



SOUTHPORT COLLEGE UNIVERSITY CENTRE

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*Knowledge
is power.*

*Information
is liberating.*

*Education
is the premise of
progress, in every
society, in every
family.”*

Kofi Annan.

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Welcome



I am delighted to introduce the Southport College University Centre prospectus. We are proud to offer the opportunity to study for higher level diplomas, foundation degrees and honours degrees in the heart of Southport and in an environment where the focus is on individually supporting each and every student.

We achieve this through affordable course fees; class sizes that are smaller than traditional Universities; and unrivalled levels of academic, pastoral and learning support and expert tuition from our highly experienced, industry practiced, friendly tutors.

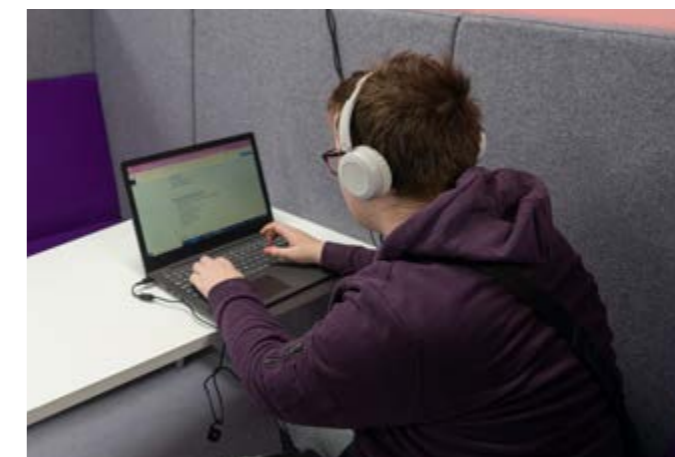
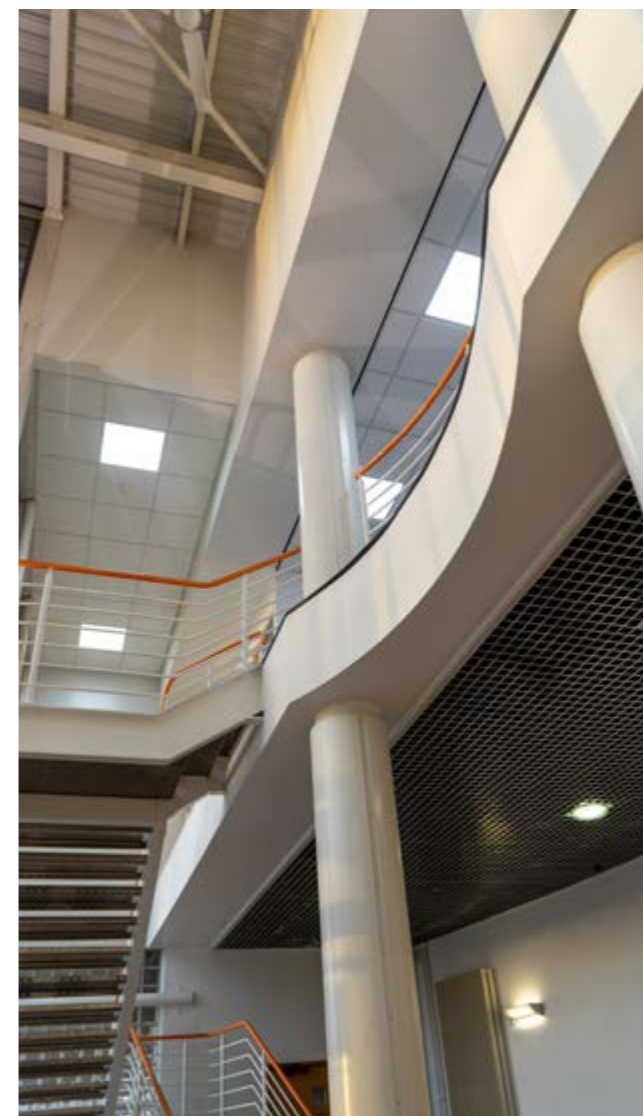
All our programmes can be studied flexibly, alongside work, family or other commitments and where possible, we aim to offer students the opportunity to gain an array of relevant, professional experience through work on live briefs and projects.

Our aim is to inspire all our students to achieve their dreams and ambitions and we truly believe that our University Centre is a great place to study and succeed. We have excellent facilities, committed and talented students and staff, and focus on developing academic and professional skills alongside a belief in providing a rewarding and enriching student experience. In addition, we work with outstanding university partners, including the University of Cumbria and UCLan, so that our students can achieve a full honours degree studying in Southport.

This prospectus and our website provide a great introduction to the higher education available to you here in Southport, but the best way is always to see for yourself! So please do join us at our next Open Evening, and discover first-hand what makes our University Centre so special.

I look forward to meeting you soon.

MICHELLE BRABNER
PRINCIPAL / CEO





Why study at Southport College University Centre?

Our lecturers are industry practised professionals, bringing many years of experience and connections with them. Live briefs or client projects form an integral part of many of our courses, offering students the opportunity to put theory into practice as part of their programme. Many courses have links with local businesses and organisations who share their experiences with students, to help them prepare for their future career.



Competitive fees

We offer extremely competitive course fees, many of which are payable using the student loan system. See our website for further information. <https://www.southport.ac.uk/universitycentre/fees>

Dedicated HE facilities

Southport College University Centre offers dedicated classroom spaces and study zones for Higher Education students.

Small class sizes

With much smaller classes than the larger universities, students benefit from far more contact time with lecturers and peers.

University partnerships

All our degree courses are validated by our prestigious university partners; The University of Cumbria and UCLan. By studying at Southport College University Centre you have access to a wide range of partner benefits.



Our facilities

Southport College University Centre offers fantastic newly refurbished classroom spaces and study zones specifically for Higher Education students. You will also find a well-stocked Library & Study Centre, staffed by friendly and supportive academic librarians and full of books and other learning resources, as well as giving you the opportunity to self-loan a laptop or make use of a quiet study space.

1 Health & Social Care and Working with Children and Families

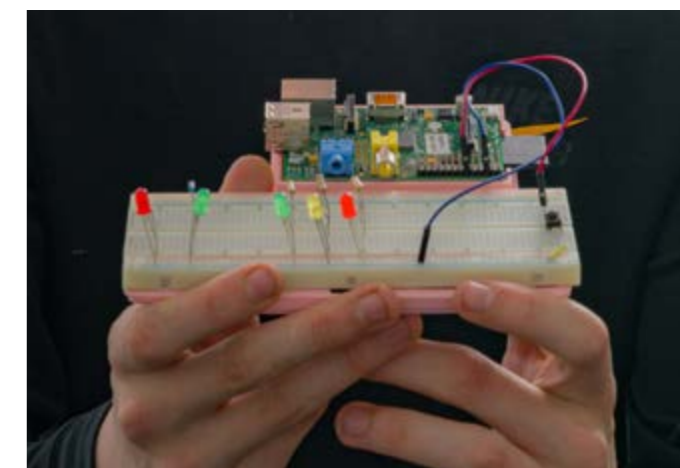
Our newly-refurbished Tony Leigh building contains a purpose-built simulated hospital ward and nursery, providing students studying Health and Social Care or Working with Children and Families with access to an unrivalled, practical setting which emulates a live working environment.

2 Art & Design

Our Art & Design students have access to state-of-the-art facilities including Mac computers, clothes printing presses, screen printing facilities, computer-controlled embroidery machines and 3D printers all housed in modern, airy and inspiring studio spaces.

3 Computing & IT

All University Centre students benefit from free access to modern Windows based PCs and laptops, with simulated infrastructure and networking facilities. Following our recent refurbishment, students enjoy bright, modern teaching and learning environments and state of the art technology workshops.





Our facilities

4 Engineering

Engineering students at Southport College University Centre benefit from our fantastic newly fitted workshops with all the latest industry standard engineering equipment.

5 Games Design

As a HND Games Design student, you will use the same Hollywood standard computer-generated imagery programmes as those used to create the graphics in Oscar-winning films such as Pirates of the Caribbean and Lord of the Rings.

6 Graphic Design

University Centre students have access to a wide range of printing presses, Macs, vast, naturally lit study spaces and a purpose built gallery, to exhibit and sell final pieces.

7 Photography

University Centre Photography students have access to high-end digital SLR cameras and lenses, which can be loaned to you throughout your programme of study. Access to computers with photo editing software and other facilities, such as darkrooms and state of the art photography studios, also come as standard.

9 Science

As a science student you can benefit from access to brand new classrooms, science labs, IT rooms and a range of specialist research books in the library, which can be loaned out for the duration of your studies.



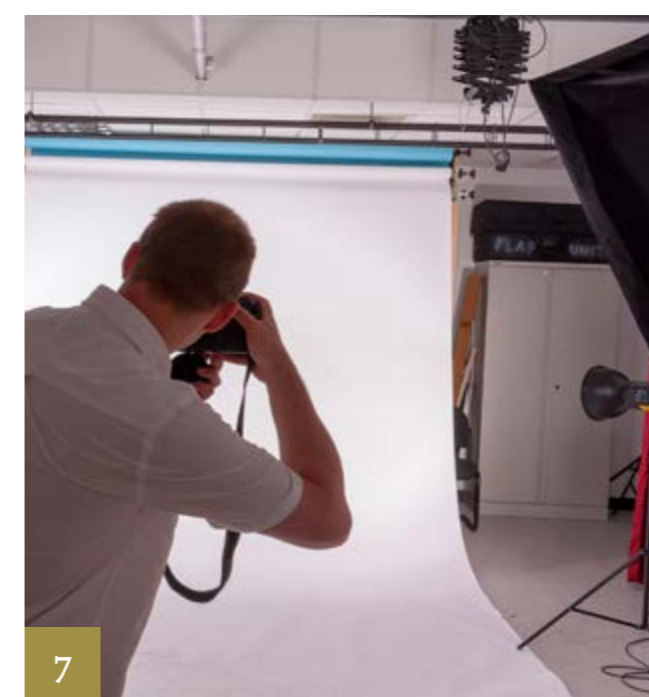
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Library and Study Centre

The Library Learning Centre is here to support, help and enrich your learning experience whilst you are a student at Southport College University Centre.

Situated in the University Centre, the Library and Study Centre is open to all Adult and HE Learners, and is a flexible and welcoming space where you can find help and advice on all aspects of studying. The LSC has dedicated and professional staff, including a qualified Academic Librarian, a full-time Study Mentor and LSC Advisers specialised in Adult and HE Learning, who can help you make the most of your time at College.

How we can help

- We can provide you with access to books, journals, newspapers, e-books, electronic journal articles and much more
- We can issue, return and renew your LSC loans
- We can help you find appropriate resources for assignments
- We can demonstrate how to use electronic material

- We can deliver customised Study Skills sessions to help you complete your assignments
- You can book one-to-one sessions for help with any IT software or information queries
- You can take the opportunity to get your work reviewed by professional LSC staff before submission, by using our unique ASK Feedback service

- You can have access to our designated Silent Study Space
- You can use our dedicated Academic Skills and Knowledge (ASK) Centre for group and individual study purposes

Study Skills

Advice on a wide variety of study topics is given by qualified LLC staff. The guidance may be delivered as part of your curriculum, as a drop-in class or as bookable one-to-one sessions.

WE CAN ADVISE YOU ON

- Harvard Referencing and writing reference lists
- Search skills
- Research and evaluation skills
- Note taking
- Essay and report writing
- Academic writing
- Presentation skills
- Proofreading tips
- Working in a group
- Stress and time management

And much more!

“I believe the LSC offers an exceptional mix of supportive and practical help, as well as excellent resources, all of which provides our students with the best possible platform to succeed.”

STEPHANIE BURNS
LIBRARY AND STUDY SERVICES MANAGER

Resources

BOOKS

The book stock in the LSC is continuously reviewed and edited by a highly qualified Academic Librarian to ensure the resources offered match what is required by our Adult and HE courses. There is a good choice of material, on a variety of loan periods, to suit all student needs. The LSC liaises with partner institutions to ensure that material is relevant and Reading Lists are followed.

JOURNALS

The LSC subscribes to a variety of paper-based journals and newspapers which are available to be used in the LSC and can also be borrowed to use at home.

ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

As well as paper-based journals, the LSC offers access to electronic journal articles through a number of platforms including our Inspire database. This is an excellent and extensive resource which allows access to e-journals from home and in College.

Access to a number of key e-texts are also available through our library catalogue, Heritage, which is available electronically in the LSC and from home.

OPENING HOURS

- Monday 8.30am – 5.00pm
- Tuesday 8.30am – 8.00pm
- Wednesday 8.30am – 8.00pm
- Thursday 8.30am – 8.00pm
- Friday 8.30am – 4.00pm
- Hours may vary during holiday periods

The ASK Centre

Located in LSC4, the Academic Skills and Knowledge (ASK) Centre is an attractive and multi-purpose space which is open to all Adult and HE Learners.

Here we can advise you on a variety of academic study skills to enhance your work, as well as providing drop-in sessions, bookable classes and handouts. We cover such topics as Harvard Referencing, Academic Writing, Search Techniques, Note Taking, Essay and Report Writing, and much more.

The ASK Centre is open every day, Monday to Friday, and offers the space and opportunity to allow students to book the room for group work, as well as providing an additional study space for individual students to work in.

ASK feedback

All HE and Adult Learners can submit up to a maximum of 3 pieces of work to professional LSC staff to be checked for errors in:

- Spelling
- Grammar
- Punctuation
- Style

Simply hand in a piece of work at the LSC or email it to us. We will make suggestions for improvement, and return the work to you within 24 hours.



Our University partners

University of Central Lancashire

University of Central Lancashire, (UCLan) provides first-class facilities and high quality teaching against a background of 'real world' research to encourage innovation, creativity and entrepreneurial thinking. It features flexible learning including full-time, part-time and e-learning options across our undergraduate and postgraduate courses.

UCLan has been at the forefront of developing new degrees in the emerging disciplines of journalism, fashion, forensics and sports science, subjects in which it is still market-leaders. As well as innovative modern degrees such as Continuing Drama Production and Liberal Arts, we believe in investment in traditional subjects such as architecture, engineering, pharmacy and forensic science. UCLan is the largest higher education provider of forensic science, policing and related subjects, in the world.

The University is creating a world-class campus which seamlessly integrates with the vibrant city of Preston, benefitting students, staff, visitors and the wider community. As part of our masterplan, we have recently created bright and spacious student social spaces, which are accessible 24/7, and we are building the new £32 million Engineering Innovation Centre, as well as our flagship £60 million Student Support Centre and new Civic Square.

Whatever your aspirations, our learning and support can help you to get the most out of your time at UCLan. We have a student information centre, the <i>, to help with areas such as careers, counselling, financial or academic advice. With over 25 years' experience, UCLan offers partner students all the benefits of a large university with all the advantages of our partners' smaller community atmosphere. Being able to study locally is also likely to be a cheaper option for most people.

As a partner student, you will enjoy the support and resources that your institution can provide - as well as access to a wide range of UCLan facilities, which include online resources, sports centres, the library, student services and the Students' Union.

For further information on UCLan and the benefits available to you as a partner student, please see our website: www.uclan.ac.uk/partnership



University of Cumbria

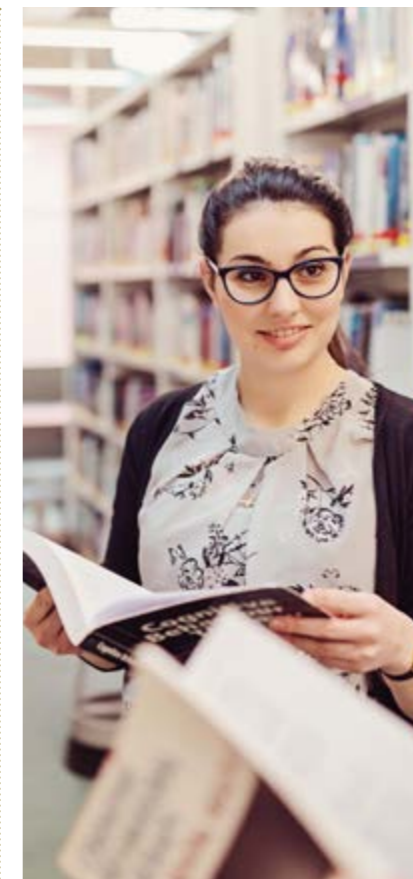
The University of Cumbria is a modern and dynamic institution, home to over 10,000 students.

The University of Cumbria's focus is on ensuring that we support you in realising your aspirations. We have a long and proud history, through our founding institutions, of preparing our graduates for work and life. Our programmes are designed with your future career path and personal development in mind, building the skills you'll need in today's interconnected global economy. Currently, nine out of ten of our students are in employment or further training within six months of graduating.

We create our programmes through employer-focused and stakeholder partnerships to ensure that they will give you the skills needed by employers and practice. We place a strong emphasis on experiential learning, so that you can develop those skills and build confidence in real-world situations, informed by internationally recognised research and practice.

Choosing to take a degree is a life-changing investment in your future, opening doors for you wherever in the world you choose to start your career. We want to be part of your journey.

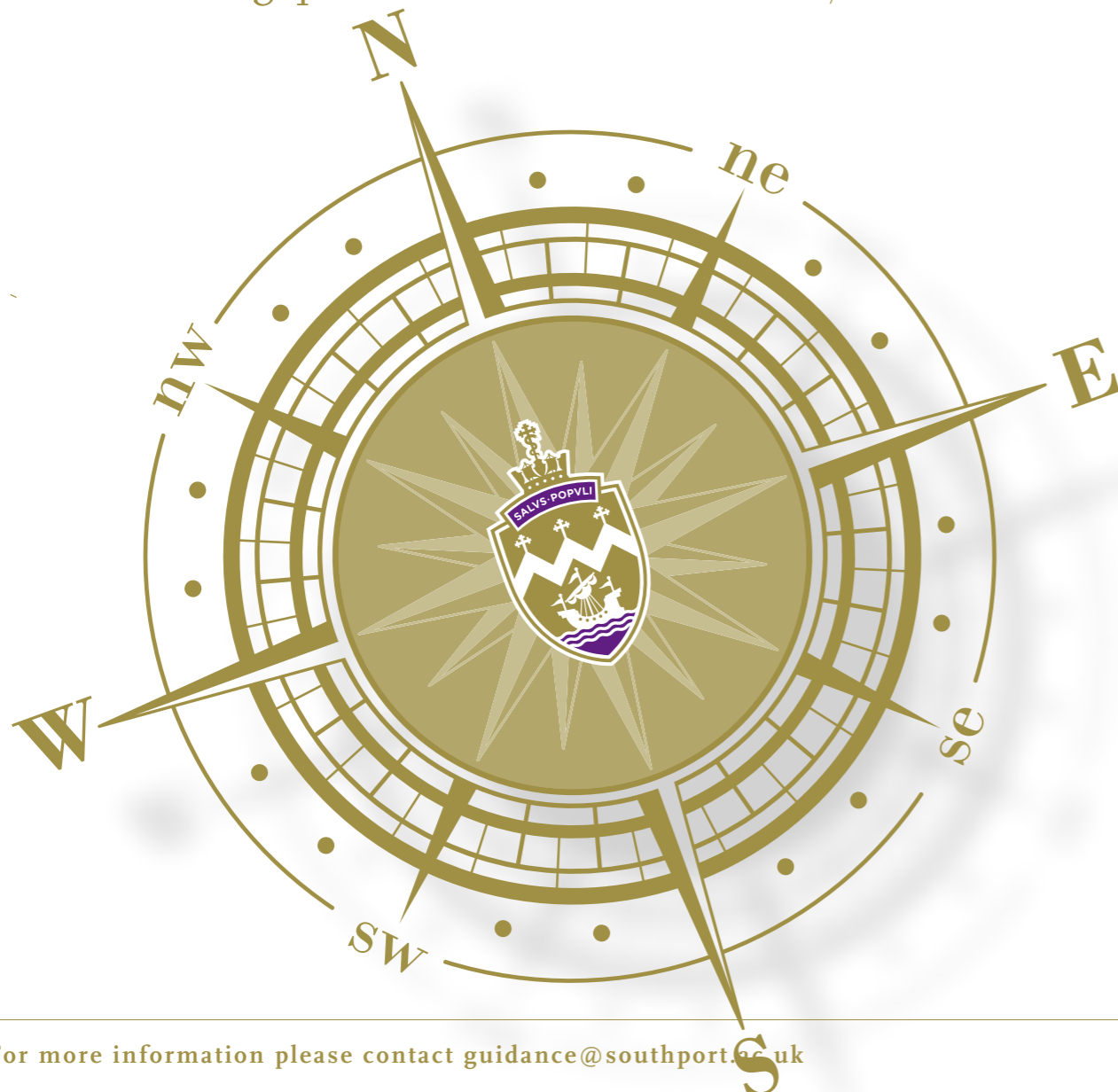
Professor Julie Mennell
Vice Chancellor





A guide to qualifications

Whatever your starting point we have a qualification to suit you. From Level 3 Access courses designed to prepare you for university up to Level 6 BA and BSc top-up degrees and post graduate teaching qualifications.



Level 3

Access to HE

Access courses are designed for those who wish to undertake a university level course but did not gain the qualifications needed for entry whilst at school. Each Access programme includes units in several subjects and when put together, all prepare students for the study of a particular subject at degree level. Access courses are specifically created to help you get back into education and the course lecturers will provide all of the guidance and support required to achieve your goals.

Level 4

Higher National Certificates (HNC)

Higher National Certificates are work related, vocational Higher Education qualifications. HNCs are equivalent to year one of an undergraduate degree but are designed to give you the skills required to put learnt knowledge into effective use in a particular job. HNCs usually take two years to complete if studied on a part time basis, or one year if studied on a full time basis. The qualifications are highly valued by employers in both the UK and overseas and may also count towards membership of professional bodies.

Level 5

Higher National Diplomas (HND)

Higher National Diplomas, like HNCs are work related, vocational Higher Education qualifications. Equivalent to a Foundation Degree, HNDs are designed to give students the skills needed for success in a particular field. Students can study a HND for two days a week, over two years. Highly valued by employers, HNDs can provide exemption from certain degree modules should you decide to progress.

Foundation Degrees (FdA/FdSc)

Foundation Degrees are designed to equip you for a particular area of work, as well as providing general skills that are useful in any type of employment. Like other degrees, Foundation Degrees provide a university level qualification but are often designed with a particular area of work in mind; this contribution often comes from employers within the relevant sector. Typically, you'll get the chance to learn in the workplace as well as the classroom by way of a compulsory placement. Foundation Degrees offer a route into Higher Education for people of all ages and backgrounds.

Level 6

Honours Degrees BA/BSc {Top ups}

Honours Degrees combine some practical sessions alongside theory based learning. Most Honours Degrees require the completion of a dissertation or other large project in the final year. Students who have completed a HND or Foundation Degree may be eligible to 'top up' to an Honours Degree.

Professional Qualifications

Teacher Training

Southport College University Centre offers a range of teacher training courses for those looking to teach students age 16 and above. For those first steps towards becoming a teacher, we offer the Certificate in Education and Training, Preparatory or Introductory, or the full Certificate of Education. For those already holding an honours degree or equivalent, we offer a PGCE.



Student support

With small class sizes and excellent facilities, Southport College University Centre offers a welcoming and supportive learning environment. Working closely with dedicated lecturers and peers, students will relish the benefits of more contact time and a wide range of support for the duration of their programme.

Student Information Centre

All students are able to make use of the Student Information Centre, a one stop shop for advice and guidance. The friendly team of Student Advisers are available five days per week offering advice on everything from student loans and childcare funding to counselling support.

Student Guidance

Our dedicated Student Guidance Team provide high quality, impartial careers advice, helping you choose the right course for you. They are also here to help our students overcome any barriers they may be facing, aiming to enable everyone to stay on their chosen programme and achieve their full potential.

You are welcome to contact them anytime for course information and guidance on 01704 392704 or via email: guidance@southport.ac.uk

Disabled Student Allowance (DSA)

Students can apply for disabled student allowances (DSAs), with help from our Learning Support Team at Southport College University Centre. This highly experienced team will work with you to ensure you have all the support you need for the duration of your studies, as listed in your letter of entitlement (DSA2).

The team will also work with you and the teaching staff to ensure that you have access to everything required to achieve your potential whilst studying with us.



We pride ourselves on the outstanding student support we offer at our University Centre. Paula Eley is our dedicated HE Quality and Support Officer and is here to help you access whatever support you might need, including applying for a DSA if applicable. Her office is right in the heart of our University Centre building and she is a friendly welcoming face for all our students and always happy to help.



Careers and employability

Southport College University Centre recognises the importance and value of work experience, and we have embedded it into the heart of our Higher Education offer. Our aim is to help you develop your employability skills through a range of work experience placements, live brief projects or extended industry based assignments. We aim to provide all students with not only the theory and knowledge needed for success in industry but also the skills and understanding of how these theories are applied in professional settings; a vital ingredient for success in the real world as you bridge the gap from student to professional.

We have close links with a range of industry partners, allowing our students to take full advantage of the live work experience opportunities available on a vast range of courses. When you become a Southport College University Centre student, you will benefit from the insight of leading industry professionals and Southport College alumni through workshops, lectures and talks. You will also have the opportunity to take part in industry competitions, exhibitions and international trips and visits designed to immerse you in your chosen sector.

Here are just some of the organisations we work with:

- Aintree Hospital
- Alder Hey Children's Hospital
- Bijou Cinema Southport
- Cloudy to Clear Windows
- Dovehaven Care Homes
- Farmageddon
- Fletchers Solicitors
- Forshaws Accountants
- Hey Amigos Bar Southport
- Hill Dickinson Solicitors
- Ilford & Harman Technology
- Lattimer Engineering
- Liverpool Women's NHS Foundation Trust
- Rad Wraps
- Royal Academy Arts
- Samaritans UK
- Sefton Veterans
- Sound City Liverpool
- Southport and Ormkirk NHS Trust
- Southport Flower Show
- The Atkinson Art Gallery
- UCLan
- University of Cumbria
- Wirral University Hospital Trust



As technology moves ever forward and competition becomes stronger we need highly skilled engineers with a higher education to take us forward and meet the challenge head on. Higher Apprentices are our future."

ALAN ANDREWS | LATTIMER ENGINEERING





ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION

COURSE LEVEL	3	All of Access to Higher Education programmes are one academic year, typically 34 weeks. Students attend college for 2 days per week (13 hours) and are expected to undertake independent study outside of these hours. Access courses are designed to prepare students for undergraduate study and apprenticeship programmes and are therefore intense courses that require significant time investment.
AWARDING BODY	OPEN AWARDS	

The Open Awards Level 3 Access to Higher Education Diplomas are specifically designed for applicants who wish to study at degree level, but do not have the current qualifications required for entry. Access to Higher Education programmes allow students to study course specific subjects whilst also working on units aimed at preparing applicants for undergraduate level study, such as essay writing and research skills.

WHY STUDY ACCESS WITH US?

There are many great benefits to studying Access courses at Southport College. We pride ourselves on our professional learning environment, with access to the same University Centre resources that our own Degree level students are able to take advantage of, all in the town centre of Southport. We have fantastically well stocked Library and Study Centres, our classrooms are well equipped and have bright, modern laboratories, all designed to give you the experience and confidence to continue onto university degrees or apprenticeships.

We offer a highly supportive and friendly environment, with weekly pastoral and one to one sessions available for support tailored to you. We will guide you through your university application, interview process and our Library and Study Centre staff are here to support you with using IT, provide academic support or even proof read an assignment before submission. Further benefits to studying an Access course include:

- **Advanced learner loan to cover the cost of the course (wiped once you graduate from university)**
- **Free childcare to cover 2 days in college (means tested)**
- **Free travel passes to get to and from college (means tested)**
- **Full Level 3 qualification equivalent to 3 A-Levels, studied over 10 months for adults aged 18+**
- **Free additional qualifications and enrichment activities to enhance personal statements and CVs**
- **Experienced and highly supportive academic and pastoral tutors**
- **Excellent preparation for university and graduate employment**
- **Excellent progression to numerous highly competitive apprenticeship and degree programmes**

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Entry requirements may vary slightly between programmes and therefore all potential applicants are recommended to visit www.southport.ac.uk and search for their chosen Access programme. Typically however, entry requirements include:

- **All Access programmes – GCSE English and Maths at Grade 4 (Grade C) or above**
- **Access to Education, Science and Midwifery – As above plus GCSE Science at Grade 4 (Grade C) or above**
- **Applicants who possess Functional Skills, Literacy and Numeracy at Level 2 may also meet the minimum entry requirements; this can be determined at the course discussion**
- **Those wishing to pursue degree programmes in Education or embark upon a Health related qualification will also require recent relevant experience in a school/health setting/caring role**

It is recommended that all applicants also check the specific entry requirements of their preferred universities.

ASSESSMENTS

Assessment methods include reports, essays, academic posters, websites, presentations, portfolios, case studies and centre set examinations. For full details on individual Access programme assessment methods, please visit www.southport.ac.uk and search for your chosen course.

Applications

Applications for all Access to Higher Education programmes are made via www.southport.ac.uk

“
My time on the Access programme has been second to none.”



MEGHAN THOMAS | STUDIED: ACCESS TO NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS | NOW STUDYING: ADULT NURSING AT UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL

“It may be cliché for me to say that the Access to Nursing programme changed my life, but there is no other way I could describe it! My time on the Access programme has been second to none, with amazing facilities, supportive staff and a friendly environment which all made my time at the college very enjoyable and engaging. I could not fault the course at all and I would jump at the opportunity to recommend Access to everyone as it allowed me to pursue my dream of going to the University of Liverpool to study Adult Nursing.”



ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION PATHWAYS

Whatever career path you want to follow, we have an Access programme which will get you onto the degree you need. Whether you eventually intend to study at our own University Centre or elsewhere, these excellent courses will give you the qualifications and experience required to be a confident and successful University student.

ACCESS PATHWAYS

The following access pathways are available at Southport College University Centre:

- Access to Business and Computing
- Access to Education and Social Science
- Access to Midwifery and Health Professions
- Access to Nursing and Health Professions
- Access to Policing
- Access to Science and Allied Medical Professions
- Access to Social Science

ACCESS TO BUSINESS AND COMPUTING

The course is designed to give students the opportunity to gain the necessary academic qualifications for entry onto Business and Computing related degree programmes. Students study a range of subjects including Marketing, Economics, Business Management, Business Start Ups and research skills. They also study a range of computing related modules, including Building Computer Systems, Networks and Communication Protocols, Principles in Programming, Database Principles and Design and Digital Forensics.

- Excellent career prospects: There are currently 600,000 vacancies in the UK digital technology industries
- Average starting salary after graduation £25,000 p.a.

ACCESS TO EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SCIENCE

If you are looking to enter into a teaching or education related degree, this programme provides a comprehensive introduction to the National Curriculum and allows students to study modules including Education Studies, Psychology and Sociology. Learners progress onto degree programmes in Primary Education with QTS, Primary Early Years Education with QTS, Psychology as well as degree programmes in unrelated fields such as History, Deaf Studies, Fashion and any of the other Social Science destinations.

- Excellent career prospects: There are shortages in many areas of teaching including maths, science, MFL and working in disadvantaged schools.
- Average starting salary after graduation £25,714 p.a.

ACCESS TO MIDWIFERY AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Our access to Midwifery and Health Professions Diploma enables students to progress onto midwifery degree programmes or other health related degree courses. During the programme you will study an exciting range of subjects including Human Biology, Health Studies and Psychology. This programme offers the 21 credits of Biology required for Midwifery degrees.

Completing this allows you to go on to study for Degrees such as Adult Nursing, Children's Nursing, Mental Health Nursing, Learning Disabilities Nursing, Nursing Apprenticeship, Paramedic Practice, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, ODP, MSc Nursing/Paramedic Practice (Adult), MSc Nursing (Adult and Child), Psychology, Health and Social Wellbeing, Health and Nutrition, Biomedical Science, Orthoptics, Forensic Science, as well as degree programmes in unrelated fields.

- Excellent career prospects: The NHS in England has a shortfall of almost 2,500 full-time midwives
- Starting salary £24,907
- Free NHS bursaries at university £5,000-£8,000 p.a. for specified health related programmes (you do not pay these back)



All the tutors have been really supportive and I've learned so much."



REBECCA JOHNSON GAUDER | STUDIED: ACCESS TO MIDWIFERY AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS | NOW STUDYING: MIDWIFERY AT EDGE HILL UNIVERSITY

"I wanted to study Midwifery at university and the Access course here offered the entry requirements I needed. All the tutors have been really supportive and I've learned so much, from writing essays and reports which are vital for university, to all the theory and practical sides of midwifery and health. I really enjoyed the psychology and health units but particularly the biology practical sessions which were very interesting, when we looked at the respiratory system we even dissected lungs to get hands-on with what we were learning."



ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION PATHWAYS {CONTINUED}

ACCESS TO NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS

This programme enables students to progress into nursing programmes or other health related degrees including Physiotherapy, ODP, Paramedic Practice, Occupational Therapy and Speech and Language Therapy. It can also be used to gain entry to degrees in a range of health related subjects. You will study a range of fascinating modules including Health Studies, Biology and Psychology.

- **Excellent career prospects:** There are currently 40,000 nursing vacancies in health and care settings in England
- **Starting salary £24,907**
- **Free NHS bursaries at university £5,000 - £8,000 per annum, for specified health related programmes (you do not pay these back)**

ACCESS TO POLICING

A fantastic new career in the Police force is in your grasp. On this course you will study a range of subjects including Psychology, Criminology and Policing to gain a nationally recognised Access to HE Diploma (equivalent to 3 A-Levels). You can then progress to degree programmes in Policing, any other Social Sciences, or in other unrelated fields.

- **Excellent career prospects:** The UK Government have pledged to recruit 20,000 new police officers across the UK before the end of March 2023
- **Starting salary £24,780 (police officer)**
- **Quality assured by Merseyside Police and College of Policing**

ACCESS TO SCIENCE AND ALLIED MEDICAL PROFESSIONS

This programme has been designed to allow students to progress onto science related degree programmes or other allied medical professions. Studying Biology, Chemistry and additional developmental units to enhance academic writing and research skills. The course is aimed at preparing students for study at undergraduate level.

- **Excellent career prospects: 89% of STEM businesses find recruitment problematic. There is currently a shortage of 173,000 skilled workers in this field.**
- **Free NHS bursaries at university £5,000-£8,000 p.a. for specified health related programmes (you do not pay these back).**

ACCESS TO SOCIAL SCIENCE

The Access to Social Science programme focuses on the study of contemporary social issues. You will study a range of subjects including Sociology, Psychology and Criminology. Progression routes are extremely varied and include entry onto Social Work, Counselling and Psychotherapy, Psychology, Criminology, Sociology, History and many other degree programmes.

- **Excellent career prospects: Graduate starting salaries of over £20,000 in many sectors**



It was the perfect way to return to education and gave me the drive to pursue my career."



STACEY WRENNALL | STUDIED: ACCESS TO NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS | PROGRESSED TO: DIPLOMA IN PARAMEDIC PRACTICE AT LJMU

"I signed up to the Access course to allow me to go to university and train for my dream job as a Paramedic. My time on the course was brilliant, the structure and content of the course was fantastic with every aspect truly designed to prepare us for university. Looking back after completing my diploma in Paramedic Practice, aspects such as the correct structuring and referencing of essays, the various types of assignments and a structured deadline for submissions prepared me incredibly well. It was the perfect way to return to education and gave me the drive to pursue my career, where I am now employed full-time, working as a Paramedic. I am certain that without the Access course, I wouldn't have been successful in gaining my university place."



HIGHER APPRENTICESHIPS

As the popularity of on the job training has grown, so too has the breadth and variety of training on offer. Apprenticeships can be studied at intermediate, advanced or higher levels and some higher level apprenticeships also include the equivalent of a foundation degree or HND.

Higher Apprenticeships allow students to develop their skills in employment, whilst working towards a higher level qualification. Higher Apprentices are paid for their time in employment and are able to benefit from working in their chosen industry, utilising the skills and expertise of senior staff.

Higher Apprenticeships are not only a great way of earning and learning but also offer a viable alternative to the traditional Higher Education route, with the added benefit of not requiring student finance.

As with all apprenticeships, in order to undertake a Higher Apprenticeship, you must have an existing contract of employment and the support of your employer, as well as the opportunity to put your skills into practice.

“Southport College University Centre creates a great environment to work in, as well as being able to provide the best facilities to support and enhance learning. The lecturers on the course were extremely professional and very supportive as well as being passionate about the subjects they were delivering.”

Higher Level Apprenticeships can take anything between 12 months and 4 years to complete.

For the latest information on Apprenticeships visit: www.gov.uk



SIMON BUNTING | HIGHER APPRENTICESHIP | LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT

“I was already completing all the day to day management roles but didn’t have a formal qualification to back it up with and felt it was the right time in my life to develop my knowledge and skills.

I’ve really valued the opportunity to develop my career by undertaking an Apprenticeship at the Trust in partnership with Southport College. The course is challenging, but I’ve learned a great deal, which is already helping me to have a better understanding of leadership and management and I’m using this knowledge to become better at my job.

Southport College creates a great environment to work in, as well as being able to provide the best facilities to support and enhance learning.

The lecturers on the course were extremely professional and very supportive as well as being passionate about the subjects they were delivering. In the future I’d like to take on the Level 6 or 7 Leadership and Management course.”

“

There's no point in starting a business unless you're going to make a dramatic difference to other people's lives. So if you've got an idea that's going to make a big difference to other people's lives, then just get on and do it.”

Richard Branson.

BUSINESS & TRAVEL MANAGEMENT

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FOUNDATION DEGREE BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

COURSE LEVEL	4 & 5
AWARDING BODY	UNIVERSITY OF CUMBRIA
UCAS CODE	N200
DURATION	TWO YEARS FULL-TIME TWO DAYS A WEEK

This Foundation degree programme provides students with an understanding of theoretical knowledge and practical skills required in the business management sector. Students are exposed to a variety of business modules to gain a greater understanding of the business environment and an insight into which area of business management they would like to progress to.

The programme provides opportunities to apply academic knowledge and practical skills within the workplace. This can be done via formal work placements, part-time employment experiences or employer driven live briefs.

What will I study?

YOU WILL STUDY A NUMBER OF UNITS INCLUDING

YEAR 1 – LEVEL 4

- Fundamentals of Business Environment
- Introduction to Business Finance
- Management Accounting
- Managing People and Organisations
- Principles of Marketing
- The Business Environment

YEAR 2 – LEVEL 5

- Business Start Ups
- Human Resources Management Theory and Practice
- International Economics
- Organisational Behaviour
- Research Methods and Application
- Responsibility, Ethics and Sustainability in Practice

ASSESSMENT/EXAMINATIONS

You will be assessed using a variety of methods including written assignments, presentations, set exercises, exams, debates, academic posters, websites and portfolio work.

WHAT CAN I DO AFTER THIS COURSE?

The Foundation Degree in Business Management is designed to equip students with the academic, research, analytical, presentation and problem solving skills needed for success in a range of business related careers. The FdA also equips students with the skills needed for progression onto a Level 6 top up, subject related honours programme.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must have successfully gained a minimum of 48 UCAS points. Other qualifications or relevant life/work experience may also be considered.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

- A minimum of 2 A-Levels
- BTEC National Diploma/Extended Diploma
- Access to Higher Education Diploma
- Level 3 NVQ
- Successful course discussion, supported by personal statement and portfolio.
- All applicants will additionally require GCSE English at Grade 4 (Grade C) or equivalent. Mathematics at GCSE Grade 4 (Grade C) will also be desirable.
- Non-native English speakers or those who have not studied the final two years of school in English must be able to demonstrate a capability in English at a standard commensurate with IELTS 6.0, with a minimum of 5.5 being awarded on individual sections.

How do I apply?

You can apply for the Foundation Degree in Business Management through UCAS, see page 88 for further information on how to apply.

The programme is designed to equip students with academic, research, analytical, presentation and problem solving skills ideally suited for a range of careers in the Business Management industry or progression onto a Level 6, subject related, honours programme.





BA (HONS) BUSINESS MANAGEMENT {TOP-UP}

COURSE LEVEL	6
AWARDING BODY	UNIVERSITY OF CUMBRIA
UCAS CODE	BA19
DURATION	ONE YEAR FULL-TIME TWO DAYS A WEEK

This one year top-up programme allows you to gain a full BA (Hons) degree, validated by the University of Cumbria.

The programme will help to prepare you to progress to further professional development of higher-level skills through to future study or career advancement by enabling focused study in defined areas of Business Management. The pathway is intended to deliver work-ready graduates with the skills necessary to work in the local economy, SMEs, the public sector or related organisations.

The programme develops learners' knowledge and skills in business management to provide specialist studies relevant for you to be able to seek employment in the Business Management Industry. You will have the opportunity to develop skills, techniques, personal qualities and attitudes essential for successful performance in working life. This should enable you to contribute to the Business environment through effective use and combination of the knowledge and skills gained in different parts of the programme.

What will I study?

THE MODULES (LEVEL 6) ARE AS FOLLOWS

- Project Management (20 credits)
- Digital Marketing (20 credits)
- Human Resource management (20 credits)
- Research Methods and Techniques (20 credits)
- Independent Project (40 credits)

ASSESSMENT/EXAMINATIONS

This programme is designed to equip learners with academic, research, analytical and problem solving skills ideally suited for a range of careers and career progression in the subject related sector, focussing on moving up to a supervisory or management position.

Throughout the programme you will be given further opportunities to develop transferable skills and knowledge which should enable you to meet changing circumstances, whether this means moving within an area of employment, moving up to a supervisory or management position or adapting to general changes in the provision or environment of Business Management.

WHAT CAN I DO AFTER THIS COURSE?

The teaching and learning strategy is developmental and cumulative and as such includes formative (opportunities to practice new skills) and summative assignments (assessments that contribute to your progression through the programme). These assessments are structured to promote self-confidence and enhance performance.

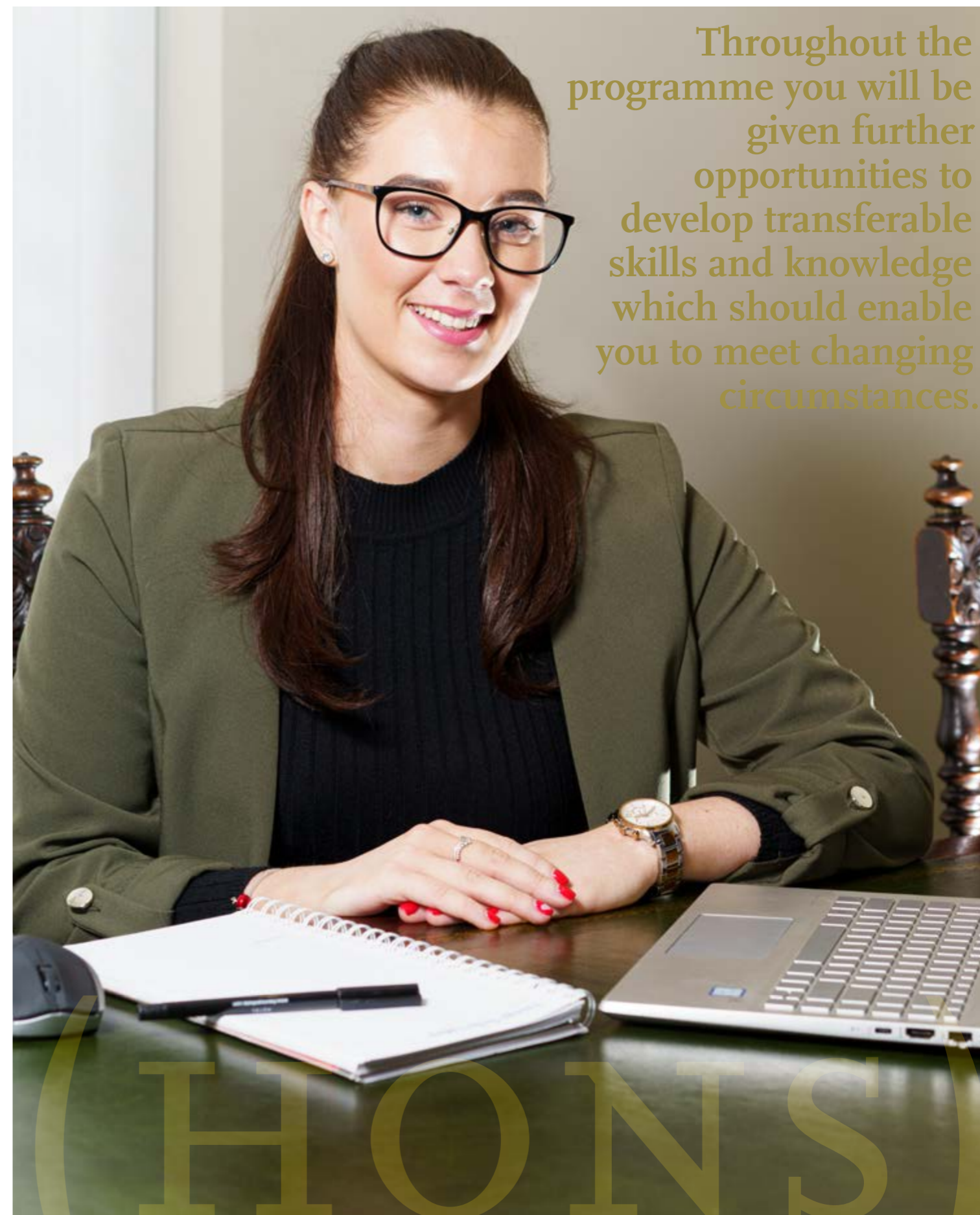
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Students must have completed the Foundation Degree Programme in Business Management, or have completed an HND (Level 5 study) in a relevant subject area.

How do I apply?

You can apply for the BA (Hons) in Business Management (Top-up) through UCAS, see page 88 for further information on how to apply.

Throughout the programme you will be given further opportunities to develop transferable skills and knowledge which should enable you to meet changing circumstances.



BA (HONS)



HNC BUSINESS

COURSE LEVEL	4
AWARDING BODY	PEARSONS
UCAS CODE	TBC
DURATION	ONE YEAR FULL-TIME TWO DAYS A WEEK

This HNC programme is designed to give you the business skills, knowledge and understanding you need to achieve high performance in the international business environment.

You will develop an enquiring mind and have the abilities and confidence to work across different business functions and to lead, manage, respond to change, and tackle a range of complex business situations. You will gain the core skills required for a range of careers in business, including management, human resources, marketing, entrepreneurship, accounting and finance.

What will I study?

YOU WILL STUDY A NUMBER OF UNITS INCLUDING

- Business and the Business Environment
- Marketing Processes and Planning
- Human Resource Management
- Leadership and Management
- Accounting Principles
- Managing a Successful Business Project
- Professional Identity and Practice
- Business Data and Numerical Skills
- Research Project
- Organisational Behaviour
- Launching a New Venture
- Strategic Human Resource Management
- Digital Marketing
- Customer Value Management
- Developing Individuals, Teams and Organisations

ASSESSMENT/EXAMINATIONS

All the assessment is internal and will include a variety of methods including written assignments, presentations, set exercises and portfolio work.

WHAT CAN I DO AFTER THIS COURSE?

Students who study HNC Business progress in a variety of ways including

- Securing employment in a relevant role
- Progressing within their existing organisation
- Linking with the appropriate Professional Body
- Committing to Continuing Professional Development (CPD)
- Studying a related degree at university

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants for the course must have at least one of the following

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum of 2 A-Levels
- Foundation Diploma
- BTEC National Extended Diploma/Diploma
- Access to Higher Education Diploma
- Level 3 NVQ or other work based qualification

Mature students with relevant experience may also be considered with other relevant qualifications or work/industry experience that shows knowledge of and commitment to the course. You will need to demonstrate an ability to study at a Higher Education level.

Applications for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) are welcomed by the Programme team. Students should consult the Programme Leader if they wish to claim such recognition.

- You will need to provide a satisfactory reference.
- All applicants will additionally require GCSE English at Grade 4 (Grade C) or equivalent. Mathematics at GCSE Grade 4 (Grade C) or equivalent will also be desirable.

How do I apply?

You can apply for the HNC in Business through UCAS, see page 88 for further information on how to apply.





HND INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL & TOURISM MANAGEMENT

COURSE LEVEL	5
AWARDING BODY	PEARSONS
UCAS CODE	TTL5
DURATION	TWO YEARS FULL-TIME TWO DAYS A WEEK

This HND programme is designed to develop your skills in order to meet the demands of employers in travel and tourism. You will become more professional, self-reflecting and able to adapt to the ever-changing world.

What will I study?

The course covers a wide range of Travel and Tourism sector knowledge tied to practical skills gained in research, directed study and workplace scenarios.

YOU WILL STUDY A VARIETY OF HIGHLY RELEVANT UNITS INCLUDING

- The Contemporary Travel and Tourism Industry
- Managing the Customer Experience
- Professional Identity and Practice
- Leadership and Management for Service Industries
- Tour Operations Management
- Corporate Travel Management

ASSESSMENT/EXAMINATIONS

The units are predominately coursework based, however there is one externally assessed unit.

WHAT CAN I DO AFTER THIS COURSE?

Successful completion of this HND could lead into further study at degree level or securing employment in the international travel and tourism industry.

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must have successfully gained a minimum of 48 UCAS points* from two A-Levels or equivalent.

Applicants will also need GCSE English at Grade 4 (Grade C) or equivalent (GCSE Mathematics at Grade 4 (Grade C) is desirable).

Mature students with relevant experience may also be considered with other relevant qualifications or work/industry experience that shows knowledge of and commitment to the course. You will need to demonstrate an ability to study at a Higher Education level.

How do I apply?

You can apply for the HND in International Travel and Tourism Management through UCAS, see page 88 for further information on how to apply.



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It is with children that we have the best chance of studying the development of logical knowledge, mathematical knowledge, physical knowledge, and so forth.”

Jean Piaget.

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WORKING WITH CHILDREN & FAMILIES



FOUNDATION DEGREE WORKING WITH CHILDREN & FAMILIES

COURSE LEVEL	5
AWARDING BODY	UNIVERSITY OF CUMBRIA
UCAS CODE	L6L4
DURATION	TWO YEARS FULL-TIME TWO DAYS A WEEK

This course allows you to achieve a nationally recognised qualification that offers career progression and professional development, whether you are already working in the sector or are looking to do so.

This programme is ideal for anyone who wants to make a difference to the lives of children, young people and families. With an emphasis on interdisciplinary working, allowing you to explore how different professions would approach the area under study, the programme will develop the knowledge and skills you need for a career across a range of professional areas or for entry into further higher level study.

What will I study?

YOU WILL STUDY A NUMBER OF UNITS INCLUDING

- Professional Skills with Children, Young People, Families and Communities
- Play and Creative Development in Diverse Contexts
- An Introduction to Practitioner Research
- Equality, Diversity, Inclusion and Anti-oppressive practice (through work based learning)
- The Internet, Media & Society
- Identity, Personality and Social Justice

ASSESSMENT/EXAMINATIONS

You will be assessed using a variety of methods including essays, presentations, project work and portfolios.

WHAT CAN I DO AFTER THIS COURSE?

The children's workforce and social care services include: early years, education, social care, health and wellbeing, sport and culture, youth work, community work, crime and justice. This provides you with a large range of employment options. Our recent graduates have gone on to work in a wide variety of these organisations as front line staff and project managers.

The programme offers an excellent introduction to the wider children's workforce and social care arena, the types of work within it and the career routes that lie ahead; this keeps your career options open and the modules dedicated to professional skill development and opportunities to engage with the real world of work, ensure you are confident in your career choice at the end of the foundation degree. Alternatively you may choose to continue on to the BA (Hons) Working with Children and Families Level 6 Top up, also delivered here at Southport, and tailored to maximise your employability.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will be invited to an course discussion for the course as we understand your suitability for study may be based on skills obtained outside academic study (such as work experience) alongside other academic qualifications. Examples of satisfactory qualifications, all of which can be detailed at the course discussion:

- GCSE in English Language at Grade 4 (Grade C) or above (or equivalent)
- A minimum of 2 A-Levels
- BTEC National Diploma/Extended Diploma
- Access to Higher Education Diploma
- Level 3 NVQ or other work-based qualification
- Non-native English speakers or those who have not studied the final two years of school in English must be able to demonstrate a capability in English at a standard equivalent with IELTS 6.0, with a minimum of 5.5 being awarded on individual sections.

How do I apply?

You can apply for the Foundation Degree Working with Children & Families through UCAS, see page 88 for further information on how to apply.

Applicants will need to have a successful course discussion, supported by a personal statement and portfolio, and a suitable reference. If you are offered a place we require you to comply with an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) background clearance check.



“I am so glad that I decided to stay and progress onto the Foundation Degree.”

ABIGAIL GRAY | FOUNDATION CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLES SERVICES

“I decided to study at Southport College University Centre as I previously studied the Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Health & Social Care at Southport College, so knew that the staff and facilities were good. I am so glad that I decided to stay and progress onto the Foundation Degree as I am learning up-to-date, relevant knowledge about a subject I am passionate about. All of the facilities needed for success are available at the University Centre, including a large library and purpose built classrooms and smaller rooms for private study. The staff are also great, being very friendly, fair and supportive. For anyone considering this programme, I would recommend that if they have a passion for taking on new information and have an open mind to other thoughts and opinions then go for it as my time here has provided me with the knowledge, skills and understanding needed for success in my future career.”



BA (HONS) WORKING WITH CHILDREN & FAMILIES {TOP-UP}

COURSE LEVEL	6
AWARDING BODY	UNIVERSITY OF CUMBRIA
UCAS CODE	26Z8
DURATION	ONE YEAR FULL-TIME TWO DAYS A WEEK

The one year top-up is available to students who successfully complete the Foundation Degree in Working with Children & Families or Foundation Degree Children's Work Force Practice or a related foundation degree/equivalent. This course is the ideal preparation for a range of vocations working with children and families in the early years, teaching, youth work, social work, family liaison, children's centres and more.

What will I study?

The programme contains generic modules, pathway modules and a dissertation linked to this pathway.

YOU WILL STUDY A NUMBER OF UNITS INCLUDING

- Personal and Professional Development: Leadership and Management
- Youth Justice
- Multi-Agency Working in Safeguarding and Child Protection
- Transitions in Children's Lives
- Dissertation

ASSESSMENT/EXAMINATIONS

Variety of assessment methods including case studies, reports, essays and presentations.

WHAT CAN I DO AFTER THIS COURSE?

The course is for students who know they want to work with children and young people and/or families but are unsure which career route to take.

Past students have embarked on careers in teaching or social work, as family liaison workers, with the probation service, or in youth and community work, sometimes after further education and/or training.



The teaching staff on the programme are very passionate about their subject and they too have been very warm and welcoming. My advice to anyone considering the course is to make sure that this is something you really want to do, as it is a full degree programme so is just as demanding as going to a larger university."

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Foundation Degree in Children, Young People & their Services or Foundation Degree in Working with Children & Families or a related foundation degree equivalent. (Subject related HNDs may also be accepted).

How do I apply?

You can apply for the BA Working with Children and Families (Top-up) through UCAS, see page 88 for further information on how to apply.



MATTHEW HARGREAVES | BA WORKING WITH CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

"I chose Southport College University Centre, after completing my previous qualification via distance learning as I wanted to achieve a degree without finding myself in huge amounts of debt. The College is close to home and has all of the course specific facilities that are needed for success at a higher level.

A lot of the other students in my group completed their Foundation Degree here, so most have known each other for almost three years but I have not found this to be a problem, as they have all been very welcoming. The teaching staff on the programme are very passionate about their subject and they too have been very warm and welcoming. My advice to anyone considering the course is to make sure that this is something you really want to do, as it is a full degree programme so is just as demanding as going to a larger university but the group sessions with smaller class sizes really allow you to have confidence in your abilities, through regular feedback from peers and teaching staff."

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Technology is nothing.
What's important is that you
have a faith in people, that
they're basically good and
smart, and if you give them
tools, they'll do wonderful
things with them.”

Steve Jobs.

COMPUTING & IT



FOUNDATION DEGREE COMPUTING & IT

COURSE LEVEL	5
AWARDING BODY	UNIVERSITY OF CUMBRIA
UCAS CODE	I111
DURATION	TWO YEARS FULL-TIME TWO DAYS A WEEK

This course will develop your range of knowledge and professional skills in web development, computer systems and networking, database design and software development.

What will I study?

YOU WILL STUDY A NUMBER OF UNITS INCLUDING

- Computer systems
- Introduction to networking
- Procedural programming
- Systems analysis
- Website design
- Computing graphics
- Project management
- Database systems
- Web applications development
- Object-Oriented Programming in C#
- Emerging technologies
- Professional skills for ICT

ASSESSMENT/EXAMINATIONS

You will be continually assessed through a series of graded assignments, formal examinations and practical work. Assignment work is subject to checks by external examiners to ensure that national standards are met.

FURTHER STUDY AND CAREER OPTIONS

On successful completion of the course you could find employment as a network planner/engineer, database administrator/manager, programmer, mobile app developer or server-side/AJAX web developer.

“The course has been wonderfully presented, the lecturers take their time to explain every concept in a way that makes sense.”



FAVOUR OGWUCHE | FOUNDATION COMPUTING AND IT

“I moved to Southport from Scotland to begin the Foundation Degree in Computing & IT. This was a big change but a great move for me, as I have found all of the staff at the college to be absolutely superb. They are all highly skilled in their subject area and present the course information in a wonderful manner. My personal experience has taught me that the staff are always willing to help with

any issue and I have had such a wonderful time so far.

The course has been very well presented, the lecturers take their time to explain every concept in a way that makes sense and the group sessions have allowed me to work with other likeminded individuals, both inside and outside of the classroom. I hope to progress from the course into a software engineering role, that will allow me travel the world, none of which would be

possible without the knowledge I have gained from my lecturers here at the college. For anyone considering the course, I would advise them to go for it without hesitation. I truly believe any individual will find themselves fitting in comfortably here at Southport College University Centre and I can honestly say everything I have seen so far has completely met, if not exceeded my expectations.”

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants are required to have a minimum of 48 UCAS points fulfilled by at least one of the following entry requirements

- At least 2 A-Levels
- BTEC National Certificate/Diploma
- International Baccalaureate
- Access to Higher Education Diploma
- Foundation Diploma
- Level 3 NVQ or other work based qualification

APPLICANTS ARE ALSO EXPECTED TO HAVE

- GCSE Grade 4 (Grade C) in Maths and English
- Or hold equivalent certificates such as Numeracy Level 2, Literacy Level 2, Functional Skills English, Functional Skills Maths or Key Skills.

We also accept other relevant qualifications or work/industry experience. Work/industry experience must show knowledge of and commitment, to the course. You will need to demonstrate an ability to study at a Higher Education level.

How do I apply?

You can apply for the Foundation Degree in Computing & IT through UCAS, see page 88 for further information on how to apply.



BSC (HONS) COMPUTING & IT {TOP-UP}

COURSE LEVEL	6
AWARDING BODY	UNIVERSITY OF CUMBRIA
UCAS CODE	I110
DURATION	ONE YEAR FULL-TIME TWO DAYS A WEEK

This one-year top-up is available to students who successfully complete the Foundation Degree in Computing & IT or a related foundation degree equivalent (such as HND Computing). The programme aims to give you a range of higher-level knowledge and skills in mobile app development, cloud computing and distributed computing technologies.

What will I study?

YOU WILL STUDY A RANGE OF TOPICS INCLUDING

- Database design and implementation
- Cloud computing
- Distributed programming and technologies
- The independent project
- Mobile applications

ASSESSMENT/EXAMINATIONS

Continuous assessment through a series of assignments, formal examinations and practical work. Assessment is subject to checks by an independent external examiner to ensure that national standards are met.

WHAT CAN I DO AFTER THIS COURSE?

On successful completion of the course you could find employment as a professional mobile app developer, network planner/engineer, database manager, or server-side/AJAX web developer.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

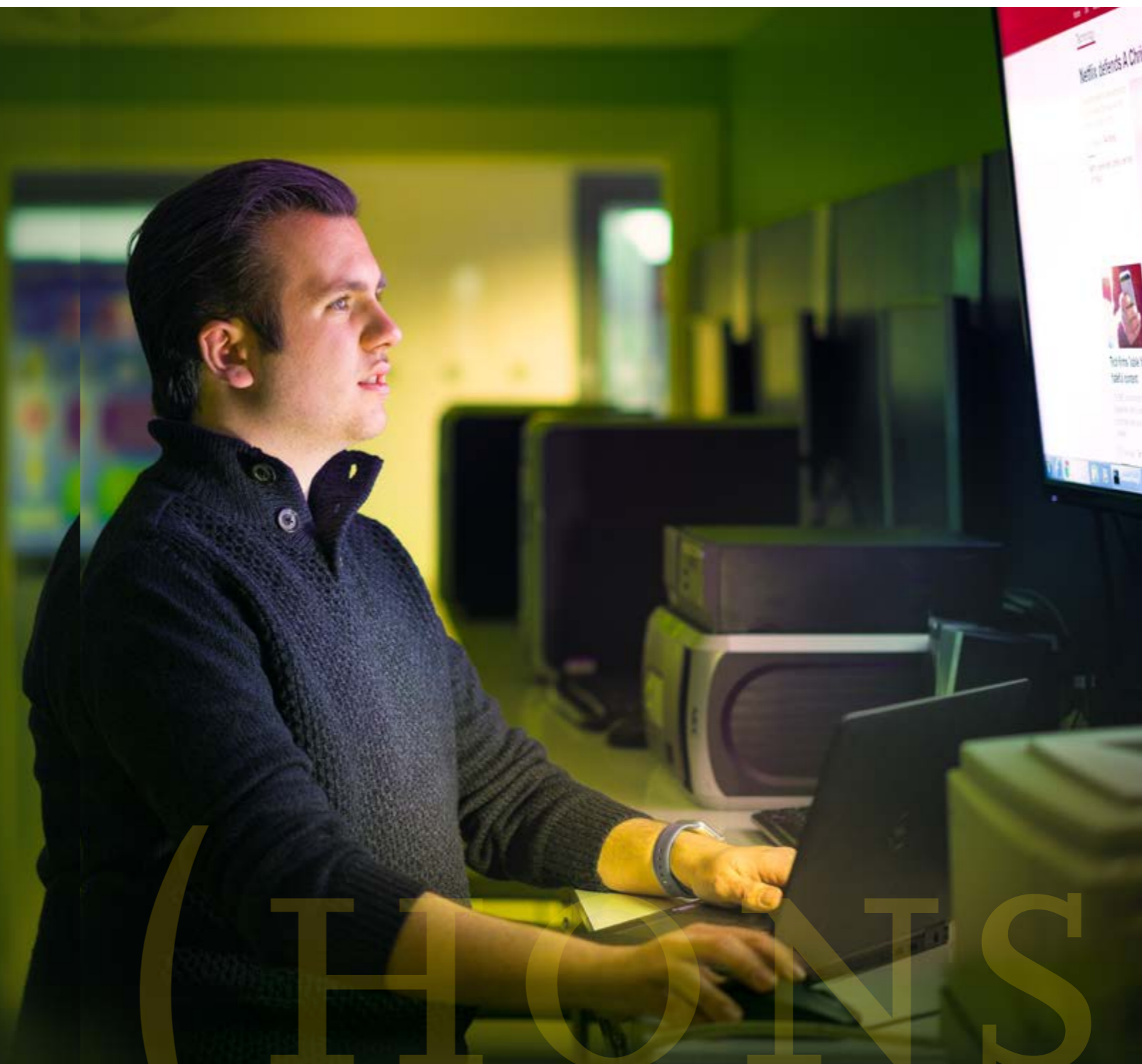
Foundation Degree in Computing & IT or a related foundation degree equivalent (such as HND Computing).

How do I apply?

You can apply for the BSc (Hons) Computing & IT (Top-up) through UCAS, see page 88 for further information on how to apply.

“If your future career plans involve computer science in any way, this course offers a fantastic next step. My time at Southport College University Centre has not only allowed me to study on a full honours degree programme but has provided inspiration for what I would like to do with my future.”

BSC (HONS)



JOSH MOORCROFT JONES | COMPUTING AND IT

“I chose to attend Southport College University Centre because not only did it offer a local, familiar and friendly environment but the course content was perfectly suited to my interests and future career plans.

Undeniably, the best part of the course has been the consistent opportunity to learn something new. The course has provided an enjoyable challenge and a level of support that is far beyond what I would have expected from a University programme.

All of the staff, on the programme and beyond, have been friendly and eager to help, providing a comfortable and safe learning environment, with resources that are perfectly suited to the requirements of the course. If your future career plans involve computer science in any way, this course offers a fantastic next step. My time at Southport College University Centre has not only allowed me to study on a full honours degree programme but has provided inspiration for what I would like to do with my future.

On completion of the BSc I plan to study on a PGCE programme, so that I can become a secondary school teacher.”

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There's always room out there for the hand-drawn image. I personally like the imperfection of hand drawing as opposed to the slick look of computer animation. But you can do good stuff either way. The Pixar movies are amazing in what they do, but there's plenty of independent animators who are doing really amazing things as well.”

Matt Groening.

CREATIVE ARTS

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FOUNDATION DIPLOMA ART & DESIGN

COURSE LEVEL	4
AWARDING BODY	UAL
DURATION	1 YEAR, 3 DAYS PER WEEK

The Level 4 Foundation Diploma in Art & Design offers you the opportunity to explore and develop your artistic practice in preparation for a university degree. You will study a diverse range of materials, techniques and processes to enable you to build a strong portfolio of work.

The course includes a large amount of practical work, which is supported by written work. In addition to the course's timetabled hours, you will also be expected to undertake approximately 10 hours of independent study every week.

What will I study?

YOU WILL STUDY A NUMBER OF UNITS INCLUDING

- Fine art
- 3-Dimensional design
- Fashion and textiles
- Graphic design and illustration
- Preparation for progression
- Printmaking
- Drawing including life drawing

You will also undertake a personal specialist project with your final work being exhibited at the annual College Art, Design & Media exhibition in June.

FACILITIES

Art & Design students have access to state-of-the-art facilities, including Apple Mac computers, screen printing facilities, computer-controlled embroidery machines, 3D printers and modern studio spaces.

ASSESSMENT/EXAMINATIONS

You will be continuously assessed through the production of your portfolio; there are formal assessment points during the year. You will also be externally assessed for your final specialist assignment.

WHAT CAN I DO AFTER THIS COURSE?

On successful completion of the course you may progress on to degree courses such as: Fashion Design, Fine Art, Graphic Design, Multimedia, Advertising, Embroidery, Illustration, 3D Design, Interior Design, Textile Design and Product Design.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Merit grade Extended Diploma in a related subject such as Art & Design, Graphic Design, Photography
- Or equivalent such as two A-Levels in related subjects
- Portfolio that demonstrates a good standard of work
- Acceptance on to the course is also subject to a satisfactory course discussion

How do I apply?

You can apply for the Art & Design Level 4 Foundation Diploma course through our website www.southport.ac.uk.



The course has given me the confidence to take the next step, a degree in Fine Art at LJMU, and I look forward to pursuing the rest of my career doing something I love.”



MELANIE CORNES | FOUNDATION DIPLOMA | ART AND DESIGN

“I chose to go to Southport College University Centre as it's local and it had the course that I wanted to do. It was daunting at first, especially as a single parent, but I've had a lot of guidance, support and encouragement not only from my lecturers but also from the College as a whole.

The Art Foundation course gives you a chance to be creative in your own style and it's been really fun. I've enjoyed pushing boundaries and experimenting with different materials. You can tell how much the lecturers love art as it shows in their teaching and I've liked that, as Art Foundation students, we have our own classroom with individual work stations.

My advice to anyone wanting to join this course is to just do it; it was the best decision I've made and I wish I'd done it sooner! The course has given me the confidence to take the next step, a degree in Fine Art at LJMU, and I look forward to pursuing the rest of my career doing something I love.”



HND GAMES DESIGN

COURSE LEVEL	5
AWARDING BODY	EDEXCEL
UCAS CODE	G4D6
DURATION	TWO YEARS FULL-TIME TWO DAYS A WEEK

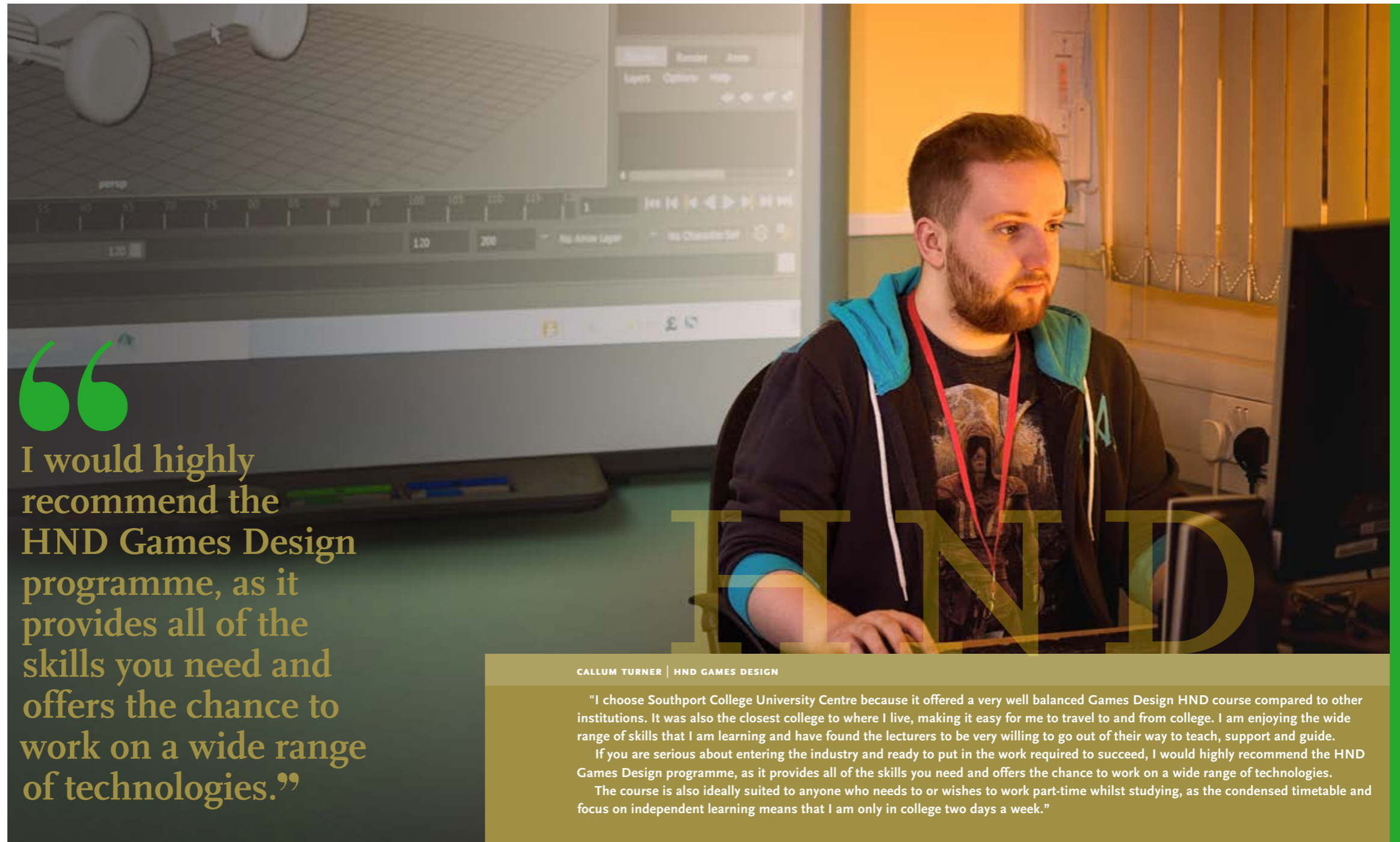
The course aims to provide you with knowledge and professional skills in areas of games design and development, 3D modelling and project management with a particular focus on virtual reality. The course focusses on the technical requirements for constructing virtual reality (VR) games, including related aspects such as user interface design, art development and industrial practice.

What will I study?

YOU WILL STUDY A NUMBER OF UNITS INCLUDING

- Games development practice
- Games in context
- Games design
- Professional practice
- Creative media industry
- 3D modelling
- Individual project
- Collaborative project
- Emerging technologies
- Project management
- Environment and level design

Throughout the course you will create a portfolio of quality work including games, project management materials, research and show reels to show prospective employers.



“I would highly recommend the HND Games Design programme, as it provides all of the skills you need and offers the chance to work on a wide range of technologies.”

CALLUM TURNER | HND GAMES DESIGN

"I choose Southport College University Centre because it offered a very well balanced Games Design HND course compared to other institutions. It was also the closest college to where I live, making it easy for me to travel to and from college. I am enjoying the wide range of skills that I am learning and have found the lecturers to be very willing to go out of their way to teach, support and guide.

If you are serious about entering the industry and ready to put in the work required to succeed, I would highly recommend the HND Games Design programme, as it provides all of the skills you need and offers the chance to work on a wide range of technologies.

The course is also ideally suited to anyone who needs to or wishes to work part-time whilst studying, as the condensed timetable and focus on independent learning means that I am only in college two days a week."

ASSESSMENT/EXAMINATIONS

You will be continuously assessed through a series of graded assignments. Your assignment work is also subject to checks by external examiners to ensure the national standards are met.

WHAT CAN I DO AFTER THIS COURSE?

On successful completion you could find employment within the games industry using the industry experience and portfolio of work you have developed throughout the course. Alternatively you may choose to use your skills in related industries such as films and visual effects.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants are required to have a minimum of 48 UCAS points fulfilled by at least one of the following entry requirements

- At least 2 A-Levels
- BTEC National Certificate/Diploma
- International Baccalaureate
- Access to Higher Education Diploma
- Foundation Diploma
- Level 3 NVQ or other work based qualification

APPLICANTS ARE ALSO EXPECTED TO HAVE

- GCSE Grade 4 (Grade C) in Maths and English
- Or hold equivalent certificates such as Numeracy Level 2, Literacy Level 2, Functional Skills English, Functional Skills Maths or Key Skills.

We also accept other relevant qualifications or work/industry experience. Work/industry experience must show knowledge of and commitment to the course. You will need to demonstrate an ability to study at a Higher Education level.

How do I apply?

You can apply for the HND in Games Design through UCAS, see page 88 for further information on how to apply.



HND GRAPHIC DESIGN

COURSE LEVEL	5
AWARDING BODY	EDEXCEL
UCAS CODE	W210
DURATION	TWO YEARS FULL-TIME TWO DAYS A WEEK

The HND in Graphic Design has been developed to give you the creative and technical skills, understanding and background knowledge required to be successfully employed within the graphic design industry.

Within the course you will explore a variety of visual communication forms including illustration, print, typography, lens based media, time based media and computer aided graphic design; giving you the essential training and skills development required for a range of careers in graphic design and related fields.

What will I study?

YOU WILL STUDY A RANGE OF TOPICS INCLUDING

- Project design, implementation and evaluation
- Design methods and principles
- Personal style development
- Typographic ideas
- Corporate identity
- Visual communication
- Management of the design and production process
- Digital image creation and development
- Drawing techniques and processes
- Communication with images
- Ideas generation and development
- Contextual and cultural referencing
- Professional practice

You will also undertake a research project, take part in work-based experience such as live briefs and you will have the opportunity to enter your work into national and international competitions



VICTORIA SWIFT | GRAPHIC DESIGN

"I chose to study at Southport College University Centre as the course is exactly what I was looking for and is flexible enough to fit around my busy lifestyle.

I am delighted I did as the staff on the programme are both supportive and helpful and the facilities are fantastic; I just wish I had more time to use everything! I have enjoyed all aspects of the course so far, learning everything from dry point printing to typography and I feel these skills will really help me to achieve my goal of becoming a graphic designer working alongside well-known brands.

The programme really is the most friendly course at the most friendly college I have ever attended. My advice to anyone considering studying at Southport College University Centre is to go for it because you will really enjoy it!"

I have enjoyed all aspects of the course so far, learning everything from dry point printing to typography and I feel these skills will really help me to achieve my goal of becoming a graphic designer working alongside well-known brands."

ASSESSMENT/EXAMINATIONS

You will be assessed using a variety of methods including case studies, reports, time constrained assessments, essays and presentations.

WHAT CAN I DO AFTER THIS COURSE?

On successful completion of the course you could find employment within graphic design, advertising or magazine design. Alternatively you may choose to progress on to further study specialising in illustration, web design or digital media.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants are required to have a minimum of 48 UCAS points fulfilled by at least one of the following entry requirements

- At least 2 A-Levels
- BTEC National Certificate/Diploma
- International Baccalaureate
- Access to Higher Education Diploma
- Foundation Diploma
- Level 3 NVQ or other work based qualification

APPLICANTS ARE ALSO EXPECTED TO HAVE

- GCSE Grade 4 (Grade C) in Maths and English
- Or hold equivalents such as Numeracy Level 2, Literacy Level 2, Functional Skills in English or Maths or Key Skills.

We also accept other relevant qualifications or work/industry experience that shows knowledge of and commitment to the course. You will need to demonstrate an ability to study at a Higher Education level.

How do I apply?

You can apply for the HND in Graphic Design through UCAS, see page 88 for further information on how to apply.



HND PERFORMING ARTS

COURSE LEVEL	5
AWARDING BODY	EDEXCEL
UCAS CODE	PAL5
DURATION	TWO YEARS FULL-TIME TWO DAYS A WEEK

The HND in Performing Arts allows you to study performance within a broad range of vocational and academic contexts, created through the delivery of a range of units throughout two stages of study.

You will develop technical competence across a range of performing techniques and skills, enabling you to apply these at an increasingly professional standard. The programme of study will encompass contemporary, innovative, creative work in our industry standard performance spaces and high tech TV and sound production studios.

To help you apply your skills professionally, you will also be encouraged to undertake work placements during the holiday periods, to support securing employment or further progression.

What will I study?

YOU WILL STUDY A NUMBER OF UNITS INCLUDING

- Devising
- Movement
- Creative Arts Professional Practice
- Creative Arts Research Skills
- Naturalistic Acting
- Acting for Camera
- Development of Acting Skills
- Voice and Speech

ASSESSMENT/EXAMINATIONS

You will be assessed using a variety of methods including workshops, group critiques, performance, essays and presentations.

WHAT CAN I DO AFTER THIS COURSE?

On successful completion of the course you are prepared for industry auditions and employment. Alternatively, you may wish to progress to a degree course in which case, entry to year 2 or 3 may be possible.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants are required to have a minimum of 48 UCAS points fulfilled by at least one of the following entry requirements

- At least 2 A-Levels
- BTEC National Extended Diploma
- International Baccalaureate
- Access to Higher Education Diploma
- Foundation Diploma
- Level 3 NVQ or other work based qualification

APPLICANTS ARE ALSO EXPECTED TO HAVE

- Or hold equivalents such as Numeracy Level 2, Literacy Level 2, Functional Skills in English or maths or Key Skills.
- A competent skill set in the use of ICT
- You will need to pass an audition and provide a satisfactory reference.
- Mature students with relevant performance experience may also be considered with other relevant qualifications or work/industry experience that shows knowledge of and commitment to the course. You will need to demonstrate an ability to study at a Higher Education level.

How do I apply?

You can apply for the HND in Performing Arts via UCAS. See page 88 for further information on how to apply.

You will develop technical competence across a wide range of performing techniques and skills.



CORIOLANUS | HND IN PERFORMING ARTS

Rome is in a mutinous mood. The citizens are protesting about their rulers' incompetence and the shortage of food.

A popular senator, Menenius Agrippa, has just managed to calm them when the arrogant and fiery young general, Caius Martius, arouses their emotions again by confronting them. He tells them that tribunes, including Sicinius Velutus and Junius Brutus, have been appointed to speak on their behalf.

Martius leads the Roman army against the Volscian forces, led by Tullus Aufidius, who are threatening Rome. Martius defeats the Volscians in their own city, Corioli, with great personal valour, and is given the title of 'Coriolanus'. When he returns to Rome the senate elect him to succeed Cominius as Consul. He accepts the honour but refuses to subject himself to the endorsement of the common people in the market place. He finally and very reluctantly agrees to it but although he achieves the people's approval, it is not a ringing endorsement.

Urged on by the tribunes, Sicinius and Brutus, they reverse their endorsement. Coriolanus shows his contempt for them by denying their right to corn. His mother, Volumnia, and some senators, do everything they can to smoothe matters between him and the people but they are unsuccessful. He is expelled from Rome.

He goes to to the Volscian city of Antium in disguise and is welcomed by his former enemy, Aufidius. The Roman tribunes celebrate Coriolanus' departure until the news arrives that he has joined forces with Aufidius to challenge the city. All diplomatic attempts to stop him fail until his mother, his wife, Virgilia, and his young son, approach him. He is unable to resist their entreaties and agrees to make peace. Aufidius, filled with a sense of betrayal, then kills Coriolanus.



HND PHOTOGRAPHY

COURSE LEVEL	5
AWARDING BODY	EDEXCEL
UCAS CODE	W640
DURATION	TWO YEARS FULL-TIME TWO DAYS A WEEK

The HND Photography allows you to study photography within a broad range of vocational and academic contexts created through the delivery of a range of units throughout two stages of study.

You will develop technical competence across a range of photographic techniques and skills, enabling you to apply these skills at an increasingly professional standard. You will be trained in image capture, as well as pre and post-production of images to industry standards. To help you apply your skills professionally, you will also be encouraged to undertake work placements during the holidays.

What will I study?

YEAR 1

- Professional development
- Contextual studies
- Pearson set assignment
- Techniques & processes
- Lighting for photography
- Photographic practice
- Darkroom
- Visual narratives

YEAR 2

- Professional practice
- Applied practice – collaborative project (pearson set)
- Advanced photography
- Styling
- Conceptual practice
- Materials selection & specification

ASSESSMENT/EXAMINATIONS

You will be assessed using a variety of methods including case studies, reports, time constrained assessments, essays and presentations.

WHAT CAN I DO AFTER THIS COURSE?

On successful completion of the course you could enter employment as professional photographer or work on a freelance basis. Alternatively, you may wish to progress to a degree course in which case, entry to Stage 2 or 3 may be possible.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants are required to have a minimum of 48 UCAS points fulfilled by at least one of the following entry requirements

- At least 2 A-Levels
- BTEC National Extended Diploma
- International Baccalaureate
- Access to Higher Education Diploma
- Foundation Diploma
- Level 3 NVQ or other work based qualification

APPLICANTS ARE ALSO EXPECTED TO HAVE

- GCSE Grade 4 (Grade C) in Maths and English
- Or hold equivalents such as Numeracy Level 2, Literacy Level 2, Functional Skills in English or Maths or Key Skills.
- A competent skill set in the use of ICT
- Portfolio of photographic work

We also accept other relevant qualifications or work/industry experience that shows knowledge of and commitment to the course. You will need to demonstrate an ability to study at a Higher Education level.

How do I apply?

You can apply for the HND Photography through UCAS, see page 88 for further information on how to apply.



“The course is a challenging programme that requires a lot of self discipline but I would not hesitate to recommend it to anyone.”

AMELIA HICKSON | HND PHOTOGRAPHY

“I definitely think Southport College University Centre offers the best photography course. Some of the other courses I looked at included too many other subjects whereas the main focus on this course is actually Photography. The fact that we can experiment with different processes – we have plenty of creative freedom within the units. The class sizes are small so we get good time with our lecturers. I’m doing a top-up course at University. I have my heart set on Sunderland or Hereford. I would like to work on blog projects when I finish University and also sell my own documentary style prints.”

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We are in the society of the teacher judge, the doctor judge, the educator judge, the 'social worker' judge; it is on them that the universal reign of the normative is based; and each individual, wherever he may find himself, subjects to it his body, his gestures, his behaviour, his aptitudes, his achievements.”

Michel Foucault.

CRIMINOLOGY & SOCIAL SCIENCE



FOUNDATION DEGREE CRIMINOLOGY & SOCIAL SCIENCES

COURSE LEVEL	5
AWARDING BODY	UNIVERSITY OF CUMBRIA
UCAS CODE	LL13
DURATION	TWO YEARS FULL-TIME TWO DAYS A WEEK

This course has been developed to give you a critical understanding of offenders, victims and approaches to managing and reducing crime, alongside issues that develop in these processes.

Within the course you will gain an understanding of human behaviour and how it can be influenced by a variety of internal and external factors. You will apply this understanding to different areas and also explore how societies manage and reduce crime levels and the protections and support offered to victims.

What will I study?

YOU WILL STUDY A RANGE OF UNITS INCLUDING

- Introduction to the Criminal Justice System
- Introduction to crime and deviance
- Working in the criminal justice sector
- Psychology and criminal justice
- Sociology and crime
- Criminological perspectives
- Forensic psychology
- Punishment, sentencing and rehabilitation
- Social research
- Contemporary debates in the Criminal Justice Sector

ASSESSMENT/EXAMINATIONS

You will be continually assessed through a series of graded assignments, formal examinations and portfolios.

Assignment work is subject to checks by external examiners to ensure that national standards are met.

WHAT CAN I DO AFTER THIS COURSE?

On successful completion of the course you may find employment within the criminal justice sector or enhance your career progression if you are already employed.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants are required to have a minimum of 48 UCAS points fulfilled by at least one of the following entry requirements

- At least 2 A-Levels
- BTEC National Certificate/Diploma
- International Baccalaureate
- Access to Higher Education Diploma
- Foundation Diploma
- Level 3 NVQ or other work-based qualification

APPLICANTS ARE ALSO EXPECTED TO HAVE

- GCSE Grade 4 (Grade C) in Maths and English
- Or hold equivalent certificates such as Numeracy Level 2, Literacy Level 2, Functional Skills English, Functional Skills Maths or Key Skills.

We also accept other relevant qualifications or work/industry experience. Work/industry experience must show knowledge of and commitment to the course. You will need to demonstrate an ability to study at a Higher Education level.

How do I apply?

You can apply for the Foundation Degree in Criminology & Social Sciences through UCAS, see page 88 for further information on how to apply.



The staff are highly supportive and there is such a positive atmosphere. Southport College University Centre is a really nice environment to be yourself and enables you to develop your skills.”



ALEX MATTHEWS | FDA CRIMINOLOGY

“I went to another University but didn't get the correct support. I spoke to Southport College University Centre who were really helpful and accepting of me, so I decided to transfer over. It genuinely is a great College. The learning is really interesting, teachers are very passionate and because class sizes are small, you meet people on a personal level and make great friendships.

Actually studying for a degree is my biggest achievement to date, helping me to grow my independence, skills and confidence, which will help me into working for either the legal sector or the Police.

The staff are highly supportive and there is such a positive atmosphere. Southport College University Centre is a really nice environment to be yourself and enables you to develop your skills.”



BA (HONS) CRIMINOLOGY & SOCIAL SCIENCE {TOP-UP}

COURSE LEVEL	6
AWARDING BODY	UNIVERSITY OF CUMBRIA
UCAS CODE	BACR
DURATION	ONE YEAR FULL-TIME TWO DAYS A WEEK

This course is intended to deliver work-ready BA Hons graduates with the skills necessary to work in the local economy within the public sector or related organisations. It is subject area which can lead in to a number of different career pathways.

What will I study?

YOU WILL STUDY A NUMBER OF MODULES INCLUDING

- Victimology
- Youth justice
- Domestic violence
- Human rights around the globe
- Dissertation

ASSESSMENT/EXAMINATIONS

Assessment throughout the programme will include a blend of typical assessment activities such as written assignments, presentations and reports, alongside innovative and employability focused tasks such as case study analysis.. These methods are chosen to encourage knowledge development, practitioner skills, and a range of transferable and professional capabilities such as communication and presentation skills, problem- solving, team work, numeracy and IT skills.

WHAT CAN I DO AFTER THIS COURSE?

Previous students have been employed in a number of career areas including: social science, education, central & local government, health & social care, law and public services. Jobs directly related to this degree course include: community development worker and housing officer, police officer, prison officer, probation officer, social worker and youth worker.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Students must have completed the Foundation Degree Programme: Criminology and Social Sciences, or have completed a HND (Level 5 study) in a relevant subject area.

How do I apply?

You can apply for the BA (Hons) Criminology & Social Science (Top-up) through UCAS, see page 88.



The staff on the Criminology programme are truly inspirational, they have provided the right level of support at all times and worked tirelessly to help me achieve my dream career.”

JULIE KENYON | BA CRIMINOLOGY

“I would highly recommend studying at Southport College University Centre to any potential student as it has genuinely changed my life. The staff on the Criminology programme are truly inspirational, they have provided the right level of support at all times and worked tirelessly to help me achieve my dream career at 50 years old. I have thoroughly enjoyed the course and have made some great friends. My learning experience has been superb, I have received help in accessing a range of study materials and PC assistance from the committed and experienced staff in the Library Learning Centre. The BA Criminology course has allowed me to pursue a career in Child Protection and Criminal Justice; something I have always wanted to do. Southport College University Centre has equipped me with full a degree and the ability to change my career, constantly encouraging me to do so and I cannot thank everyone involved enough.”

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I'm not into politics but I am committed to a cause: ensuring design technology and engineering stays on the U.K. curriculum, alongside science and maths - grounding abstract theory, merging the practical with the academic.”

James Dyson.

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ENGINEERING



HNC ENGINEERING

COURSE LEVEL	4
AWARDING BODY	EDEXCEL
DURATION	TWO YEARS FULL-TIME TWO DAYS A WEEK

This course provides the foundations of understanding required in mechanical engineering to progress into a career within the industry.

The programme is suitable for people currently employed within an engineering role and those wishing to gain employment in the future.

What will I study?

YOU WILL STUDY A RANGE OF TOPICS INCLUDING

- Engineering science
- Analytical methods
- Project design, implementation and evaluation
- Materials engineering
- Engineering design
- Advanced computer-aided design techniques
- Health, safety and risk assessment
- Further Mathematics

ASSESSMENT/EXAMINATIONS

You will be assessed by a schedule of assignments during the course.

WHAT CAN I DO AFTER THIS COURSE?

On successful completion of the course you could progress on to a BEng (Hons) degree at university or find employment within the engineering industry.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants are required to have a minimum of 48 UCAS points obtained by at least one of the following entry requirements

- Minimum of 2 A-Levels
- BTEC National Certificate/Diploma
- International Baccalaureate
- Access to Higher Education Diploma
- Foundation Diploma
- Level 3 NVQ or other work based qualification



I am really grateful for the opportunities and support that I have received from my employer and lecturers at Southport College. I would highly recommend the Apprenticeship programme as a route to a successful career in Engineering.”

APPLICANTS ARE ALSO EXPECTED TO HAVE

- GCSE Grade 4 (Grade C) in Maths and English
- Or hold equivalents such as Numeracy Level 2, Literacy Level 2, Functional Skills in English or maths or Key Skills.

We also accept other relevant qualifications or work/industry experience that shows knowledge of and commitment to the course. You will need to demonstrate an ability to study at Higher Education level.

How do I apply?

All applicants can apply directly to Southport College University Centre through our website.

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Apprenticeships



RYAN MALLINSON | LEVEL 4 ENGINEERING | APPRENTICESHIP

“Following school, I joined Stork’s Heat Treatment division Cooperheat and started the Level 2 Apprenticeship programme in partnership with Southport College. I then continued onto an Advanced Apprenticeship which allowed me to specialise further in Engineering Design and Computer Aided Design.

This enabled me to progress to the HNC in Engineering during which I was promoted to the role of Design Engineer, within Cooperheat. I am now studying a HND which will allow me to become a more competent Design Engineer and take on specialist projects.

I was proud to be awarded Stork’s REACH Beyond Zero Award for HSEQ Improvement which celebrates excellence in Health, Safety, Environment and Quality.

I am really grateful for the opportunities and support that I have received from my employer and lecturers at Southport College. I would highly recommend the Apprenticeship programme as a route to a successful career in Engineering.”

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No society can legitimately call itself civilised if a sick person is denied medical aid because of lack of means.”

76 *Aneurin Bevan.*

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE



FOUNDATION DEGREE HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

COURSE LEVEL	5
AWARDING BODY	UNIVERSITY OF CUMBRIA
UCAS CODE	L512
DURATION	TWO YEARS FULL-TIME TWO DAYS A WEEK

This programme gives learners the opportunity to achieve a nationally recognised qualification that offers both career progression and professional development for those already employed or looking to work in health and social care. This Foundation Degree work-related programme of study is designed to cover the key knowledge, understanding and practical skills required within this sector. The programme allows for learners to apply their knowledge and practical skills in the workplace through formal voluntary work placements or part-time employment experience.

Employment/work experience or voluntary placements are not mandatory for the programme, but current vocational experience whilst studying on the programme is highly recommended.

This programme is designed to equip learners with academic, research, analytical and problem solving skills ideally suited for a range of careers and career progression in the health and social care sectors, focussing on moving up to a supervisory or management position.

What will I study?

YOU WILL STUDY A RANGE OF TOPICS INCLUDING

- Personal development and study skills
- Values and principles of health & social care
- Communication and multi-agency working
- Applied anatomy and physiology
- Lifespan development and mental health
- The principles and implementation of the duty of care

ASSESSMENT/EXAMINATIONS

Methods of assessment on the Foundation degree include written assignments, project work, presentations, exams and portfolio evidence.

WHAT CAN I DO AFTER THIS COURSE?

This course is ideally suited for a range of careers and career progression in the health and social care sectors, focussing on moving up to a supervisory or management position. Successful completion of this course may lead on to positions working with young people and mental health, or you may wish to progress onto the BSc (Hons) in Health & Social Care {Top Up} taught at Southport College University Centre and validated by the University of Cumbria.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants are required to have a minimum of 48 UCAS points fulfilled by at least one of the following entry requirements. Other qualifications or relevant life/work experience may also be considered:

- A minimum of 2 A-Levels
- BTEC National Diploma/Extended Diploma
- Access to Higher Education Diploma
- Level 3 NVQ

APPLICANTS ARE ALSO EXPECTED TO HAVE

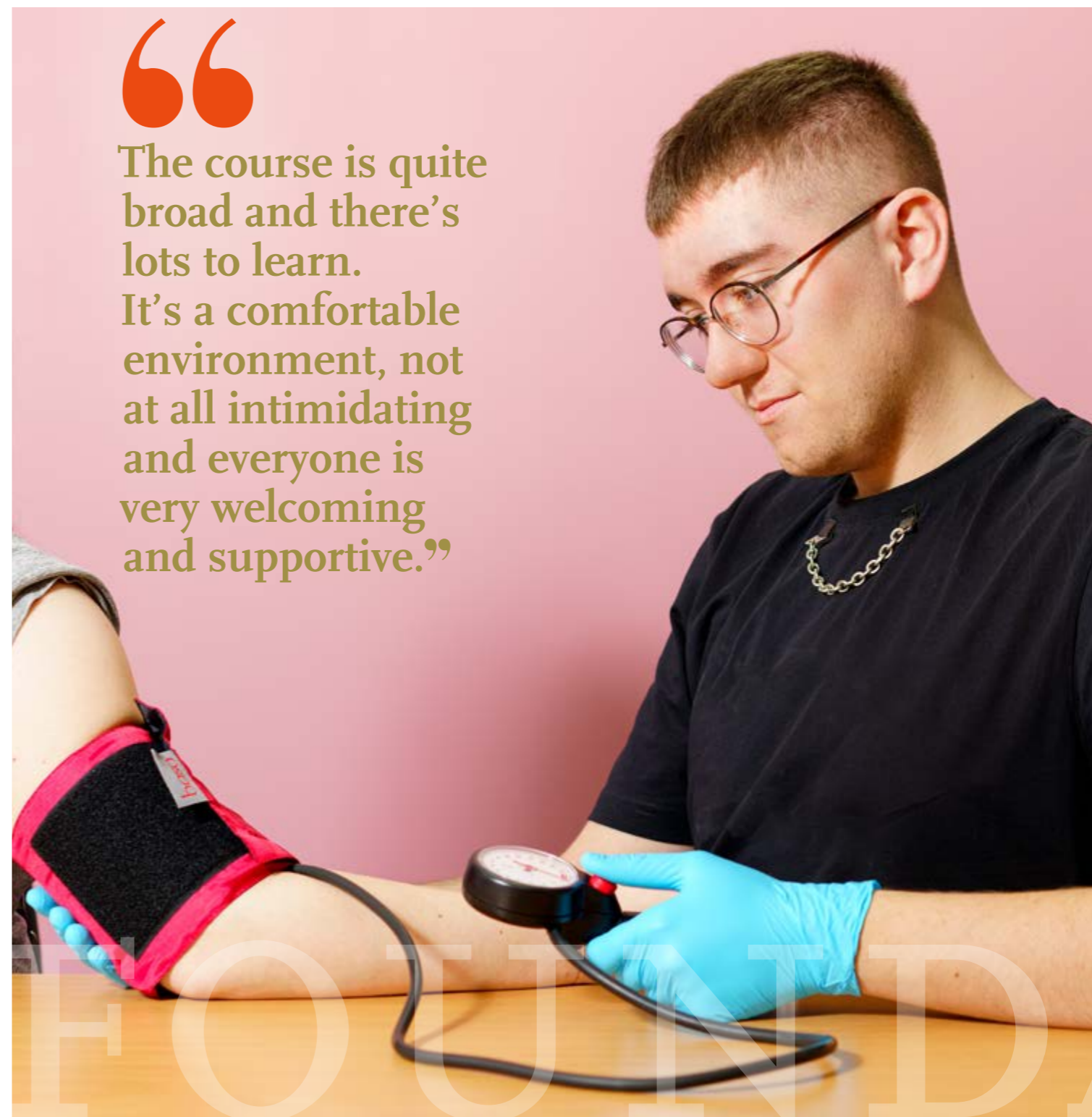
- Successful course discussion, supported by personal statement and portfolio, and suitable reference.
- All applicants will additionally require GCSE English at Grade 4 (Grade C) or equivalent. Mathematics at GCSE Grade 4 (Grade C) will also be desirable.
- Non-native English speakers or those who have not studied the final two years of school in English must be able to demonstrate a capability in English at a standard commensurate with IELTS 6.0, with a minimum of 5.5 being awarded on individual sections.

How do I apply?

You can apply for FdSc Health & Social Care via UCAS. See page 88 for further information on how to apply.

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The course is quite broad and there's lots to learn. It's a comfortable environment, not at all intimidating and everyone is very welcoming and supportive.”



CONNOR O'BRIEN | FDA HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

“I chose to attend Southport College University Centre as the location is convenient and my friends have been here before so it came recommended.

The course is quite broad and there's lots to learn. It's a comfortable environment, not at all intimidating and everyone is very welcoming and supportive. The smaller class sizes make for a better relationship with lecturers and colleagues. My advice is to definitely read up on your subject and use all the resources that are available. It has broadened my knowledge on the health care sector. I've surpassed my expectations and developed a lot as a person over the last year.

My skills have also been put into practice in real life situations and this has enabled me to apply to be a paramedic.”



BSc (HONS) HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE {TOP-UP}

COURSE LEVEL	6
AWARDING BODY	UNIVERSITY OF CUMBRIA
UCAS CODE	H3S8
DURATION	ONE YEAR FULL-TIME TWO DAYS A WEEK

This one-year top-up is available to students who have successfully completed the FdSc in Health & Social Care or equivalent foundation degree subject. The programme aims to provide you with the opportunity to achieve a nationally recognised qualification that offers both career progression and professional development and is designed for those already in employment in the health and social care sectors and those learners who are looking for future employment and careers in these sectors.

What will I study?

- Contexts of multi agency working
- Critical perspectives of mental health
- Public health, addiction and critical debates
- Managing self and others

ASSESSMENT/EXAMINATIONS

Continuous assessment through a series of assignments, formal examinations, presentations and practical work. Assessment is subject to checks by an independent external examiner to ensure that national standards are met.

WHAT CAN I DO AFTER THIS COURSE?

On successful completion of the course you could find employment working with service users in areas such as children and families, health promotion, services for older people, community development and mental health.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

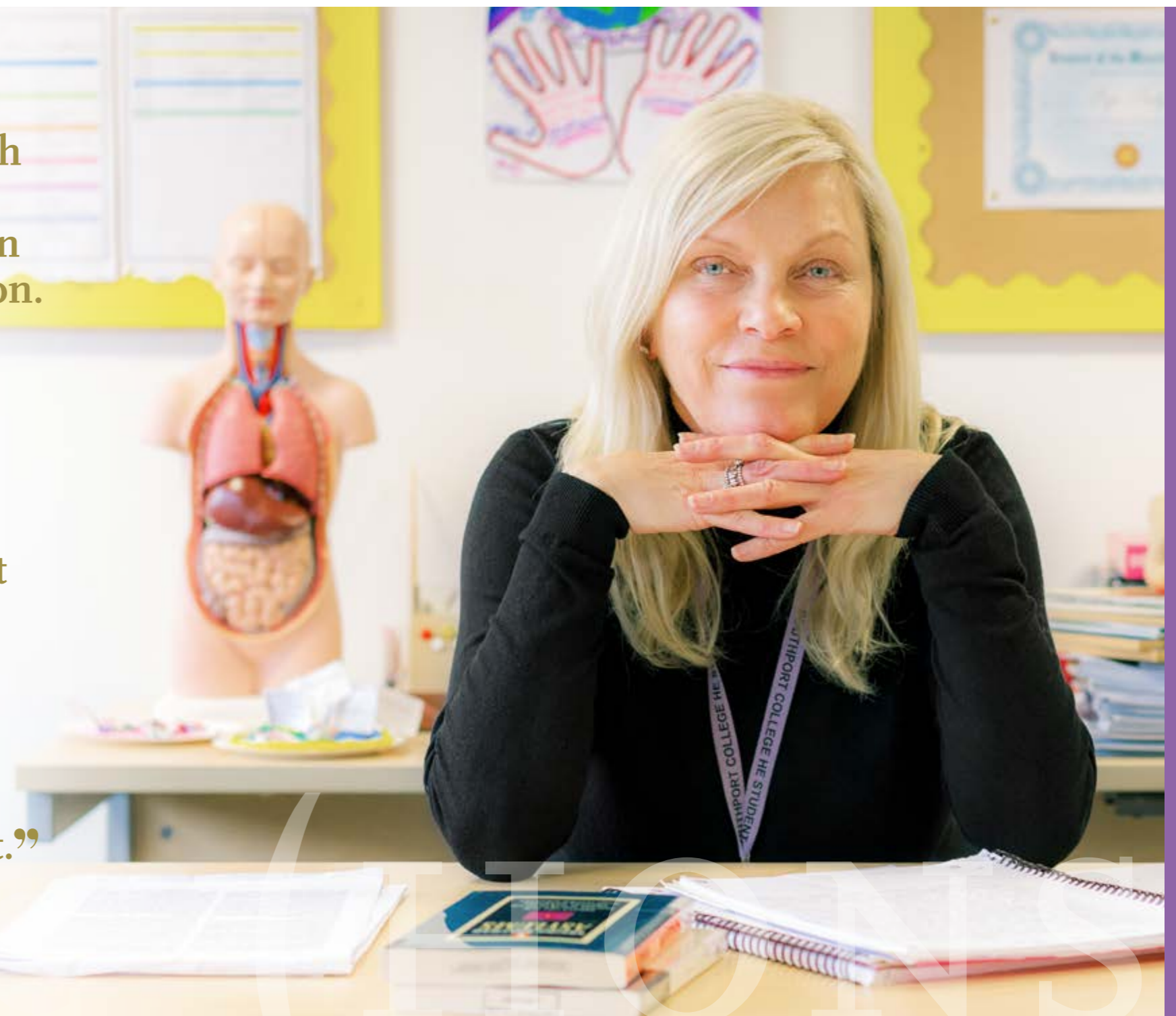
Foundation Degree in Health & Social Care or a related foundation degree equivalent or HND.

How do I apply?

You can apply for the BSc (Hons) Health & Social Care (Top-up) through UCAS, see page 88 for further information on how to apply.

“The staff in the Health & Social Care department have been an absolute inspiration. Juggling degree level study with full-time work and home commitments is not easy but those moments where I felt like giving up were quickly overcome as the lecturers were always available to provide advice, empathy and support.”

BSc



JOAN SHANNON | BA HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

“Becoming a student at Southport College University Centre marked my return to education after a long period of absence. Naturally, I was a little apprehensive but any fears were soon alleviated by fantastic lecturers and peers, who have shared my journey with me.

The staff in the Health & Social Care department have been an absolute inspiration. Juggling degree level study with full-time work and home commitments is not easy but those moments where I felt like giving up were quickly overcome as the lecturers were always available to provide advice, empathy and support.

I have worked in health care services for many years but I feel the qualifications I have gained at Southport College University Centre will allow me to continue climbing the career ladder. My advice to anyone considering a degree here is to go for it, I have had a wonderful time here and will be very sad to leave.”

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Instead of worrying about teaching the curriculum or making sure that you've got a strict classroom environment, build your relationships first. Get your kids on board, connect with them, find out what it is that they're interested in. Build the relationship, build that trust. And then everything else can happen.”

Andria Zafirakou.

WORLD TEACHER OF THE YEAR.

TEACHING



PGCE/CERTIFICATE IN EDUCATION & TRAINING

COURSE LEVEL	PGCE LEVEL 7 CERT ED LEVEL 5
AWARDING BODY	UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL LANCASHIRE (UCLAN)
UCAS CODE	W640 APPLY DIRECTLY TO SOUTHPORT COLLEGE UNIVERSITY CENTRE
DURATION	3 hours per week in class plus 3 hours minimum teaching placement over 30 weeks per year for 2 years. You can opt to study this as either a daytime or evening course.

The Certificate in Education (Education and Training) and Postgraduate Certificate in Education (Education and Training) are nationally recognised qualifications for teachers, trainers and lecturers in the Further Education and Skills Sector. They are open to all in service, pre-service and pre-employment teachers, trainers and lecturers in the Lifelong Learning Sector or suitably qualified people who wish to enter the profession. Full Award trainees would be expected to use resources they have designed and evaluated, deliver learning across a range of levels, subjects and learner types, and contribute to a range of programmes of varying lengths.

The qualification is comprised of the following

YEAR ONE

- An initial assessment of literacy, numeracy and ICT skills and commencement of the Professional Development Portfolio
- **Module one: Preparation for Education and Training**
Designed to give you a taster of teaching and prepare you to teach. This module will introduce you to teaching and learning as a process. During this module you will develop the personal and practical skills that you will need in a teaching or training role
- **Module two: Teaching, Learning and Assessment**
Teaching and Reflecting on own Practice; including 75 hours of teaching practice/placement within a subject specialism and 4 hours of observed practice
- **Module three: Curriculum Design and Assessment**
forms of assessment and analyse the alignment within your own subject area

YEAR TWO

- **Module four: Action Research**
- **Module five: Developing Teaching, Learning and Assessment**
- **Module six: Wider perspectives in Education and Training**
Teaching and learning and reflecting on others practice; including 75 hours of teaching practice/placement within a subject specialism and 4 hours of observed practice

CERTIFICATE IN EDUCATION TRAINEES UNDERTAKE

- Three modules at Level 1 HE/Level 4 NQF, two modules at Level 2 HE/Level 5 NQF and one module at Level 3 HE/Level 6 NQF

PGCE TRAINEES UNDERTAKE

- Three modules at Level 1 HE/Level 4 NQF, one module at Level 3 HE/Level 6 NQF and two modules at Masters Level 4 HE/Level 7 NQF

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must meet the following minimum entry requirements

- A minimum of a Level 3 qualification in their own subject specialism
- An appropriate level of education (5 GCSEs minimum at Grade 4 (Grade C) or above – to include English)
- Potential to complete 150 hours of teaching which may be voluntary over the course of the programme (teaching practice placement)
- Successful course discussion and presentation with course tutor
- The ability to communicate fluently, accurately and effectively in professional spoken English (IELTS 7.5 or equivalent)
- Applicants wishing to obtain a PGCE will need an honours degree

ASSESSMENT/EXAMINATIONS

You will be assessed using a range of methods including portfolios, teaching observations, presentation and projects. You will also need a DBS at a cost of £44.

Further study and career options

BA (Hons) Education at UCLan as you will have achieved 180 credits (50% of the award) by completing the Certificate in Education.

QTLS (Qualified Teacher in the Learning and Skills Sector) can be applied for but this is not a requirement for teaching in FE.



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LYDIA HARAM | PGCE AND CERT ED

"After studying for a degree in graphic design at university, I had ambitions of becoming a teacher, so I signed up to the PGCE. The course revealed what goes on behind the scenes in teaching, which I found so invaluable.

Whilst studying, I undertook a placement delivering teaching sessions to FE students, giving me the experience, as well as the qualification, to successfully secure myself a job as a qualified art teacher.

I would really recommend the course at Southport College University Centre because it has such a warm and welcoming environment. You feel your self-confidence grow with knowledgeable lecturers supporting and guiding you throughout. The HE facilities are of such a high standard, the library and its staff are amazing, with such a wide variety of books, journals and resources, all of which has got me into my dream career."

Open evenings

Why not discover more for yourself and visit one of our open evenings. Held throughout the year, open evenings provide the perfect opportunity to meet teaching staff and current students as well as view our impressive facilities yourself. You can find the date of our next open evening at www.southport.ac.uk/events.

Alternatively, please call us on 01704 392704 to arrange a personal visit which we will tailor to your requirements. We look forward to seeing you soon.



Visit us

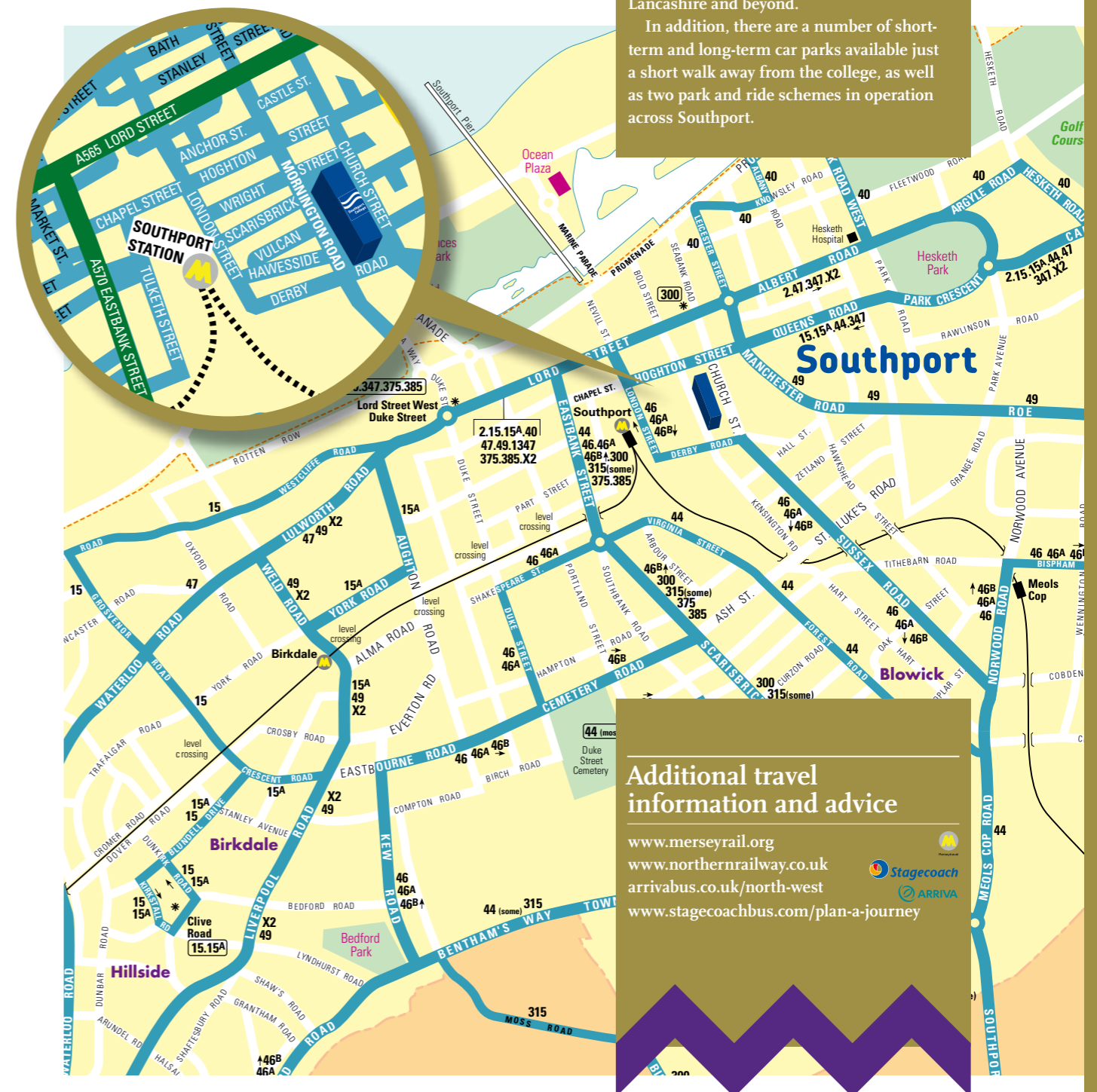
Southport College University Centre aims to give all of our students an exceptional experience with higher level programmes designed to meet the needs of the local economy. This, coupled with our specialist facilities and dedicated University Centre provision, provides the best possible environment for success at a higher level.

Accessible location

Southport College University Centre is in a central location, easily accessible from Southport's main train station and just a short walk from the main bus stops on Lord Street.

Served by both Northern and Merseyrail, the proximity to the train station makes Southport College University Centre easily accessible from across Merseyside, West Lancashire and beyond.

In addition, there are a number of short-term and long-term car parks available just a short walk away from the college, as well as two park and ride schemes in operation across Southport.



Additional travel information and advice

www.merseyrail.org
www.northernrailway.co.uk
arribus.co.uk/north-west
www.stagecoachbus.com/plan-a-journey



Applying to Southport College University Centre

The type of course and level you wish to apply for at Southport College University Centre will determine which application process you follow.

We are keen to make the process as simple as possible, with all of the relevant information listed below. If you need any additional help, or have further questions, please contact the Student Guidance Team on 01704 392704.

Levels 4, 5, 6 and 7

HNC, HND, Foundation Degrees, Honours Degrees and PGCE

APPLICATION

Those wishing to apply for any Level 4, 5 or 6 programme (see pages 18-19 for additional details) will need to apply for their chosen course of study via the external UCAS system, visit www.ucas.com for further details. The institution code is S35 and you will find a range of courses listed under 'Southport College.' Once on the website, follow the instructions to apply for your chosen programme of study and ensure that you pay the required application fee, otherwise your application won't be sent or processed.

Internal applicants - Please note that students already enrolled at Southport College University Centre may apply to progress on to a more advanced HE course here through our own application form instead of using the UCAS system again.

Teacher training – all applications for the Certificate in Education and Post Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) are made directly to Southport College University Centre, not through UCAS.

For full details on how to apply – please visit www.southport.ac.uk and search 'Cert Ed' or PGCE'

Course Discussion

Once your application is received, you will be invited to a course discussion to check that you meet the entry requirements and that the course is right for you and your future plans. This is also an ideal opportunity to look around our fantastic facilities, meet our teaching staff and ask any questions you may have.

Offers

If your application for study is successful, you will receive an offer through UCAS and you can accept your place using the UCAS system. Be sure to keep checking UCAS for any updates once your application has been submitted. Internal applicants will be contacted directly

Enrolment

If you accept your offer of a place to study with us, in August you will be invited to enrol on your course. We will need you to show proof of your qualifications and if you plan to use Student Finance or an employer payment to fund your course, we will also need to see your confirmation of an application for funding at this time too.

Level 3

Access to Higher Education Programmes

APPLICATION

Those wishing to apply for the Access programme can do so via the main Southport College website. Please visit www.southport.ac.uk and search for your chosen course. Once found, follow the instructions online and submit your application.

Course Discussion

Once your application is received, you will be invited to a course discussion to check that the programme chosen is the right one for you. This also provides the opportunity to ask questions about financial and learning support available.

Formal offer

We will make you a formal offer. This will also fully explain what grades are needed to access the course as well as any other conditions of entry and how to accept your offer.

Enrolment

If you have accepted your offer, then in August we will invite you to enrol. If you are planning to use an Advanced Learner Loan to fund your Access course, we will need to see the relevant documentation that shows that your application for funding has been successful.

Important information for prospective students

Terms, conditions and disclaimers

Southport College University Centre is part of Southport College. The information contained within this prospectus is correct at the time of going to print and every effort is made to ensure accuracy. It is possible that some changes may occur before the start of the academic year and Southport College University Centre reserves the right to withdraw or amend courses, entry requirements, fees and details.

Courses are offered subject to viability of group sizes, minimum and maximum numbers, as decided by Southport College University Centre. If the Southport College University Centre discontinues any courses it will make every effort to provide a suitable alternative course. Southport College University Centre accepts no responsibility for the consequences of the cancellation or modification of a course.

Any offer of a place is on the basis that in accepting you agree to the terms and conditions of the Southport College University Centre. Acceptance onto a course is at the discretion of Southport College University Centre and all students are subject to the policies and procedures of Southport College.

Additional information about the policies and procedures can be found at www.southport.ac.uk/college/about-us/college-policies.

Southport College University Centre endeavours to provide the educational services as described within this publication to enrolled students. It cannot accept any liability for disruption beyond the control of Southport College University Centre but it will take reasonable steps to minimise this disruption.

For full terms and conditions please got to: www.southport.ac.uk

FEEDBACK AND COMPLAINTS

Southport College University Centre aims to listen to the views of all who use our services and encourages suggestions, comments, compliments and complaints. Any feedback can be made to Southport College University Centre in a number of ways including through our Comments, Complaints and Compliments online form, verbally, in writing or through a HE Student Representative.

Our complaints and appeals policy can be found on the College policies section of the website at www.southport.ac.uk/college/about-us/college-policies.

DBS CHECK

It is a legal requirement for all those who are going to work with young people and/or vulnerable adults to undergo a DBS check. DBS is the Disclosure and Barring Service, an organisation who now carry out all of the checks previously undertaken by the Criminal Records Bureau (CRB).

If you require additional information, please contact our Student Guidance team on: 01704 392704.

FEES

Students of any age studying on a Higher Education course, including the PGCE, can apply for funding via the student loan system but Southport College University Centre will require proof of the loan being in place before a student can enrol on their programme of choice. Self-funding students on a course with either Southport College University Centre or Southport College are required to pay their tuition fees in full before the course commences. The very nature of some of the more practical courses requires an additional charge for materials. Students will be advised of these costs during the course discussion stage of the application process.

ACCESS FOR ALL

Southport College University Centre is committed to equality and diversity. It is dedicated to the active pursuit of an equal opportunities policy, which addresses the need and rights of everyone in the Southport College University Centre to be treated with respect and dignity, in an environment where a diversity of backgrounds and experiences is valued.

If this publication is required in an alternative format or language, or you wish to discuss specific requirements or adjustments for joining one of our advertised courses, please contact Student Guidance on 01704 392704.

Fees and Finance

Student Finance

TUITION FEE LOAN FOR HE COURSES

Students of any age studying on a Higher Education course, including the PGCE, can apply for funding via the student loan system but Southport College University Centre will require proof of the loan being in place before a student can enrol on their programme of choice. Southport College University Centre accepts a range of payment methods for higher level course tuition fees. Typically these are full payment without a loan, an invoice from an employer confirming they will pay the fee or payment via the student loan system.

MAINTENANCE LOAN

In addition to applying for a tuition fee loan, eligible undergraduate students can apply for a maintenance loan, to help cover day to day living costs, which typically include accommodation, travel, food and general living. Maintenance loans are also applied for via the student finance system.

Please note that student loans are not repayable until you earn over £27,295

ADVANCED LEARNER LOAN FOR NON HE COURSES

Advanced Learner Loans have been introduced for learners aged 19 or over who are studying at Level 3 and above on a none HE programme that started on or after 1st August 2016. Advanced Learner Loans will cover the cost of tuition fees, so students don't have to pay up front. Interest on the loans is low and your household income isn't taken into account.

Please note that repayments for Advanced Learner Loans don't start until you earn over £27,295 and if you choose to undertake and successfully complete a Higher Education programme, the outstanding amount of Advanced Learner Loan debt is written off.

Tuition fees

Tuition fees vary by course. For the most up to date costs, please visit our website: <https://www.southport.ac.uk/universitycentre/fees>

Art Foundation Level 4 course

Students who are 18 when enrolling on the course will not be required to pay tuition fees. Students aged 19 or over will be required to pay the tuition fee and can apply for an Advanced Learner Loan to cover the cost.

Repayments don't start until you earn £27,295 and, if you undertake and successfully complete a Higher Education programme, the outstanding amount of Advanced Learner Loan debt is written off.

Other courses

Students on any other course with either Southport College University Centre or Southport College are required to pay their tuition fees in full before the course commences. Assistance may be available for certain students, please contact Student Guidance to check your eligibility.

Additional Financial Support

Some students may be entitled to access additional financial support such as Childcare Grants, Parents' Learning Allowance, Adult Dependants' Grant, Child Tax Credit and/or Disabled Students' Allowance. Students can use the calculator on the Student Finance website to determine eligibility and can find additional help and support from Southport College University Centre's Student Guidance team.

ADDITIONAL COURSE COSTS

Some of the courses listed in this prospectus may carry materials, residential or additional miscellaneous fees. Additional information will be provided during course discussion, if you are applying to study on such a course.





Southport College University Centre Graduation

Each year we offer our graduating students the opportunity to celebrate their successes at our annual graduation ceremony. Celebrated in the stunning surroundings of Holy Trinity Church, students gather to receive recognition of their hard work and achievements, whilst celebrating with family, friends and teaching staff.

Featuring guest speakers, and also presentations of specific awards, the annual graduation ceremony provides an unforgettable day for graduands, as we celebrate their achievements and wish them all well in their future careers.

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The graduation ceremony was a lovely event and after such an unprecedented year, it was so nice for me and my friends from the course to actually be able to celebrate our achievements together in person. The church was a beautiful setting for the ceremony and gave it a real sense of occasion and I loved that I was able to invite my husband and all four of our children to come and watch my special day, after all, without their amazing support I wouldn't have got where I am today!”

Gemma Roberts | PGCE

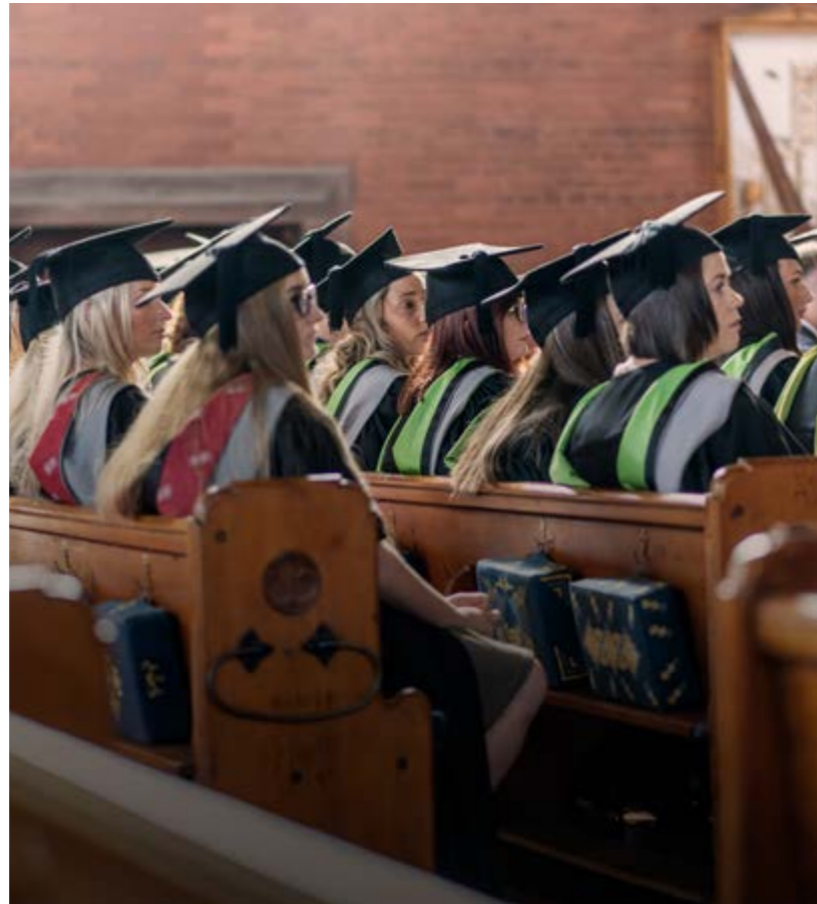


SALUS POPULI - The welfare of the people

“The welfare of the people shall be the supreme law”
(Cicero's De Legibus - book III, part III, sub. VIII).



The graduation ceremony is held in the impressive surroundings of Holy Trinity Church in Southport.







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