
C00077 (City)

This practical, hands-on course equips you with the essential programming languages, app development, and data science and machine learning skills needed to begin an exciting career in the technology sector. You will learn about programming languages including Python, JavaScript, HTML and CSS, develop your own mobile and desktop applications to start building a portfolio and try out ethical hacking techniques used by professionals to strengthen security. This course will open the door to diverse career paths in the computing industry and/or prepare students for further study at HN level.

Entry Requirements

- Two National 5s at Grade C or above, preferably one in computing science or a STEM subject (Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics)
- Or a recognised computing course at SCQF Level 4/5 including Introduction to Computing Technologies.

SCQF LEVEL 6

ACCESS TO NETWORKING

Course code:
C00076 (City)

Keen for a career in computer networking? Then this is the perfect place to start. This practical course covers a range of networking disciplines; from cabling to firewall configuration. You'll also have the opportunity to develop your teamworking skills when you work together to design and build a physical network. Other topics covered include data security, computer systems architecture and more, giving you practical skills needed for working in the computing industry.

Entry Requirements

- Two National 5s at Grade C or above, preferably one in computing science or a STEM subject (Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics)
- Or a recognised computing course at SCQF Level 4/5 including Introduction to Computing Technologies.

SCQF LEVEL 7

HNC COMPUTING (NEXTGEN)

Course code:
C00071 (City)
C00117 (Fraserburgh)

This recently developed HNC is an innovative programme designed to equip students with essential skills and knowledge in computing. Designed in collaboration with industry experts, you will be immersed in the areas of networking, software development, cyber security, artificial intelligence and the internet of things. Working on both individual and team projects you will master the essentials of these technologies and at the same time develop a range of meta-skills and gain experience using Power BI, C Sharp and Python.

Entry Requirements

- Two Highers, preferably including computing science
- Or students who have successfully completed Access to Networking (SCQF Level 6) or Access to Software Development can also gain entry to this course.

DEGREE LINK

SCQF LEVEL 7/8

HND CYBER SECURITY

Course code:
C00074 (City)

This course will provide you with the skills to meet industry requirements and include: the opportunity to undergo scenarios in ethical hacking and digital forensics, learn about cyber adversary methods and our mitigations, an introduction to encryption and blockchain, an introduction to networking, team working in Internet of Things and cloud server virtualisation, learn about open-source operating systems and project manage and create your own cyber security related final project.

Entry Requirements

- Two Highers, preferably including computing science. A Foundation Apprenticeship will be considered equivalent to one Higher in Computing Science
- Students who have successfully completed Access to Networking (SCQF Level 6) can also gain entry to this course.

DEGREE LINK

SCQF LEVEL 8

HND NETWORKING & CLOUD INFRASTRUCTURE (NEXTGEN)

Course code:
C00072 (City)

This qualification is highly sought after by employers and will teach you the skills required to install, configure and maintain computer network infrastructures. Working in our 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. Many of the skills and concepts in this award are transferable to other areas of computing and technology.

Entry Requirements

- HNC Computing
- HNC Cyber Security.

SCQF LEVEL 8

HND COMPUTING: SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT (NEXTGEN)

Course code:
C00073 (City)

Students will learn programming languages including Python, Java, SQL Database, NoSQL and Software Development, preparing you for a career in this ever changing industry. There is a 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 even the Apple Homepod were developed using the skills you will learn on this course. Students will also be able to take part in exciting software events such as the Hackathon which are hosted at our partner universities.

Entry Requirements

- HNC Computing.

SCQF LEVEL 4/5

INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTER GAMES DESIGN (INCLUDING INTRODUCTION TO ESPORTS)

Course code:
C00070 (City)
C00120 (Fraserburgh)

The ideal first course for those interested in a career in games development and Esports. This course introduces learners to the genres, trends and new technologies of the computer games industry. You will learn about digital planning and design, creation of media assets and development and testing. Learners will develop employability and core skills through enterprise activities. You will also be introduced to Esports including characters, narrative design, the creation of an Esports brand, organisation of a tournament and building a live-stream broadcast.

Entry Requirements

- There are no formal entry requirements for this course and it can be undertaken without previous experience of computer games development.

SCQF LEVEL 6

COMPUTER GAME DESIGN

Course code:
C00069 (City)
C00119 (Fraserburgh)

Focus on the technical and creative skills employers are looking for in the computer games industry and the creative digital media and software development sectors. The course involves a lot of team working with your fellow students to contribute to an Esports organisation, content creation and organising an Esports tournament. The course will also develop soft skills important to the industry, including communication, enterprise and team working.

Entry Requirements

- Four National 5s (grade C or above). Alternatively, applicants should have relevant experience or have successfully completed a SCQF Level 5 course.

DEGREE LINK

SCQF LEVEL 8

HND GAMES DESIGN (INCLUDING DIGITAL DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT)

Course code:
C00067 (City)

A practical course which will develop your design and technical abilities to ensure you have the skills and knowledge to implement your ideas and designs in game development. Students will cover a range of computer development techniques including 2D and 3D Animation, Programming and Games Design Theory. You will have the creative freedom to develop computer games of your own while being guided by lecturers. This will allow you to develop a portfolio of work for applying for employment or progressing to further study at university.

Entry Requirements

- One Higher and three National 5s (grade C or above) A Foundation Apprenticeship in any subject area will be considered to one unrelated Higher for entry to this course
- Alternatively, successful completion of Computer Games Design Level 6. For those returning to education, life skills and experience in the workplace may allow entry subject to availability.

DEGREE LINK

SCQF LEVEL 8

HND WEB DEVELOPMENT (INCLUDING DIGITAL DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT)

Course code:
C00068 (City)

Combining both technical and creative skills, this HND prepares you for the evolving world of web development and digital design. This course allows you to tailor your learning experience to suit your career goals by focusing on coding, design or a combination of both. As well as creating engaging website experiences, you'll learn essential digital marketing strategies and how to produce digital and social media content.

The course will allow you to work on projects with real clients, building on your understanding of professional standards. You'll have access to the latest industry software, tools and trends to ensure you graduate with a skillset relevant today, and adaptable for the future.

Entry Requirements

- One Higher and three National 5s (grade C or above). A Foundation Apprenticeship in any subject area will be considered to one unrelated Higher for entry to this course
- Alternatively, successful completion of Computer Games Design (SCQF Level 6). For those returning to education, life skills and experience in the workplace may allow entry subject to availability.

OUR FANTASTIC FACILITIES

Take your IT skills to the next level in our computing labs, or learn about the world of gaming in our new Esports Hub.

COMPUTING FACILITIES & ESPORTS HUB

Our expert computing facilities give you the chance to work with a range of hardware and put what you've learned into practice in various workrooms.

Based at Fraserburgh Campus, our brand-new Esports Hub features 13 high spec gaming PCs and a separate PC for live streaming gameplay.

Computing students have the opportunity to apply for a paid intern position working on our student IT Helpdesk - IT HelpZone. This is a great opportunity to put into practice what you have learned while supporting other students at College

NESCol is also the first Scottish College to achieve PlayStation First partnership status with Sony as part of their global academic programme. This allows students to access PlayStation development tools and support.

nescol.ac.uk/computing

PROFILE

REBECCA CLEMENTS

HND WEB DEVELOPMENT

> COMPUTING IS STILL A MALE-DOMINATED INDUSTRY, BUT THERE ARE FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR EVERYONE, INCLUDING WOMEN.

School > Employment > Return to education > HND Web Development at NESCol > BSc Digital Media at RGU > Digital Marketing business owner

READ REBECCA'S STORY

COMPUTING

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

App developer • Business Analyst • Cyber Security Specialist • Data Management • Digital Content Editor
Digital Designer • Digital Marketing • Forensic Analyst • Network Engineer • Security Analyst
Software Developer • Web Developer

70%

OF COMPANIES PLAN TO INCREASE THEIR HEADCOUNT AND 62% OF RESPONDENTS PLAN TO HIRE RECENT GRADUATES IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS

SCOTTISH TECHNOLOGY INDUSTRY SURVEY 2024

87,200

PEOPLE WORKING IN DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY IN SCOTLAND BY 2033

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SCOTLAND

CONSTRUCTION

HELP TO SHAPE OUR WORLD WITH A CAREER IN ONE OF SCOTLAND'S BIGGEST INDUSTRIES: CONSTRUCTION!

Whether you see yourself as a self-employed tradesperson, or contributing to projects like school and housing construction, you'll make a real impact on communities.

With the ongoing energy transition, you'll have the opportunity to engage with new technologies and sustainable solutions.

At our Fraserburgh and Altens campuses, our realistic training spaces offer the perfect environment for hands-on learning. You'll be guided by experienced staff, ensuring you're prepared for your career with in-demand skills.

WHAT FUTURE WILL YOU BUILD?

VIEW FULL COURSE LISTING OR TO APPLY VISIT:

nescol.ac.uk/construction

SCQF LEVEL 4

INTRODUCTION TO CONSTRUCTION

Course code:
C00167 (Altens)
C00121 (Fraserburgh)

Gain a thorough introduction to basic construction craft skills. Most of your time will be spent in our well-equipped workshops where you will learn to use a range of tools for trades such as carpentry & joinery, brickwork, and painting & decorating. Completion of this course offers progression to SCQF Level 5 study.

Entry Requirements

- No formal entry requirements
- Enthusiastic attitude
- Good team player
- Interest in construction and working with tools.

SCQF LEVEL 5

CONSTRUCTION CRAFTS

Course code:
C00106 (Altens)
C00118 (Fraserburgh)

Progress your skills in a variety of construction craft occupations. Classes are mainly workshop-based, and you'll practice using tools for plumbing (Altens only), bricklaying, carpentry & joinery, and painting & decorating. This course will give you an awareness of health and safety and is regarded as a pre-apprenticeship programme. It provides a solid foundation for progressing to an apprenticeship or advancing to SCQF Level 6 study.

Entry Requirements

- No formal entry requirements
- Enthusiastic attitude
- Good team player
- Evidence of interest in construction crafts or Skills for Work (Construction) qualification could be an advantage
- Aptitude test at interview.

SCQF LEVEL 6

ADVANCED CONSTRUCTION: BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Course code:
C00105 (Altens)

This advanced-level course will introduce you to concepts in domestic building services, building technology and sustainable design. You'll also develop skills in technical drawing, computer-aided drafting and construction calculations. A key aspect of the course is developing other essential skills, such as teamwork, which will set you up for success in your chosen career. This course may offer progression to study architectural technology at university (subject to meeting entry conditions).

Entry Requirements

- National 5 passes preferably including English, a science subject and Numeracy, plus National 4 Maths (other National 4/5 qualifications will be considered)
- Or SCQF Level 5 Construction Crafts
- Aptitude test at interview
- You must be aged 16 or over.

PROFILE

JORJA ROSS

CARPENTRY & JOINERY
CONSTRUCTION CRAFTS

"I'VE ENJOYED COMING TO COLLEGE OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS. I'M A PRACTICAL PERSON AND AFTER DOING THE CONSTRUCTION COURSE WHILE I WAS STILL AT SCHOOL, I KNEW I WANTED TO GET STARTED IN THE INDUSTRY."

School > Foundation Apprenticeship in Construction > Construction Crafts > Apprentice Painter & Decorator with Aberdeen City Council attending NESCol on block release

READ JORJA'S STORY

CONSTRUCTION

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Architectural Technician • BIM (Building Information Modelling) Technician • Bricklayer
Building Services Technician • Building Surveyor • Construction Manager • Construction Supervisor
Joiner • Painter and Decorator • Planner • Plumber • Quantity Surveyor • Site Manager

26,100
CONSTRUCTION WORKERS REQUIRED IN SCOTLAND BY 2028
CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD (CITB)

13,050
EMPLOYERS IN SCOTLAND'S CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY
CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD (CITB)

OUR FANTASTIC FACILITIES

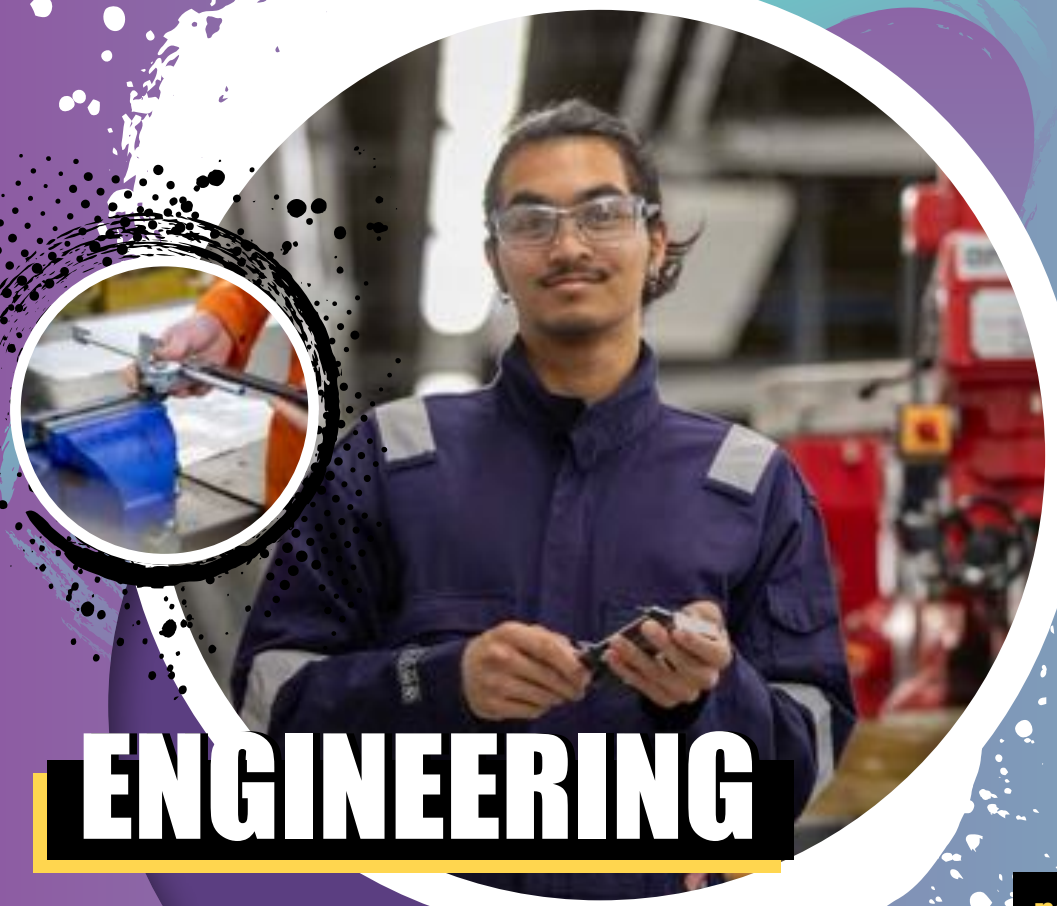
CONSTRUCTION WORKSHOPS

At Fraserburgh Campus, we have a large general building workshop, with roofing, lock brick and slab work areas, as well as dedicated joinery and painting and decorating areas.

Our Aberdeen Altens Campus is home to brickwork and joinery workshops, full-scale interiors in the painting and decorating department, and a purpose-built plumbing facility.

Develop your trade with practical training in NESCol's industry-standard construction facilities.

nescol.ac.uk/construction



ENGINEERING

IN SUCH A DIVERSE SECTOR, THERE ARE UNLIMITED POSSIBILITIES FOR WHERE AN ENGINEERING CAREER COULD TAKE YOU.

Opportunities include working in transport, aerospace, manufacturing, food and drink, technology and so much more! Our courses help you build on your problem solving and technical skills, so you're equipped to tackle practical challenges in the real world.

Engineers are also vital for the energy transition. NESCol works with industry partners to ensure you have the skill set to succeed in the evolving energy sector as we move towards net zero carbon emissions.

What will you innovate?

VIEW FULL
COURSE LISTING
OR TO APPLY VISIT:

nescol.ac.uk/engineering

ENERGY TRANSITION SKILLS

SCQF LEVEL 5

SVQ LEVEL 2 PERFORMING ENGINEERING OPERATIONS (PEO): ELECTRICAL ROUTE

Course code:

C00116 (Altens)

C00138 (Fraserburgh)

Aimed at all ages, from school leavers and those returning to education, the SVQ provides you with highly practical, vocational training. Our experienced lecturers will introduce you to a variety of electrical and electronic installation, maintenance and testing skills. The SVQ Level 2 PEO qualification forms a mandatory part of an Engineering Modern Apprenticeship.

Entry Requirements

- One National 4 pass in Maths
- Good understanding of English
- Short practical test may be carried out at interview.

ENERGY TRANSITION SKILLS

SCQF LEVEL 5

SVQ LEVEL 2 PERFORMING ENGINEERING OPERATIONS (PEO): FABRICATION & WELDING ROUTE

Course code:

C00131 (Fraserburgh)

This hands-on, vocational course is designed to give you a real taste of engineering operations related to fabrication and welding. You'll learn the practical skills required for cutting and welding processes and how to use CAD (computer-aided design) software. The SVQ Level 2 PEO qualification forms a mandatory part of an Engineering Modern Apprenticeship.

Entry Requirements

- No formal entry requirements
- Enthusiastic attitude
- Team player
- Enjoy working with tools in a workshop environment.

ENERGY TRANSITION SKILLS

SCQF LEVEL 5

SVQ LEVEL 2 PERFORMING ENGINEERING OPERATIONS (PEO): MECHANICAL ROUTE

Course code:

C00130 (Altens)

The SVQ provides vocational skills training, preparing you for future employment in a mechanical engineering role. This course involves developing practical skills such as machining, welding and bench fitting, in a workshop environment. The SVQ Level 2 PEO qualification forms a mandatory part of an Engineering Modern Apprenticeship.

Entry Requirements

- No formal entry requirements
- Enthusiastic attitude
- Team player
- Enjoy working with tools in a workshop environment.

SCQF LEVEL 5

SVQ LEVEL 2 PERFORMING ENGINEERING OPERATIONS (PEO): MECHANICAL MAINTENANCE ROUTE

Course code:
C00126 (Fraserburgh)

Gain an insight into engineering operations, with a focus on mechanical maintenance. This vocational course is great if you enjoy practical work, as you'll spend time developing your skills using hand tools. You'll also learn how to overhaul and maintain large industrial engines. The SVQ Level 2 PEO qualification forms a mandatory part of an Engineering Modern Apprenticeship.

Entry Requirements

- No formal entry requirements
- Enthusiastic attitude
- Team player
- Enjoy working with tools in a workshop environment.

SCQF LEVEL 5

SVQ LEVEL 2 PERFORMING ENGINEERING OPERATIONS (PEO): RENEWABLES

Course code:
C00129 (Altens)
C00127 (Fraserburgh)

NESCol works closely with industry partners to ensure our students learn the skills required for the energy transition. This course will provide you with a range of key practical engineering skills applicable to a variety of roles in the renewable energy sector. The SVQ Level 2 PEO qualification forms a mandatory part of an Engineering Modern Apprenticeship.

Entry Requirements

- No formal entry requirements.

SCQF LEVEL 5

SVQ LEVEL 2 PERFORMING ENGINEERING OPERATIONS: MECHANICAL MANUFACTURE ROUTE

Course code:
C00128 (Fraserburgh)

Gain an introduction to engineering operations related to mechanical manufacturing. Our experienced staff will help you develop workshop skills such as milling, bench fitting and welding, as well as teaching you how to use CAD (computer-aided design) software. The SVQ Level 2 PEO qualification forms a mandatory part of an Engineering Modern Apprenticeship.

Entry Requirements

- No formal entry requirements
- Enthusiastic attitude
- Team player
- Enjoy working with tools in a workshop environment.

SCQF LEVEL 5

NC ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

Course code:
C00112 (Altens)
C00135 (Fraserburgh)

Advance your electrical engineering knowledge and skills in preparation for further study or employment. This course is perfect for you if you want to build on the skills you developed as part of your SVQ Level 2 Performing Engineering Operations (PEO) qualification. Our lecturers will guide you through key aspects of electrical engineering including wiring and installation testing.

Entry Requirements

- One National 5 pass in Maths at grade D or above (Applications of Maths is not accepted)
- Or SVQ Level 2 PEO – with the addition of Preparation for Maths Craft 1
- Relevant life skills and experience may be considered.

SCQF LEVEL 5

NC ENGINEERING SYSTEMS: RENEWABLES

Course code:
C00113 (Altens)

If you're interested in renewable energy, this course will help you become multi-skilled in electrical and mechanical engineering. You'll learn the key principles of both disciplines and develop skills relevant for the energy sector of today and the future - including plant maintenance, testing and measurement.

Entry Requirements

- Three National 5 passes including Maths at grade D or above, English at grade C or above and one practical subject
- Or SVQ Level 2 PEO - plus Maths units
- Relevant life skills and experience may be considered.

SCQF LEVEL 5

NC MECHANICAL ENGINEERING: FABRICATION & WELDING ROUTE

Course code:
C00125 (Fraserburgh)

Expand on the fabrication and welding skills gained during the SVQ Level 2 Performing Engineering Operations (PEO) qualification. You'll grow your knowledge of key processes, as well as enhancing your practical abilities in MIG, TIG and MMA welding, and fabrication. You'll also work on employability skills such as health & safety practice, IT, maths and communication.

Entry Requirements

- SVQ Level 2 PEO - plus Maths unit.

ENERGY TRANSITION SKILLS

SCQF LEVEL 5

NC MECHANICAL ENGINEERING: MECHANICAL MAINTENANCE ROUTE

Course code:
C00124 (Fraserburgh)

Improve your knowledge and gain further skills in mechanical maintenance, building on your learnings from the SVQ Level 2 Performing Engineering Operations (PEO) qualification. Experienced staff will cover key areas including engineering materials, CAD (computer-aided design), graphical engineering communication, Prime Mover and MIG welding, as well as vital employability skills including health & safety practice.

Entry Requirements

- SVQ Level 2 PEO - plus Maths unit.

ENERGY TRANSITION SKILLS

SCQF LEVEL 5

NC MECHANICAL ENGINEERING: MECHANICAL MANUFACTURE ROUTE

Course code:
C00123 (Fraserburgh)

Following on from the SVQ Level 2 Performing Engineering Operations (PEO) qualification, you'll take your mechanical manufacturing skills to the next level. You'll learn about engineering materials, graphical engineering communication and CAD (computer-aided design), as well as how to perform vital processes including milling operations, dimensional control and measurement.

Entry Requirements

- SVQ Level 2 PEO - plus Maths unit.

ENERGY TRANSITION SKILLS

SCQF LEVEL 6

NC ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

Course code:
C00114 (Altens)

This course will help you build on your existing electrical engineering knowledge and advance your skills ready for further study or employment. Our experienced teaching staff will guide you through topics including electrical engineering principles, plant maintenance, testing and measurement, and electrical motors.

Entry Requirements

- One National 5 pass in Maths at grade B or above (Applications of Maths is not accepted)
- Or SCQF Level 5 NC Engineering - with Maths Craft 1 and 2.

ENERGY TRANSITION SKILLS

SCQF LEVEL 6

NC ENGINEERING SYSTEMS

Course code:
C00136 (Fraserburgh)

This multi-disciplined course covers the principles of mechanical, electrical and instrumentation engineering. You'll experience a degree of specialisation in relevant areas of engineering and process technology to support your progression towards further qualifications or employment.

Entry Requirements

- One National 5 pass in Maths at grade B or above
- Or SCQF Level 5 NC Engineering - with Maths Craft 1 and 2.

ENERGY TRANSITION SKILLS

SCQF LEVEL 6

NC MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Course code:
C00111 (Altens)

Develop your theoretical knowledge of engineering with a detailed introduction to mechanical engineering subjects. Our lecturers will help you grow your understanding of dynamics, hydraulics, pneumatics, thermofluids and engineering materials. This course will enable you to progress to a HNC/D course or into employment.

Entry Requirements

- One National 5 pass in Maths at grade B or above (Applications of Maths is not accepted)
- Or SCQF Level 5 NC Engineering - with Maths Craft 1 and 2.

ENERGY TRANSITION SKILLS

SCQF LEVEL 6

ENGINEERING: WIND TURBINE TECHNICIAN (WT) PATHWAY ECITB SCHOLARSHIP TECHNICIAN PROGRAMME

Course code:
C00115 (Altens)

Gain experience and qualifications for the onshore and offshore wind industry with this two-year Wind Turbine Technician Scholarship. You'll establish a grounding in core engineering knowledge and skills as well as an understanding of new technologies essential to the successful delivery of net zero carbon emissions. You'll also learn in-demand digital skills, in preparation for your future career.

Entry Requirements

- One National 5 pass in Maths at grade B or above (Applications of Maths is not accepted)
- Or SCQF Level 5 NC Engineering - with Maths Craft 2.

ENERGY TRANSITION SKILLS

SCQF LEVEL 7

HNC ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

Course code:

C00108 (Altens)
C00133 (Fraserburgh)

This course is designed to help you develop skills in analysis and synthesis for the solution of electrical problems. You'll also advance your understanding of core electrical principles and power systems. Areas covered include the application of programmable logic controllers, electrical machine principles, single phase AC circuits and three phase systems.

Entry Requirements

- Two Highers in Maths and English or a related science/technology subject
- Or SCQF Level 6 NC Engineering - with Technician 2 Maths.

ENERGY TRANSITION SKILLS

SCQF LEVEL 7

HNC ENGINEERING PRACTICE

Course code:

C00122 (Fraserburgh)

Explore a range of engineering subjects including hydraulics and pneumatics, as well as key skills like quality management, staffing and budgeting. This course is ideal if you would like to develop your existing engineering knowledge to HNC level and progress to a supervisory position in a workshop environment.

Entry Requirements

- SCQF Level 5 NC Engineering - with Maths Craft 1.

ENERGY TRANSITION SKILLS

SCQF LEVEL 7

HNC MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Course code:

C00107 (Altens)
C00132 (Fraserburgh)

Lean to solve mechanical engineering problems using essential principles and processes. This is a classroom-based academic programme at a similar level to the first year of university. You'll cover a wide range of topics including thermofluids, dynamics, hydraulics & pneumatics, material selection and mathematics for engineering.

Entry Requirements

- One Higher in Maths
- Or SCQF Level 6 NC Mechanical Engineering - with Technician 2 Maths.

SCQF LEVEL 7

SHELL ENGINEERING SCHEME

Course code:
C00137 (Fraserburgh)

Designed by Shell in conjunction with NESCol, this prestigious fast-track course is looking for the next generation of engineering technicians. Exclusive to our Fraserburgh Campus, this is a two-year sponsored programme that will provide you with a broad knowledge and skillset for electrical, mechanical and instrumentation engineering. You'll receive four full-time qualifications, a leadership qualification and industrial placements.

Entry Requirements

- National 5 - Maths at grade B or above
- Or SCQF Level 5 NC Engineering - with Maths Craft 1 and 2.

SCQF LEVEL 8

HND MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Course code:
C00109 (Altens)

This HND will allow you to enhance your understanding and skillset relating to mechanical engineering principles and practices. Experienced teaching staff will guide you through topics such as plant systems, heat transfer, fluid mechanics, and using CAD (computer-aided design) software. You'll also get the chance to complete a project, increasing your awareness of business processes and continuing professional development (CPD).

Entry Requirements

- One Higher in Maths
- Or SCQF Level 6 NC Mechanical Engineering – with Technician 2 Maths.

SCQF LEVEL 8

HND ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

Course code:
C00110 (Altens)

Develop an in-depth understanding of electrical principles and power systems. You'll enhance your capabilities in the use of electrical and electronic instruments, equipping you with the skills required to work in industry, public sector and service organisations. This course will help you specialise in areas including programmable logic controllers, three phase systems and single phase AC circuits.

Entry Requirements

- Two Highers in Maths and English or a related science/technology subject
- Or SCQF Level 6 NC Engineering - with Technician 2 Maths.

PROFILE

HANNAH GIBB

WIND TURBINE TECHNICIAN (WT) PATHWAY

"I'M DRIVEN BY FEELING LIKE I'M CONTRIBUTING TO SOMETHING IMPORTANT, AND RENEWABLE ENERGY IS A GROWING AND EXCITING SECTOR TO BE INVOLVED IN."

READ HANNAH'S STORY

School > Wind Turbine Technician (WT) Pathway – ECITB Scholarship Technician Programme

ENGINEERING

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Energy industry and energy transition, including renewables • Aerospace • Construction • Entertainment

Environmental protection • Fashion • Food and drink production • Manufacturing • Medicine

Sports Technology • Transport

28,200

PEOPLE EMPLOYED IN ENGINEERING IN ABERDEEN CITY IN 2024

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SCOTLAND

58,000

EXTRA LOW CARBON ENERGY PRODUCTION ROLES IN SCOTLAND BY 2050

SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT

OUR FANTASTIC FACILITIES

ENGINEERING WORKSHOPS

At our Altens and Fraserburgh campuses, our workshops are outfitted with industry-standard equipment and machinery, including electrical circuit rigs and welding facilities.

The Future Skills Zone and Future Skills Workshop based in Fraserburgh allow students to experience innovative technologies including robotics, 3D printing and drones.

Learn skills for the future in our professional engineering workshops.

nescol.ac.uk/engineering

ESOL

ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES

LEARN ENGLISH IN A FUN AND SUPPORTIVE CLASS.

Join our ESOL courses, designed by experts to help you feel confident using English in your everyday life.

Our friendly tutors will help you improve your speaking, listening, reading and writing skills and teach you about life in the UK and citizenship.

Studying ESOL at NESCol will open up many opportunities, whether you want to continue your education or find a new job.

WHERE WILL LEARNING ENGLISH TAKE YOU?

VIEW FULL COURSE LISTING OR TO APPLY VISIT:

nescol.ac.uk/esol

ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (ESOL)

Course code:
C00035 (City)
C00036 (Fraserburgh)

This course has been designed by ESOL professionals to help you improve your English and feel more confident communicating. You'll practice speaking, listening, reading and writing in a friendly and supportive environment with experienced teachers. You'll meet people from all around the world and have fun while learning.

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
- You should have achieved ESOL National 2 level (or A1) or be working towards ESOL National 3 (or A2) at minimum.

HEAR FROM OUR STUDENTS

"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."

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

PROFILE

ROBERT BELLINI

ESOL - HND CREATIVE INDUSTRIES: TV

> THE COURSE WAS ABSOLUTELY FANTASTIC AND THE FACILITIES THEY HAVE AT CITY CAMPUS ARE EXCELLENT.

School > Moved to Scotland from Italy > ESOL course at NESCol > HND Creative Industries: TV > Employment as Head Of Videography

READ ROBERT'S STORY

OUR FANTASTIC FACILITIES

54,000

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

SCOTLAND'S CENSUS

12%

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

SCOTLAND'S CENSUS

HAIR, BEAUTY & COMPLEMENTARY THERAPIES

GROW YOUR SKILL SET AND CONFIDENCE IN NESCOL'S SPECIALIST TRAINING SALONS, READY FOR A CAREER IN HAIR, BEAUTY OR COMPLEMENTARY THERAPIES.

Driven by the latest trends in fashion and health & wellbeing, these industries are vibrant and constantly changing.

You'll build relationships with your regular clients and help them feel their best, often for the most important times of their lives.

With guidance from industry-experienced teaching staff and placements in local salons, you'll be equipped with the essential skills and knowledge to excel in the workplace.

WHAT LOOKS WILL YOU CREATE?

VIEW FULL COURSE LISTING OR TO APPLY VISIT:

nescol.ac.uk/hair

BROADLY COMPARABLE TO

SCQF LEVEL 5

BARBERING

Course code:
C00044 (City)

Our experienced staff will teach you the fundamentals of men's hair styling, cutting, colouring, and lightening. You'll also receive training on client consultations, reception duties, and effective techniques for selling products and services. The course is taught in a realistic work environment, so you'll feel prepared for work placement in a local barbers.

On completion of this course, you'll gain a **VRQ Level 2 Diploma in Barbering.**

Entry Requirements

- SCQF Level 4 Introduction to Hairdressing - VRQ Level 1 Diploma in Hairdressing
- Or experience of full-time work in a salon environment
- Or Schools-College course – Hairdressing
- Two National 5 passes including English are also desirable
- Relevant work experience or qualifications may be considered.

BROADLY COMPARABLE TO

SCQF LEVEL 4

INTRODUCTION TO HAIRDRESSING

Course code:

C00043 (City)
C00146 (Fraserburgh)

This course is ideal for beginners or those with limited hairdressing experience. You'll learn basic practical techniques for shampooing, conditioning and colouring women's hair, as well as styling skills for both men and women. This course also covers essential workplace skills including reception duties, health & safety, and teamwork.

On completion of this course, you'll gain a **VRQ Level 1 Diploma in Introduction to the Hair & Beauty Sector: Hair Route**.

Entry Requirements

- A minimum of two National 4 passes, preferably including English
- Or Schools-College course – Hairdressing or Beauty Therapy
- Relevant work experience may be considered.

BROADLY COMPARABLE TO

SCQF LEVEL 5

HAIRDRESSING

Course code:
C00041 (City)
C00145 (Fraserburgh)

This course will develop your understanding and practical skills in client consultation, shampooing, conditioning and scalp massage. You'll focus on basic styling, cutting, colouring, lightening and perming techniques as well as exploring your own creative skills. Reception duties, promoting and selling products and work experience in a local salon are also included.

On completion of this course, you'll gain a **VRQ Level 2 Diploma in Hairdressing.**

Entry Requirements

- SCQF Level 4 Introduction to Hairdressing or Beauty Therapy - VRQ Level 1 Hairdressing or Beauty Therapy
- Or experience of full-time work in a salon environment
- Or Schools-College course – Hairdressing or Beauty Therapy
- Two National 5 passes including English are also desirable
- Relevant work experience or qualifications may be considered.

BROADLY COMPARABLE TO

SCQF LEVEL 6

ADVANCED HAIRDRESSING

Course code:
C00042 (City)
C00172 (Fraserburgh)

Suited to those who want to advance their hairdressing skill set. This course covers consultation, styling, dressing, cutting, colouring and lightening, as well as specialist areas including colour correction and creative design. You'll receive commercial experience in a local salon and learn about the promotion and selling of products and services.

On completion of this course, you'll gain a **VRQ Level 3 Diploma in Hairdressing.**

Entry Requirements

- SCQF Level 5 Hairdressing - VRQ Level 2 Hairdressing
- Or employment in the hairdressing industry
- Relevant work experience or qualifications may be considered.

BROADLY COMPARABLE TO

SCQF LEVEL 4

INTRODUCTION TO BEAUTY THERAPY

Course code:
C00038 (City)
C00171 (Fraserburgh)

This course is the perfect starting point if you want to work in the beauty therapy industry. Develop basic practical techniques in make-up, skin and hand care, nail art, manicure and pedicure treatments. You'll also learn skills and techniques for photographic make-up, as well as important health & safety knowledge and the ability to carry out reception duties.

On completion of this course, you'll gain a **Introduction to Beauty (Units).**

Entry Requirements

- National 4 – passes preferably including English
- Or Schools-College course – Hairdressing or Beauty Therapy
- Relevant work experience may be considered.

BROADLY COMPARABLE TO

SCQF LEVEL 5

BEAUTY THERAPY

Course code:
C00039 (City)
C00143 (Fraserburgh)

Learn how to work more independently as a beauty therapist. This course covers practical skills including facial skincare, manicure and pedicure (including gel polish and artificial nail enhancements), lash and brow treatments and waxing treatments. You'll also develop client care and communication techniques and undertake reception duties.

On completion of this course, you'll gain a **VRQ Level 2 Diploma in Beauty Therapy.**

Entry Requirements

- SCQF Level 4 Introduction to Beauty Therapy - Introduction to Beauty (Units)
- Or a minimum of two National 5 passes, preferably including English
- Or Schools-College course – Hairdressing or Beauty Therapy
- Relevant work experience or qualifications may be considered.

BROADLY COMPARABLE TO

SCQF LEVEL 6

ADVANCED BEAUTY THERAPY TECHNIQUES

Course code:
C00040 (City)
C00144 (Fraserburgh)

This course will provide you with the skills, knowledge and understanding needed to enter the working world as a well-rounded and confident beauty therapist. Experienced staff will guide you as you learn practical skills in body and hot stone massage, electrotherapy treatments, microdermabrasion, and individual lash extensions (course content may vary depending on campus).

On completion of this course, you'll gain a **VRQ Level 3 Diploma in Beauty Therapy.**

Entry Requirements

- SCQF Level 5 Beauty Therapy - VRQ Level 2 Diploma in Beauty Therapy
- Or employment in the beauty industry
- Plus relevant SCQF Level 5 Anatomy and Physiology qualification.

SCQF LEVEL 7

HNC COMPLEMENTARY THERAPIES

Course code:
C00037 (City)

Learn advanced aspects of complementary therapies and how to work effectively with colleagues and clients. You'll gain practical skills in body and aromatherapy massage and reflexology. Anatomy, physiotherapy and health & safety are key theoretical subjects on this course. You'll also get a work placement opportunity in a local clinic or salon.

Entry Requirements

- Two Highers including English, Biology or Chemistry
- Or SCQF Level 6 Beauty Therapy Techniques - VRQ Level 3 Diploma in Beauty Therapy
- Or HNC/D - Beauty Therapy.

PROFILE

VIKTORIJA NIKITINA

INTRODUCTION TO BEAUTY THERAPY

"I WOULD RECOMMEND THE BEAUTY THERAPY COURSE, ESPECIALLY TO THOSE WHO PLAN TO HAVE THEIR OWN SALON ONE DAY AS YOU NEED TO LEARN EVERYTHING FROM THE BEGINNING."

READ VIKTORIJA'S STORY

HAIR, BEAUTY & COMPLEMENTARY THERAPIES

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Beauty or spa therapist • Barber • Colour technician • Complementary therapist in organisations such as the NHS, hospices, salons or clinics • Hairdresser/ hair stylist • Make-up artist • Massage therapist Nail technician • Salon assistant • Salon owner/ manager • Salon receptionist

£4.6billion

TURNOVER GENERATED BY THE HAIR & BEAUTY INDUSTRY IN 2022/23

NHBF

61%

WORKING IN THE INDUSTRY ARE SELF-EMPLOYED

NHBF

OUR FANTASTIC FACILITIES

HAIR & BEAUTY SALONS

NESCol's specialist training salons feature industry-standard equipment and products and are open to the public, so you'll get the opportunity to work with real clients.

in:tuition at City Campus has a hairdressing salon with 60 workstations, two beauty therapy rooms and a professional nail bar. There is also a sauna, spa and steam room.

The Salon at Fraserburgh Campus has three hair salons, three beauty therapy rooms and a spray tanning cubicle.

Our professional hair & beauty salons give you the chance to perfect a range of treatments and work with real clients.

nescol.ac.uk/hair

HOSPITALITY & PROFESSIONAL COOKERY

PERFECT YOUR CULINARY EXPERTISE AND SERVICE SKILLS READY FOR A CAREER IN THE FAST-PACED HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY.

The hospitality sector is a growing part of the North East economy, with a rising demand for skilled employees.

Learn in our commercial kitchens and training restaurants, where you'll be immersed in a professional environment.

Here, you'll have the opportunity to prepare and serve meals to real customers, gaining the hands-on experience and confidence needed to thrive in your career.

WHAT WILL YOU COOK UP?

VIEW FULL COURSE LISTING OR TO APPLY VISIT:

nescol.ac.uk/hospitality

SCQF LEVEL 4

INTRODUCTION TO PROFESSIONAL COOKERY

Course code:
C00094 (City)

This course introduces fundamental practical cooking skills to those who aspire to work in catering and hospitality. It offers a broad overview of the hospitality industry, covering topics including food safety and service techniques. You'll also develop key transferable skills such as communication and teamwork.

On completion of this course, you'll gain a **Level 1 VRQ Diploma in an Introduction to Professional Cookery, Certificate in Professional Food & Beverage Service** and **REHIS Elementary Food Hygiene Certificate**.

Entry Requirements

- Four National 4 passes, preferably including English and Maths
- Relevant qualifications and work experience may be considered
- Must be aged 16 or over at the start of the course.

SCQF LEVEL 5

INTERMEDIATE PROFESSIONAL COOKERY

Course code:
C00095 (City)

This vocational qualification is suited to professional chefs, trainees looking to upskill, or individuals with industry experience. You'll refine your culinary skills in preparing and cooking a variety of foods including meat, shellfish, soups, desserts, cakes, and more.

On completion of this course, you'll gain a **Level 2 VRQ Diploma in Professional Cookery.**

Note: School leavers and beginners should apply for Introduction to Professional Cookery.

Entry Requirements

- Level 1 VRQ Diploma in an Introduction to Professional Cookery
- Proven industry experience as a chef may be considered.

SCQF LEVEL 6

ADVANCED PROFESSIONAL COOKERY

Course code:
C00168 (City)

Hone your culinary skills and techniques in preparation for a career in hospitality and catering. Experienced staff will guide you through advanced techniques in preparing vegetable, meat, poultry, game, fish and shellfish dishes. You'll also learn the key principles of food safety and supervisory skills.

On completion of this course, you'll gain a **Level 3 VRQ Advanced Diploma in Professional Cookery.**

Note: School leavers and beginners should apply for Introduction to Professional Cookery.

Entry Requirements

- Level 2 VRQ Diploma in Professional Cookery
- Extensive industry experience as a chef may be considered.

SCQF LEVEL 4

LEVEL 1 CERTIFICATE IN FOOD & COOKERY SKILLS

Course code:
C00170 (Fraserburgh)

This 18-week qualification is perfect if you're passionate about food and cookery. You'll gain experience with a variety of cooking skills and methods, preparing you for further education or apprenticeships in the culinary sector. You'll also develop essential transferable skills such as planning, research, communication and teamwork.

On completion of this course, you'll gain a **Level 1 Certificate in Food & Cookery Skills**.

Entry Requirements

- No specific entry requirements
- Suitable for those aged under 16 as well as adult learners.

SCQF LEVEL 5

LEVEL 2 CERTIFICATE IN FOOD & COOKERY SKILLS

Course code:
TBC (Fraserburgh)

This 18-week qualification offers an in-depth exploration of the culinary sector, with a focus on hands-on practice and advanced technical skills. You'll enhance your understanding of core culinary concepts while mastering a wide range of techniques. This course integrates essential theoretical knowledge with practical applications, so you'll feel prepared for the many opportunities in the world of food and cooking.

On completion of this course, you'll gain a **Level 2 Certificate in Food & Cookery Skills**.

Entry Requirements

- Level 1 Certificate in Food and Cookery Skills
- Relevant qualifications and work experience may be considered.

Immerse yourself in the buzz of our industry-standard training kitchens, preparing you for the dynamic hospitality industry.

OUR FANTASTIC FACILITIES

PROFESSIONAL KITCHENS AND RESTAURANTS

Our industry-standard kitchens and front of house settings provide realistic training environments for aspiring chefs.

At City Campus, our Gate 63 restaurant offers exceptional service and fine dining. Open for lunch and dinner, it gives students the chance to put theory into practice with real customers.

Fraserburgh Campus also features a modern Bistro which is used by students running events.

Both campuses boast multiple large kitchens, kitted out with a wide array of cooking equipment.

PROFILE

STUART FERGUSON

ADVANCED PROFESSIONAL COOKERY

"IT'S AMAZING TO THINK THAT MY FIRST FULL-TIME POSITION OUT OF COLLEGE IS AT A MICHELIN-STARRED RESTAURANT. I'D RECOMMEND THE PROFESSIONAL COOKERY COURSES AT NESCOL TO ANYONE KEEN TO GET INTO THE INDUSTRY."

School > Professional Cookery > Advanced Professional Cookery > Employment in a Michelin-starred restaurant

READ STUART'S STORY

HOSPITALITY & PROFESSIONAL COOKERY

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Baker • Catering Assistant • Catering Manager • Chef • Chef de Partie • Commis Chef • Confectioner
Head Chef • Front of House • Kitchen Porter/ Assistant • Private Caterer • Restaurant Manager
Sous Chef • Waiting staff

228,000
EMPLOYED IN SCOTLAND'S HOSPITALITY SECTOR
THE FRASER OF ALLANDER INSTITUTE

£9billion
CONTRIBUTED BY SCOTLAND'S HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY TO THE ECONOMY
UKHOSPITALITY SCOTLAND

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

OUR LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES COURSES ARE AIMED AT THOSE WHO NEED OR HAVE NEEDED SUPPORT WITH THEIR LEARNING IN THE PAST.

NESCol offers a positive, safe, consistent and enabling environment where all students can learn and thrive.

Great emphasis is placed on students developing the skills needed for independence and active participation in the community and our courses allow learners to build confidence, consolidate core skills and learn new skills in a welcoming and nurturing environment.

SUPPORTING YOU TO SUCCESS

VIEW FULL COURSE LISTING OR TO APPLY VISIT:

nescol.ac.uk/learning-opps

SCQF LEVEL 4

DFN PROJECT SEARCH

Course code:
C00052 (City)

Please note that applications are made through the University of Aberdeen for this course. This is a one-year internship programme, supporting young people with learning disabilities and/or autism to enter employment by providing training in employability and independent living skills along with real-life work experience. It is a collaborative project between the University of Aberdeen, North East Scotland College and Values into Action Scotland (VIAS) with support from Skills Development Scotland (SDS). This must be the students' final year of education, after which they will transition into employment upon completing the course.

Entry Requirements

- **To find out about eligibility for this course, please email: dfnprojectsearchuoa@abdn.ac.uk or scan the QR code.**

SCQF LEVEL 3

PREPARATION FOR WORK

Course code:
C00099 (City)
C00161 (Fraserburgh)

Applications for this course 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 allows learners to try out different vocational areas including hospitality, retail, gardening, social subjects and bakery at Aberdeen City Campus and hospitality, retail, science, social subjects and joinery at Fraserburgh Campus. The course encourages independent learning and is a fun and supportive introduction to the world of work and further education.

Entry Requirements

- Ability to work at Level 2+ with support.

SCQF LEVEL 4

QUALIFICATION FOR WORK

Course code:
C00100 (City)
C00163 (Fraserburgh)

This course is aimed at students with additional learning needs who are looking to develop essential skills for employment. The course gives learners the chance to work towards a vocational qualification whilst building on core skills established at school. At Aberdeen City Campus learners choose from retail, hospitality, bakery, gardening, people & society. At Fraserburgh Campus, learners study hospitality. All students complete units in communication, numeracy, employability, and a work placement.

Entry Requirements

- Ability to work at Level 3+ with support or the completion of the **Preparation for Work** course.

SCQF LEVEL 4

QUALIFICATION FOR WORK: HOSPITALITY

Course code:
C00096 (City)

Learners will gain knowledge and skills in hospitality, including basic cooking and food preparation, customer service and health and safety in the kitchen. You will also develop core skills in numeracy, communication and undertake a relevant work placement.

This course is aimed at students with additional learning needs, who are looking to develop essential skills for employment. If further develops independent learning in a range of diverse subjects that will be beneficial for employment and further education.

Entry Requirements

- Ability to work at Level 4 with support or those who have successfully completed Qualification for Work.

SCQF LEVEL 5

QUALIFICATION FOR WORK: SUSTAINABILITY WITH URBAN GARDENING

Course code:
C00097 (City)

This course is aimed at students with additional learning needs, who are looking to develop essential skills for employment. It further develops independent learning in a range of diverse subjects that will be beneficial for employment and further education.

Learners will gain knowledge and skills in climate change and sustainability whilst learning urban gardening techniques and is an ideal course for those who want to work in a land-based role. The course includes a qualification in NPA Climate Change and Sustainability, units in practical gardening techniques, communication, numeracy, socialisation, Scotland in Focus and you will undertake a relevant work placement.

Entry Requirements

- Ability to work at Level 4+ with support or the completion of the Level 4 Qualification for Work course.

SCQF LEVEL 5

ADVANCED QUALIFICATION FOR WORK: RETAIL

Course code:
C00161 (Fraserburgh)

This course is aimed at progressing students with additional learning needs, who are looking to develop essential skills for employment. It further develops independent learning in a range of diverse subjects that will be beneficial for employment and further education. Units include marketing, basic food preparation and cooking, communication, customer care, creative design, and numeracy.

Entry Requirements

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

SCQF LEVEL 5

QUALIFICATION FOR WORK: RETAIL SKILLS

Course code:
C00098 (City)

Learners will develop their knowledge and skills in retail. Units include maintaining, storing and replenishing stock, planning and implementing an event, satisfying customer needs, working in retail, communication, numeracy, socialisation and you will undertake a relevant work placement.

Entry Requirements

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

RESPECT AT NESCOL 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

PROFILE

ANDREW ROBISON

SUPPORTED PROGRAMMES

"I LIKE THE RELAXED, FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE AND MY PARENTS AND LECTURERS HAVE ALL COMMENTED ON HOW I'VE GROWN IN CONFIDENCE. I'VE MADE NEW FRIENDS AND LOOK FORWARD TO COMING TO COLLEGE EACH DAY."

School > Schools-College Partnership course > Preparation for Work (SCQF Level 3)

"It's been great to see the difference in Andrew since he started at College. His confidence has grown, he's made new friends and the support he receives from staff is fantastic. The course is varied and allows him to try a range of subjects which is giving him skills for the future. Every parent wants their child to be happy and safe and Andrew has found that at NESCol. The course and the learning environment allow him to be his true self. "

Jenna Robison, Parent.

READ ANDREW'S STORY

OUR FANTASTIC FACILITIES

Students studying on our supported programmes benefit from learning and working in the excellent facilities at both our Aberdeen City and Fraserburgh Campuses. Depending on the course, learners may have the opportunity to work in the following areas.

At City Campus we have Recycol and Fraserburgh is home to the Shoppie.

Charity retail shops

At City Campus we have Recycol and Fraserburgh is home to the Shoppie. The shops allow our students to develop valuable, hands-on work experience to enhance their CVs. Our students manage the stock, create visual displays, serve customers, and work as part of a team - excellent experience for future employment in the retail industry. All money raised in our shops is donated to a range of charities.

Restaurants

QuickByte is our Aberdeen City restaurant and the Bistro at Fraserburgh. Both allow our students the opportunity to gain valuable hands-on experience in a kitchen environment, building essential skills for employability.

MEDIA, COMMUNICATION & TV

ARE YOU READY TO UNLEASH YOUR CREATIVITY AND MAKE YOUR MARK IN MEDIA?

The fast-paced media industry offers a huge range of career opportunities. Whether your passion lies in journalism, broadcasting, TV or film, NESCol offers the perfect environment to hone your skills.

Our courses are designed to help you master content creation, editing, directing and presenting using advanced equipment, software and studios.

WHAT STORY WILL YOU TELL?

VIEW FULL COURSE LISTING OR TO APPLY VISIT:

nescol.ac.uk/media

SCQF LEVEL 6

CREATIVE MEDIA

Course code:
C00027 (City)

This primarily practical course will introduce you to a range of audio, video and visual digital skills. You'll learn using industry-standard software and equipment and get the chance to work on a range of projects such as podcasts, radio features, videos and websites.

Entry Requirements

- Three National 5 passes, preferably including English
- Relevant experience and life skills may be considered.

BROADLY COMPARABLE TO

SCQF LEVEL 6

FILMCRAFT & ANIMATION

Course code:
C00018 (City)

This course is a great introduction to the flexible skills you need for the film and animation industries. Learn all about animation, video production and post-production, and sound design for visual media. You'll have access to high-quality resources including cameras, editing equipment and animation software, giving you the knowledge to progress to advanced courses.

Entry Requirements

- Three National 5 passes
- Relevant experience and life skills may be considered.

DEGREE LINK

SCQF LEVEL 8

HND MEDIA & COMMUNICATION: JOURNALISM

Course code:
C00024 (City)

This course is perfect if you want to begin a career in a communications role in journalism, marketing, PR or advertising. Our experienced staff will prepare you for working this fast-paced industry, guiding you through the essential theory and practical skills required. You'll learn how to write for the media, develop journalism skills and gain a knowledge of digital media.

Entry Requirements

- Two Highers, preferably including English
- Or SCQF Level 6 Creative Media
- Relevant experience and life skills may be considered.

DEGREE LINK

SCQF LEVEL 8

HND MEDIA & COMMUNICATION: PRODUCTION

Course code:
C00025 (City)

Develop a wide range of skills in broadcast media, podcasting, video production and photography. Our facilities, including radio and photography studios as well as post-production equipment, provide an excellent environment for hands-on learning. You'll engage in industry-led media projects, with previous students having collaborated with high-profile clients like BBC.

Entry Requirements

- Two Highers, preferably including English
- Or SCQF Level 6 Creative Media or Filmcraft & Animation
- Relevant experience and life skills may be considered.

SCQF LEVEL 7

HNC TELEVISION (NEXTGEN)

Course code:
C00022 (City)

Gain the knowledge and creative and technical skills required for a career in television or filmmaking. You'll master the process of filmmaking from camera operation and lighting, to sound and final editing. Our lecturers will guide you through scriptwriting, film theory and audio techniques, as well as how to use software such as After Effects and Premiere Pro. You'll work on a range of projects including music videos, short-form films and corporate videos.

This is an SQA NextGen course, a new and adapted version of HN (Higher National) courses.

Entry Requirements

- Two Highers
- Or SCQF Level 6 Creative Media.

DEGREE LINK

SCQF LEVEL 8

HND TELEVISION (NEXTGEN)

Course code:
C00026 (City)

Gain the knowledge and creative and technical skills required for a career in television or filmmaking. You'll master the process of filmmaking from camera operation and lighting, to sound and final editing. Our lecturers will guide you through scriptwriting, film theory and audio techniques, as well as how to use software such as After Effects and Premiere Pro. You'll work on a range of projects including music videos, short-form films and corporate videos.

This is an SQA NextGen course, a new and adapted version of HN (Higher National) courses.

Entry Requirements

- HNC Television.

PROFILE

JACK GORDON

HND CREATIVE INDUSTRIES:TV

> I'D HIGHLY RECOMMEND THE COURSE TO ANYONE LOOKING TO WORK IN THE CREATIVE INDUSTRIES.

School > Employment in Sport & Leisure > Moved to Aberdeen from Orkney > Level 6 Filmcraft & Animation > HND Creative Industries: TV > Employment as Videographer

READ JACK'S STORY

MEDIA, COMMUNICATION & TV

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Advertising accounts manager • Broadcast journalist • Content creator • Camera operative • Court reporter
Director • Digital imaging technician (DIT) • Editor • Freelance writer • Journalist • Marketing professional • Multimedia
journalist • Runner • Producer • Public relations (PR) professional • Social media professional • TV researcher • Writer

83,500
JOURNALISTS IN THE UK IN 2023
NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE TRAINING OF JOURNALISTS/OFFICE FOR NATIONAL STATISTICS

10,000+
WORKING IN SCOTLAND'S SCREEN SECTOR
SCREEN SCOTLAND

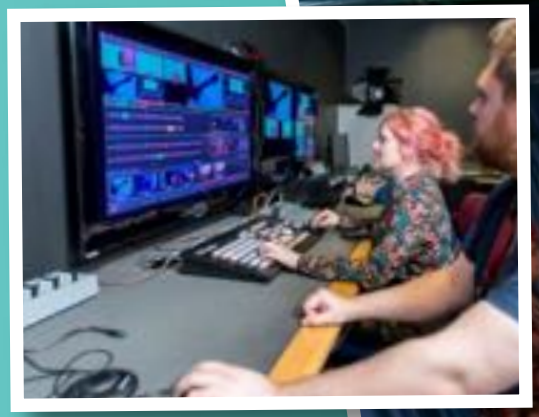
OUR FANTASTIC FACILITIES

MEDIA FACILITIES

In the basement of Aberdeen City Campus, you'll find a HD TV studio and editing suites with the latest software and equipment, used by broadcasting professionals.

You'll also get the opportunity to film outside of the College and have access to advanced filming equipment to use on-the-go.

With experienced lecturers and the chance to work with clients on real projects, you'll feel equipped for embarking on a career in the world of media.



nescol.ac.uk/media

MUSIC, SOUND PRODUCTION & DRAMA

FROM LEARNING TO PLAY INSTRUMENTS AND THE EXPLORATION OF GENRES AND STYLES, TO THE TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF RECORDING, MIXING, AND PRODUCING AUDIO, TO THE STUDY OF THEATRE, ACTING AND PERFORMANCE – NESCOL PROVIDES A CREATIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR NEW EMERGING TALENT TO DEVELOP AND THRIVE IN THEIR RESPECTIVE FIELDS.

Our courses also help aspiring creatives to build the key employability skills required to succeed in this exciting area.

PUT YOUR SKILLS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

VIEW FULL COURSE LISTING OR TO APPLY VISIT:

nescol.ac.uk/music

BROADLY COMPARABLE TO

SCQF LEVEL 5

MUSIC & SOUND

Course code:

C00021 (City)

Enter the dynamic world of music and sound and unlock your creative potential! Discover how musicians craft their sound, from initial concepts to full productions, and delve into the techniques that bring musical ideas to life. This course will give you experience in live performance, producing your own music, and exploring the language of music. Get hands-on with state-of-the-art studio resources and master the essentials of operating a digital audio workstation (DAW). You will be able to work with a mentor, who will guide you through a personalised project in an area of musical interest that inspires you.

Entry Requirements

- A passion for the study of music and a basic level of instrumental and/or vocal skills.
- Applicants should be organised, able to manage their time and work both individually and as part of a group.

BROADLY COMPARABLE TO

SCQF LEVEL 6

MUSIC

Course code:

C00019 (City)

This course is for aspiring musicians who want to develop their skills and work in the music industry. It is a chance to hone your craft, whether in composing, songwriting, or live performance, and to immerse yourself in music production, musicianship and the business side of the industry including working within the community.

Collaborating with fellow students, you will not only develop your own skills but also gain insights from a diverse pool of talents and perspectives. This course is a gateway to turning your passion for music into a thriving career.

Entry Requirements

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

SCQF LEVEL 8

HND MUSIC

Course code:

C00015 (City)

Embarking on this course offers musicians a comprehensive toolkit for success in the dynamic world of music. It will heighten your understanding of music and evolving trends, ensuring that your talents are not just nurtured but also relevant. Through a blend of theory and hands-on practice, you will emerge well-equipped to progress to degree level study or employment in the industry.

Entry Requirements

- Two Highers, including Music. Alternatively, applicants may have completed an appropriate course at Level 6 demonstrating an aptitude for Music.
- For those returning to education, life skills and experience may allow entry. Advanced entry directly to year 2 is possible for those who have previously completed 15 credits from HNC Music.

BROADLY COMPARABLE TO

SCQF LEVEL 6

SOUND PRODUCTION

Course code:
C00020 (City)

Embark on an exciting journey into the world of audio with this hands-on sound production course. Explore the technology and techniques that shape the sounds we hear every day. From understanding the roles within the audio industry to mastering the processes of recording and mixing, this course offers you the chance to develop your skills and knowledge needed for a career in sound production. Whether your passion lies in music production, sound design, or live sound, this course equips you with the skills and knowledge needed to take your first step toward a rewarding career in the audio industry.

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.

SCQF LEVEL 8

HND SOUND PRODUCTION

Course code:
C00016 (City)

This course is for applicants who want to work in professional audio environments. Through practical experience with industry-standard equipment, learners will gain insights into the technical aspects of sound design, from capturing audio to the final mix. This knowledge is crucial for careers in music production, providing a foundation for creative expression and technical expertise in the ever-evolving audio industry.

Entry Requirements

- Two Highers. Alternatively, applicants may have completed Sound Production (Level 6) or another appropriate non-advanced Level 6 course, 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 previously completed 15 credits from HNC Sound Production.

BROADLY COMPARABLE TO

SCQF LEVEL 6

PERFORMING ARTS: DRAMA

Course code:
C00017 (City)

Considering a career in the performing arts? Do you want to develop your acting skills alongside like-minded people? This course is ideal for those with a passion for acting, directing, or production. It focuses on contemporary techniques, working together on group projects, and provides the opportunity to perform live in our studio theatre environment.

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.

SCQF LEVEL 8

HND ACTING & PERFORMANCE

Course code:
C00013 (City)

This advanced level course will allow you to develop acting, movement, voice, and technical theatre skills. Our training embraces contemporary techniques to fully prepare students for the demands of the industry and incorporates methods such as Nadine George for Voice, Frantic Assembly's dynamic approach to physical theatre, and Laban techniques for movement. In-house and external productions provide valuable opportunities to put classroom learning into practice, helping students gain confidence on stage. Performing Arts students at NESCol not only learn from our dedicated staff – they also have the opportunity to participate in workshops run by active professionals in the industry.

Entry Requirements

- Two Highers. All applicants must attend an audition
- Alternatively, applicants may have completed an appropriate Level 6 course 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 previously completed 15 credits from HNC Acting & Performance.

PROFILE

DEAN MELVILLE

HND MUSIC

"THERE ARE SO MANY STANDOUT MOMENTS FROM MY TIME ON THIS COURSE! DURING MY TIME AT NESCOL, I CAN SAY I HAVE PERFORMED IN ABERDEEN'S TOP MUSIC VENUES INCLUDING THE LEMON TREE, KRAKATOA, AND DRUMMONDS."

Level 6 Music > HND Music > Volunteer with music education and social change programme, Big Noise Torry > Travelling/Progression to university

READ DEAN'S STORY

MUSIC, SOUND PRODUCTION & DRAMA

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Actor • Audio Engineer • Audio Technician • Drama Teacher • Music Producer
Music Teacher • Music Therapist • Musician • Presenter • Sound Designer

96%

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

SCOTTISH FUNDING COUNCIL

JOBS IN THE CREATIVE INDUSTRIES ARE GROWING AT

4x

THE RATE OF THE UK AVERAGE

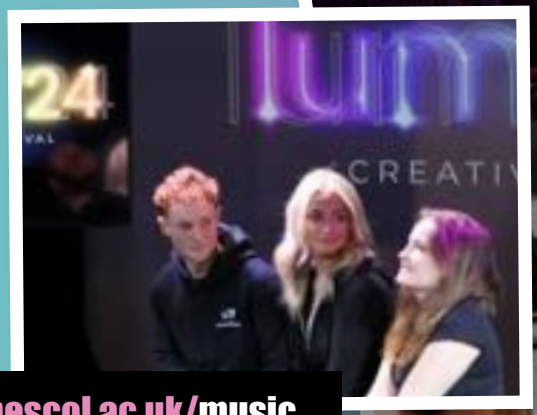
HTTPS:// CULTURECOUNTS.SCOT

OUR FANTASTIC FACILITIES

Aberdeen City Campus boasts fantastic facilities for our Music, Sound Production and Drama students to develop and hone their creative talents and include:

- Theatre
- Music practice rooms
- Movement studio with breakout rooms
- Sound production suite
- TV studio with green screen
- Radio studio.

Our Basement Theatre – with a capacity of 100, hosting a range of shows each year.



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SCIENCE

STUDYING SCIENCE ALLOWS YOU TO MAKE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON OUR SOCIETY.

Science is essential for Scotland's economy, driving innovation and supporting key industries such as healthcare, energy and technology.

A career in science offers exciting opportunities such as contributing to ground-breaking research and solving real-world problems.

NESCol's labs are kitted out with the latest equipment and analytical instruments, so you'll learn essential practical skills ready for further study or employment.

WHAT WILL YOU LEARN?

VIEW FULL COURSE LISTING OR TO APPLY VISIT:

nescol.ac.uk/science

SCQF LEVEL 5

NC APPLIED SCIENCE

Course code:
C00084 (City)
C00085 (Fraserburgh)

Aimed at those with limited formal science qualifications, this course is designed to enhance your understanding of scientific principles and practice. With a focus on hands-on learning, you'll engage in experiments, practical activities and laboratory work. Examples may include studying microbial growth in food and generating electricity from chemical reactions.

Entry Requirements

- National 5 passes at grade C or above in relevant subjects such as Chemistry, Biology, Maths or Physics
- Or SCQF Level 4 Introduction to Science runs February to June, see website for details
- Comfortable studying at SCQF Level 5
- Good numeracy skills.

SCQF LEVEL 6

NC APPLIED SCIENCE

Course code:
C00086 (City)

Gain a sound theoretical understanding of science to allow future study at HNC/D level or university. You will choose to study either the Chemistry/Biology route or the Chemistry/Physics route. This course involves a large amount of practical work relevant to local interests, industries or topical issues. Examples of experiments may include testing aerodynamic design and efficiency using a wind tunnel and studying how enzymes work in our bodies.

Entry Requirements

- National 5 passes at grade B or above in two science subjects and Maths (Applications of Maths may be accepted if there is evidence of strong qualifications in science). If you only hold one National 5 in a science subject, this may still allow entry if you have evidence of strong qualifications in other subjects
- Or SCQF Level 5 NC Applied Science.

SCQF LEVEL 6

FORENSIC SCIENCE & BIOTECHNOLOGY

Course code:
C00083 (City)

Offering both theoretical and hands-on learning, this course covers forensic science, a crucial part of a crime scene investigation. You'll also explore biotechnology, and how this harnesses biological processes for use in industry. You'll learn and try out forensic techniques like blood spatter analysis and fingerprinting, as well as biotechnological techniques such as growing bacteria.

Entry Requirements

- National 5 passes at grade B or above in two science subjects and Maths (Applications of Maths may be accepted if there is evidence of strong qualifications in science). If you only hold one National 5 in a science, this may still allow entry if you have evidence of strong qualifications in other subjects
- Or SCQF Level 5 NC Applied Science.

SCQF LEVEL 6

SCIENCE: ROUTES TO HIGHER EDUCATION

Course code:
C00082 (City)

This is an academically challenging course where you'll study four SQA Highers in Maths, Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Environmental Science or English. Lessons are conducted in small group sessions and are supported with tutorial slots. This course will prepare you for further study in science and related disciplines at HNC/D level, or progression to university.

Entry Requirements

- Four National 5 passes at grade B or above in your selected subjects (Applications of Maths is not accepted). For those wishing to study Environmental Science, Geography or Biology may be accepted as an alternative to National 5 Environmental Science
- Or SCQF Level 5/6 NC Applied Science.

DEGREE LINK

SCQF LEVEL 7

HNC APPLIED SCIENCE (CHEMISTRY/ BIOLOGY ROUTE)

Course code:
C00079 (City)

This diverse course covers both the theory and practice of modern sciences, focusing on chemistry and biology. You'll spend a large amount of time training in essential practical skills and the use of modern analytical lab equipment. Combined with scientific communication and presentation skills, you'll be highly sought after by employers. The HNC is one year of study.

Entry Requirements

- Two Highers in Chemistry and Biology/Human Biology, plus National 5 Maths at grade C or above (Applications of Maths is not accepted)
- If you only have one Higher in Chemistry or Biology, you need a National 5 at grade B for the other
- Or SCQF Level 6 NC Applied Science at grade B or above (Chemistry/ Biology route)
- Or SCQF Level 6 Forensic Science & Biotechnology
- Or Science: Routes to Higher Education – including Highers in Chemistry, Biology and Maths.

DEGREE LINK

SCQF LEVEL 8

HND APPLIED SCIENCE (CHEMISTRY/ BIOLOGY ROUTE)

Course code:
C00081 (City)

This advanced course covers the key theoretical and practical aspects of chemistry and biology. You'll further enhance your laboratory and innovation skills, as well as project management and presentation. Part of the course involves a major research project, and you'll have the opportunity to specialise in a particular area that interests you. The HND is two years of study.

Entry Requirements

- Two Highers in Chemistry and Biology/ Human Biology, plus National 5 Maths at grade C or above (Applications of Maths is not accepted)
- If you only have one Higher in Chemistry or Biology, you need a National 5 at grade B for the other
- Or SCQF Level 6 NC Applied Science at grade B or above (Chemistry/Biology route)
- Or SCQF Level 6 Forensic Science & Biotechnology
- Or Science: Routes to Higher Education – including Highers in Chemistry, Biology and Maths.

SCQF LEVEL 7

HNC APPLIED SCIENCE (CHEMISTRY/ PHYSICS ROUTE)

Course code:
C00078 (City)

This broad course will give you both the theory and practical skills for modern sciences, with a focus on chemistry and physics. It includes a large amount of laboratory-based work where you'll learn essential practical skills and how to use analytical instrumentation. Alongside this, you'll also develop your scientific communication and presentation skills. The HNC is one year of study.

Entry Requirements

- Two Highers in Chemistry and Physics, plus National 5 Maths at grade B or above (Applications of Maths is not accepted)
- If you only have one Higher in Chemistry or Physics, you need a National 5 at grade B for the other
- Or SCQF Level 6 course NC Applied Science - grade B or above (Chemistry/Physics route)
- Or Science: Routes to Higher Education – including Highers in Chemistry, Physics and Maths.

DEGREE LINK

SCQF LEVEL 8

HND APPLIED SCIENCE (CHEMISTRY/ PHYSICS ROUTE)

Course code:
C00080 (City)

Grow your scientific knowledge and practical skills, specialising in the fields of chemistry and physics. This advanced-level course focuses on hands-on training, giving you the chance to put theory into practice. You'll also develop valuable skills in experimentation, analytical testing and modern instrumentation, preparing you for further study at university or employment. The HND is two years of study.

Entry Requirements

- Two Highers in Chemistry and Physics, plus National 5 Maths at grade B or above (Applications of Maths is not accepted)
- If you only have one Higher in Chemistry or Physics, you need a National 5 at grade B for the other
- Or SCQF Level 6 course NC Applied Science - grade B or above (Chemistry/ Physics route)
- Or Science: Routes to Higher Education – including Highers in Chemistry, Physics and Maths.

PROFILE

LAURENCE MCLENAN
APPLIED SCIENCE

> I ENJOY THE WIDE VARIETY OF SKILLS THE APPLIED SCIENCE COURSE HAS GIVEN ME.

School > Schools-College courses: Skills for Work Engineering and Introduction to Construction > NC SCQF Level 5 Applied Science > hopes to one day become a paramedic

READ LAURENCE'S STORY

SCIENCE

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Analytical chemist • Biochemist • Biologist • Biomedical scientist • Biotechnologist
Environmental scientist • Food scientist • Forensic scientist • Geophysicist • Laboratory technician
Marine biologist • Medical physicist • Microbiologist • Research scientist
Secondary school science teacher • Technical brewer

40,000
PEOPLE WORK IN LIFE SCIENCES IN SCOTLAND
LIFE SCIENCES IN SCOTLAND

75%
OF SCOTLAND'S LATE-STAGE DRUG DEVELOPMENT COMPANIES ARE IN THE NORTH EAST
OPPORTUNITY NORTH EAST (ONE)

OUR FANTASTIC FACILITIES

SCIENCE LABORATORIES

Our labs at City and Fraserburgh campus are full of activity as practical work is a core part of our science courses.

City Campus has five labs and one instrumental analysis lab which features a range of specialist equipment. This includes a fluorescence spectrometer, flame tubes, cloud chambers and hydrogen and biotechnology equipment.

Each lab holds approximately 20 students and functions as a classroom, allowing theory and practice to be delivered at the same time.

Bring your understanding of science to life with experiments and practical work in our fully equipped labs.

nescol.ac.uk/science

SOCIAL SCIENCES

GROW YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF HUMAN BEHAVIOUR AND SOCIETY AND DEVELOP TRANSFERABLE SKILLS FOR A RANGE OF CAREERS.

Social sciences is a diverse and interesting area of study, covering a range of disciplines including sociology, psychology, politics and criminology.

These fields look at understanding how societies function and humans interact, and the impact of cultural, economic, political and social factors.

By studying social sciences, you will gain analytical, research and critical thinking skills, essential for further study or employment.

WHAT WILL YOU DISCOVER?

VIEW FULL COURSE LISTING OR TO APPLY VISIT:

nescol.ac.uk/social-sciences

SCQF LEVEL 5

SOCIAL SCIENCES: UNDERSTANDING HUMAN BEHAVIOUR & SOCIETY

Course code:

C00089 (City)
C00166 (Fraserburgh)

Discover how social sciences explain human behaviour and society. You'll explore a range of subjects including sociology, psychology, modern studies, citizenship and mental health and wellbeing. You'll also develop essential skills including communication, self-awareness, confidence, innovation and digital skills.

Entry Requirements

- National 4 and 5 passes
- Relevant qualifications and experience may be considered.

SCQF LEVEL 6

SOCIAL SCIENCES: PERSPECTIVES ON 21ST CENTURY SOCIETY & CULTURE

Course code:

C00088 (City)
C00165 (Fraserburgh)

Explore the social sciences and gain an understanding of contemporary themes such as the impact of technology, social movements, crime, climate change, mental health and social issues like discrimination. This course covers a range of subjects including sociology, psychology and criminology, as well as developing your communication skills, self-awareness and social intelligence.

Entry Requirements

- Three National 5 passes
- Or SCQF Level 5 Social Sciences
- Relevant qualifications and experience may be considered.

SCQF LEVEL 6

ACCESS TO SOCIAL SCIENCES, ARTS & EDUCATION (SWAP)

Course code:
C00090 (City)

This one-year full-time course will prepare you for progression to an undergraduate degree in the arts, social sciences or primary education. Built from SQA units, you'll cover subjects including sociology, psychology, Higher English, National 5 Maths as well as Preparation for Higher Education.

The Scottish Wider Access Programme (SWAP) supports access to higher education for adult learners. SWAP access programmes run at colleges across Scotland and provide a route into hundreds of university degree courses. This course is specifically designed for adults who are returning to education after a gap and is not suitable for candidates applying straight from school or those who have a degree.

Entry Requirements

- No formal qualifications required
- You must have been out of education for at least 3 years if your last course of study was up to SCQF Level 5
- You must have been out of education for at least 5 years if your last course of study was up to SCQF Level 6.

SCQF LEVEL 7

HNC SOCIAL SCIENCES WITH CRIMINOLOGY

Course code:
C00087 (City)
C00164 (Fraserburgh)

This course will help you gain an understanding of how social sciences such as sociology and psychology contribute to the study of human behaviour and the modern world. As well as enhancing your knowledge of competing perspectives across different social science disciplines, you'll develop essential research, investigation and critical decision-making skills. Completion of this course allows progression to Year 2 of the HND.

Entry Requirements

- Two Highers in relevant subjects: English, Psychology, RMPS, History, Modern Studies, Geography or Business Management
- Or SCQF Level 6 Social Sciences course
- Relevant life skills and experience may be considered.

DEGREE LINK

SCQF LEVEL 8

HND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Course code:
(City - Year 2)

This advanced level course will strengthen your existing knowledge and understanding when it comes to human behaviour and society. You'll use critical thinking to analyse different issues and build valuable evaluative and problem-solving skills. Supportive lecturers will guide you through topics including sociology, psychology and criminology and you'll also develop your research skills.

Entry Requirements

- HNC Social Sciences.

OUR FANTASTIC FACILITIES

Explore the diverse social sciences in well-equipped classrooms and study spaces across campus.

CLASSROOMS, AUDITORIUM AND STUDY SPACES

Experienced lecturers will guide you through the fascinating social sciences in spacious classrooms, as well as our auditorium at City Campus which seats 100.

There are a range of social and study spaces across all of our campuses, with WiFi throughout. In the libraries, you'll find a wide range of resources, PCs, quiet zones and areas for group study, the ideal environment for researching and project work.

nescol.ac.uk/social

PROFILE

CHARLIE THIRD

HND SOCIAL SCIENCES

"I'D ADVOCATE THE BRILLIANT EXPERIENCE THAT IS NORTH EAST SCOTLAND COLLEGE TO ANYONE THINKING ABOUT RETURNING TO LEARNING."

Employment as a hotel manager > HND Social Sciences > Year 3 MA Sociology > Became a dad > Sociology PhD

READ CHARLIE'S STORY

SOCIAL SCIENCES

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Administrator • Archivist • Business management • Civil service administrator • Community development worker
Human resources officer • Journalist • Lecturer • Local government officer • Police • Policy officer
Social researcher • Social worker • Teacher • Youth Worker

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UNIVERSITIES IN ABERDEEN OFFER PATHWAYS TO DEGREES IN RELATED SUBJECTS

60%
OF GLOBAL LEADERS HAVE AN UNDERGRAD DEGREE IN A SOCIAL SCIENCES FIELD
ACADEMY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

SPORT, FITNESS & UNIFORMED SERVICES

ARE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT SPORTS, DEDICATED TO FITNESS OR INTERESTED IN SERVING YOUR COMMUNITY THROUGH UNIFORMED SERVICES?

With a career in sports or the uniformed services (such as the Police, Armed Forces and Fire and Rescue Service), you'll get the opportunity to make a positive impact on individuals and the wider society.

NESCol has links to sport and fitness organisation and local uniformed services, giving you the chance to gain experience and first-hand insight into these rewarding careers.

WHAT WILL YOU ACHIEVE?

VIEW FULL COURSE LISTING OR TO APPLY VISIT:

nescol.ac.uk/sport

BROADLY COMPARABLE TO

SCQF LEVEL 4/5

INTRODUCTION TO SPORT COACHING, EXERCISE & FITNESS

Course code:

C00050 (City)
C00142 (Fraserburgh)

This course lays the foundations for a career in sport, fitness and wellbeing. Gain a basic understanding of the different body systems, learn how to plan a gym session and develop key skills like coaching and communication. You'll also experience guest coaching in sports such as American football and handball.

On completion of this course, you'll gain an **NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Sport, Exercise & Fitness.**

Entry Requirements

- No formal entry requirements
- Must have a keen interest in sport and fitness
- Relevant experience may be considered
- Must attend an interview which includes a group presentation, one-to-one interview and practical team-building activity.

BROADLY COMPARABLE TO

SCQF LEVEL 5/6

ADVANCED SPORT COACHING, FITNESS & EXERCISE

Course code:

C00047 (City)
C00139 (Fraserburgh)

This course is ideal if you have a passion for sport coaching, fitness and exercise, and are driven to stay active. You'll develop skills in client consultations, coaching a variety of sports and gym instructing. As part of the volunteering unit, you may get to work with external partners such as Aberdeen FC, Sport Aberdeen and Aberdeen Sports Village.

On completion of this course, you'll gain an **NCFE Level 2 Gym Instructor and Emergency First Aid at Work** qualifications.

Entry Requirements

- Three National 5 passes at grade C or above including PE and English
- Or Introduction to Sport Coaching, Exercise & Fitness course – NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Sport, Exercise & Fitness
- Relevant industry experience or qualifications may be considered
- Must attend an interview which includes a group presentation, one-to-one interview and practical team-building activity.

DEGREE LINK

SCQF LEVEL 7/8

HNC/HND SPORTS COACHING & DEVELOPMENT

Course code:

C00046 (City - HND)
C00169 (Fraserburgh - HNC)

Explore the fundamentals of sports coaching and development, ideal if you want to participate in sport, lead coaching sessions or work directly with athletes. Blending practical subjects with related theory, you'll be equipped with the skills and knowledge to work as a professional in the sports industry. You'll participate in a range of sports events and festivals and gain an industry-recognised PDA qualification.

Entry Requirements

- Two Highers in PE and another relevant subject such as Science, Maths or English
- Or Advanced Sport Coaching, Fitness & Exercise course
- Or NPA in Exercise Leadership – plus one Higher
- Relevant industry experience and qualifications may be considered
- Must attend a group interview during Transition to Sport day.

DEGREE LINK

SCQF LEVEL 8

HND FITNESS, HEALTH & EXERCISE

Course code:
C00045 (City)

This course is perfect if you wish to work in the areas of fitness, health and exercise instruction. You'll study a wide range of subjects spanning the whole spectrum of sport science and fitness leadership, as well as a PDA in Personal Training. You'll develop essential skills in exercise prescription, nutrition and personal training, and build an understanding of the scientific principles that support practical performance.

Entry Requirements

- Two Highers in PE and another relevant subject such as Science, Maths or English
- Or Advanced Sport Coaching, Fitness & Exercise course
- Or NPA in Exercise Leadership – plus one Higher
- Relevant industry experience and qualifications may be considered
- Must attend a group interview during Transition to Sport day.

SCQF LEVEL 4/5

LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA FOR ENTRY TO THE UNIFORMED SERVICES

Course code:
C00048 (City)
C00140 (Fraserburgh)

Learn about a career in the uniformed services and develop essential skills such as teamwork and leadership. Uniformed services encompass the Armed Forces, Police, Fire and Rescue Service and more, and you'll find out about different opportunities and recruitment processes. During the course, you'll improve your fitness, experience outdoor skills activities and visit various uniformed services for a valuable insight into these roles.

On completion of this course, you'll gain an **NCFE Level 2 Diploma for Entry to the Uniformed Services.**

Entry Requirements

- No formal entry requirements
- Must have a keen interest in studying uniformed services and be willing to take part in all theoretical and practical elements of the course
- Relevant experience may be considered
- Must attend an interview which includes a group presentation, one-to-one interview and practical team-building activity.

SCQF LEVEL 5/6

LEVEL 3 CERTIFICATE FOR ENTRY TO THE UNIFORMED SERVICES

Course code:
C00049 (City)
C00141 (Fraserburgh)

Following on from the NCFE Level 2 Diploma, this course will ensure you're well prepared for a career in the Police, Royal Marines, Royal Navy, Royal Air Force (RAF), Army, Fire and Rescue Service or Prison Service. You'll also take part in a range of outdoor activities, fitness training and hear first-hand about responsibilities, progression routes and joining processes from different uniformed services professionals.

On completion of this course, you'll gain an **NCFE Level 3 Certificate for Entry to the Uniformed Services**.

Entry Requirements

- Two National 5 passes at grade C or above
- Or NCFE Level 2 Diploma for Entry to the Uniformed Services
- Must have an interest in studying uniformed services and be willing to take part in all theoretical and practical elements of the course
- Relevant industry experience or qualifications may be considered
- Must attend an interview which includes a group presentation, one-to-one interview and practical team-building activity.

Maintain an active lifestyle and make the most of our fitness suites and games halls, used for both learning and personal fitness.

OUR FANTASTIC FACILITIES

Fitness Suites & Games Halls

The fitness suites at our City and Fraserburgh campuses are fully equipped with cardiovascular and resistance machines, and free weights areas. As well as being used for teaching, you can use these suites free of charge at selected times.

Both campuses also have games halls where students can take part in various activities including basketball, volleyball, badminton, martial arts, yoga and aerobics.

PROFILE

COBY KEITH

HND SPORTS COACHING & DEVELOPMENT

> THERE ARE EXCELLENT VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES DURING THE COURSE AND IT'S SO USEFUL TO BE ABLE TO APPLY YOUR NEWLY LEARNED KNOWLEDGE IN A REAL-LIFE SETTING

School > Schools-College course: Exercise & Fitness Leadership NPA > HND Sports Coaching & Development > Year 3 BSc (Hons) Sports Coaching & working part-time coaching at Aberdeen Sports Village

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SPORT, FITNESS & UNIFORMED SERVICES

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

British Army • Coastguard • Fitness/ gym instructor • PE teacher • Personal trainer
Police Scotland • Royal Air Force (RAF) • Royal Marines • Royal Navy • Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
Scottish Prison Service • Sport and exercise scientist • Sports coach • Sports or leisure centre manager
Sports professional • Sports therapist

181,000+
UK ARMED FORCES PERSONNEL
UK GOVERNMENT

45,000+
SPORT-RELATED JOBS IN SCOTLAND
SPORT SCOTLAND

TRAVEL & TOURISM

TRAVEL & TOURISM IS ONE OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST SECTORS, OFFERING ALMOST ENDLESS CAREER OPPORTUNITIES!

Think cruise lines, airlines, airports, business travel, tour reps, cabin crew, customer service, hospitality, and so much more.

Travel and tourism is a huge growth industry for the North East of Scotland, with many new developments and investments creating exciting career prospects.

Our courses help build the professional attitude, skills, awareness and knowledge needed to thrive in this exciting industry.

WHERE WILL YOUR CAREER TAKE YOU?

VIEW FULL COURSE LISTING OR TO APPLY VISIT:

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SCQF LEVEL 5

DISCOVER TRAVEL & TOURISM

Course code:
C00093 (City)

Explore travel tourism industry roles and skills. You'll gain essential knowledge for a career in travel, tourism or other customer-facing industries. Our experienced lecturers will take you through modules including an introduction to air cabin crew, travel agency skills, tourist destinations and the role of a resort rep.

Entry Requirements

- At least one National 5 pass, preferably in English or Geography, plus three National 4 passes
- Relevant life skills and experience may be considered.

SCQF LEVEL 6

TRAVEL, TOURISM & AVIATION

Course code:
C00092 (City)

Develop your knowledge of the travel and tourism industry with a particular focus on the aviation industry and air cabin crew. This course covers airport ground operations, activity tourism, dynamic package holidays and working as air cabin crew.

Entry Requirements

- Four National 5 passes, preferably including English, Maths and Geography
- Or SCQF Level 5 Discover Travel & Tourism
- Relevant life skills and experience may be considered.

DEGREE LINK

SCQF LEVEL 8

HND TRAVEL & TOURISM

Course code:
C00091 (City)

Get industry-ready and equipped with the skills, knowledge and attributes for a career in travel and tourism. You'll cover topics including customer care, airline and airport operations, marketing principles, tour guiding and the history of Scottish tourism. This course will prepare you to go directly into employment, or progression towards a university degree.

Entry Requirements

- Two Highers including one in a relevant subject such as English, History, Geography, Psychology, Sociology, Modern Studies, Philosophy or RMPS
- Or SCQF Level 6 Travel, Tourism & Aviation
- Relevant life skills and experience may be considered.

PROFILE

ALYSIA DEWAR

HND TRAVEL & TOURISM

"I HIGHLY RECOMMEND TO ANYONE WHO IS LOOKING FOR A CHANGE IN THEIR CAREER TO MAKE THE LEAP AND APPLY TO NESCOL. FOLLOW YOUR PASSION AS LIFE IS TOO SHORT NOT TO."

School > Working in childcare > SCQF Level 6 Travel & Tourism > HND Travel & Tourism > Employment as a Business Travel Consultant

READ ALYSIA'S STORY

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

TRAVEL & TOURISM

Airport check-in staff • Airport ground crew • Cabin crew • Cruise ship steward
Customer service personnel • Hotel staff and manager • Heritage officer • Resort representative
Tour guide • Tour manager • Tourist information centre manager • Travel agent
Travel agency manager • Travel consultant • Visitor attraction general manager

£1.1billion
ECONOMIC IMPACT OF TOURISM IN THE NORTH EAST OF SCOTLAND
VISIT SCOTLAND

41,500
PEOPLE NEEDED TO FILL JOBS IN SCOTLAND BETWEEN 2024 AND 2027
MY WORLD OF WORK

OUR FANTASTIC FACILITIES

NESCol TRAVEL CENTRE

Located at Aberdeen City Campus, the NESCol Travel Centre is the main hub for our Travel & Tourism courses. You'll get the chance to perfect your customer service skills with our check-in desk and learn about cabin crew duties using an airline trolley.

Throughout your course, you'll have access to online resources used by the travel industry such as reservation systems – so you'll feel confident moving into employment.

Grow your knowledge of the travel & tourism industry and refine your customer service skills at NESCol's Travel Centre.

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CAREERS AT SEA

OUR NAUTICAL CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE, THE SCOTTISH MARITIME ACADEMY (SMA), SPECIALISES IN TRAINING FOR CAREERS IN THE MARITIME INDUSTRY FOR BOTH NEW ENTRANTS AND EXPERIENCED SEAFARERS.

Whether you want to join the Merchant Navy, work in the fishing industry or find an opportunity in the standby and supply sector, our accredited courses can help you succeed in a career at sea.

SET SAIL TO SUCCESS

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scottish maritime academy

SCQF LEVEL 5

TRAINEE DECKHAND (NPA MARITIME SKILLS)

This 12 week course is ideal for anyone interested in a career at sea. The course covers the basic requirements of a trainee deckhand. The course will provide the necessary training to gain employment within the Merchant Navy, the offshore energy sector and the fishing industry. As well as gaining a National Progression Award (NPA) in Maritime studies, learners may also achieve STCW basic safety training and Seafish mandatory safety certificates allowing you to work at sea.

Entry Requirements

- There are no formal entry requirements for this course although applicants should be at least 16 years old and have a basic level of core skills.

Visit our website for more information:
www.smaritime.co.uk

SCQF LEVEL 7

DECK OFFICER CADET PROGRAMME

Deck Officers are vital members of a ship's operational crew, responsible for navigating vessels safely around the world. This programme consists of 5 phases undertaken over 3 years, and combines classroom learning at the SMA with time spent on commercial ships operating across seas and oceans worldwide. Successful students will gain the MCA Officer of the Watch Certificate of Competency and an HNC in Nautical Science. Places on the course are sponsored by shipping companies,, please contact: **Ch.Bell@nescol.ac.uk** for further information.

Entry Requirements

- Applicants should have four National 5 passes (or equivalent) including English, Maths and one science subject. You will also be required to pass a seafarer medical test (ENG 1).

Please note that having a criminal record may prevent applicants from being accepted onto this course due to international visa restrictions.

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"HAVING LECTURERS WHO PREVIOUSLY WORKED IN THE INDUSTRY IS BENEFICIAL, AS THEY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PASS ON THEIR EXPERIENCES ABOARD DIFFERENT TYPES OF SHIPS."

EWAN MAY

READ THEIR STORY

"THE BENEFITS (OF THE CADETSHIP) THAT STAND OUT THE MOST FOR ME ARE THE STUNNING VIEWS YOU GET TO WAKE UP TO EVERY DAY, TRAVELLING TO DIFFERENT PLACES AROUND THE WORLD, HAVING THE RESPONSIBILITY TO CARRY OUT COMPLEX JOBS, AND THE WELL-DESERVED TIME OFF AFTER TRIPS."

FINLAY BUCHANAN

CAREERS AT SEA

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

IN 2022 THERE WERE

5,541

UK REGISTERED FISHING VESSELS

UK GOVERNMENT

95%

OF ALL GOODS ARRIVE IN THE UK BY SHIP

CAREERSATSEA.ORG

OUR FANTASTIC FACILITIES

The Scottish Maritime Academy (SMA) is our purpose-built training centre occupying a unique location overlooking the Port of Peterhead. Students learn and can replicate real-time vessel activity using the following facilities.

- ECDIS suite with 1-on-1 workstations
- Transas simulator with 3 training bridges
- Radio simulation room
- Net hall
- Chart rooms.

The SMA also has a library and coffee shop on site.

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OPEN DAYS

OPEN EVENTS GIVE YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO FIND OUT EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT COLLEGE LIFE INCLUDING INFORMATION ON COURSES, THE APPLICATION PROCESS, FUNDING, AND SUPPORT AVAILABLE TO YOU DURING YOUR STUDIES.

Tour facilities

Speak to subject specialists

Learn about College life

Get advice on applications and funding

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