

## **HNC Built Environment** *(SCQF Level 7)*

Full-time (or day release)

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

<b>Course code</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Duration</b>
AFCB	Aberdeen Altens Campus	1 Year

### **Welcome from Director of Curriculum**

As the current Director of Curriculum, I would like to welcome you to the School of Engineering, Science and Technology at North East Scotland College. The School provides courses in Engineering, Science, Construction and Automotive Engineering, all of which offer outstanding opportunities for students to attain industry relevant qualifications which enable progression into or within the workplace or onto further study.

We are very fortunate to have state-of-the-art teaching facilities, which means that each and every one of our students will experience industry-focused, high quality and inspirational learning. Our main focus is ensuring that on completion of your course, you are capable and confident when it comes to entering the workplace or progressing towards further study at College or University. We pride ourselves in offering vocationally relevant opportunities for all, whether you are studying at introductory level or joining one of our advanced courses. We would be delighted to help you achieve your employment aspirations.

**Susan Grant, Director of Curriculum for Engineering, Science and Technology**

### **Introduction to the course**

This course is designed for those who want to access a related university course, or those who are already working in the industry and wish to build on their skills - perhaps to work towards a promotion. It offers strong, sector-related training which will allow you to acquire the abilities and attributes needed for educational and professional progression.

### **Entry requirements**

Applicants should preferably have two Highers, and Maths and English qualifications at National 5, Intermediate 2 or Standard Grade Credit level. Successful completion of a related NC course is also acceptable. Applicants may be asked to undertake a Maths and/or English test depending on their qualifications.

### **What subjects will I be studying?**

You will cover a range of subjects relevant to working as a construction professional. Subjects include:

- Technical Drawing
- CAD
- Site Surveying

- Measurement and Costing
- Building Science
- Building Services
- Substructure and Superstructure

## Assessment methods

On this course you will be assessed continually, throughout the year. At the end of the course you will review, discuss and present work to teaching staff and peers, and also conduct a self-evaluation.

## Dress code

Generally, ordinary clothing is sufficient. However if visiting workshops or building sites, appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and/or outdoor wear will be necessary.

## Equipment

You must supply your own equipment and clothing.

## Course progression

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

## University links

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

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

## University progression

### Edinburgh Napier University

- BSc/BSc (Hons) Construction & Project Management year 2 (subject to conditions)
- BSc/BSc (Hons) Building Surveying year 2 (subject to conditions)
- BSc/BSc (Hons) Real Estate Surveying year 2 (subject to conditions)
- BSc/BSc (Hons) Quantity Surveying year 2 (subject to conditions)

Please note that articulation is subject to satisfactory completion of the course, achieving a minimum Grade B in the Graded Unit.

### The Open University

An HNC can give up to 120 credits towards the 300/360 credit BA/BSc Open Degree/BA/BSc Open Degree with Honours.

## Employment

Popular career paths include that of construction, architecture, surveying and project management.

## Useful information

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**Faculty:** Construction and Automotive Engineering

**School:** School of Engineering, Science and Technology

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## Guidance

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

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

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

## Support

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

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

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

## Learning Resources

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

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

## Library+ and Digital Skills Space

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

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

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

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

## College calendar

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

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