“Knowledge is power. Information is liberating. Education is the premise of progress, in every society, in every family.”

Kofi Annan.
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Courses are offered subject to viability of group size, minimum and maximum numbers, as defined by the College.
Acceptance on to a course is at the discretion of Southport College.
This publication, produced in June 2018, supercedes any other publication or advertisement promoting these courses.
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I am delighted to welcome you to our University Centre Southport prospectus. Here you will find a wealth of information on the higher level qualifications offered in Southport. We aim to give all our students an exceptional experience and the University Centre and our specialist facilities provide the best possible environment for higher level studies.

Our foundation degree and degree level courses are designed to prepare you for success in your chosen field and, in many instances, are validated by a range of partner universities, meaning you can obtain a full honours degree whilst studying at the University Centre Southport.

As a University Centre, we are in the unique position of being able to offer degree level study in a smaller, more specialised environment. Our students benefit from being able to access all of the University Centre facilities, as well as those of the relevant partner university, whilst also enjoying the benefits of a smaller, more specialised provision.

We offer affordable course fees, smaller class sizes, unrivalled levels of support and expert tuition from our highly experienced, industry practiced professionals. Our higher education programmes can also 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.

We truly believe that our University Centre is a great place to study and succeed. Please do take the opportunity to visit us at our next Open Evening, where I am sure you will be impressed.

I do hope to have the opportunity to welcome you at the University Centre soon.

JOHN CLARKE, PRINCIPAL
Our facilities

University Centre Southport offers fantastic classroom spaces and study zones for Higher Education students. Here you will find a well-stocked University Centre full of books and other learning resources, as well as offering the opportunity to self-loan a laptop or use a quiet study area.

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

2. **Childcare and Health and Social Care**
   - Our newly-refurbished Tony Leigh building contains a purpose-built simulated hospital ward and nursery, providing childcare and health and social care students with access to an unrivalled, practical setting which emulates a live working environment.

3. **Computing and IT**
   - University Centre students benefit from free access to modern Windows based PCs with simulated infrastructure and networking facilities. Following a recent refurbishment, students can expect bright, modern teaching and learning environments and a state of the art technology workshop.
Engineering

Become an Engineering student with University Centre Southport and you will benefit from our newly fitted workshop with around £150,000 worth of engineering equipment.

Film & TV Production

University Centre Higher Education students studying on the HND Film and TV Production programme have access to a fully-equipped TV studio and editing suite, Apple Macs and a purpose built TV studio space.

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.

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.

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.

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.
Why study at University Centre Southport?

Industry links and experience
Our tutors are industry practiced 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 link theory to practice as part of their programme. Many programmes have links with local businesses and industry professionals who share their experiences with students, to help prepare all for employment.

Competitive fees
We offer extremely competitive course fees, many of which are payable using the student loan system.

Dedicated HE facilities
University Centre Southport 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 tutors and peers.

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

Our University partners

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, or further training within six months of graduating.

University of Central Lancashire (UCLan)
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>Cs</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

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Whatever your starting point we have a qualification to suit you. From Level 2 Pre-Access and 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.
With small class sizes and excellent facilities, University Centre Southport offers a welcoming and supportive learning environment. Working closely with dedicated lecturers and peers, students will relish the benefits of more contact time with tutors 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 who have successfully applied for disabled student allowances (DSAs) have access to our Learning Support Team at University Centre Southport. 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 (DSA).

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.

### Further Information

For more information on our courses, please contact our Student Guidance Team on 01704 392704, or email guidance@southport.ac.uk or visit www.southport.ac.uk.
University Centre Southport 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 University Centre Southport 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 the organisations we work with:

- Bijou Cinema Southport
- Dovehaven Care Homes
- Farmageddon
- Flatchers Solicitors
- Hey Amigos Bar Southport
- Ilford & Harman Technology
- Lattimers
- Liverpool Heart and NHS Trust
- Liverpool Women’s NHS Foundation Trust
- Merseycare
- Rad Wraps
- Royal Academy Arts
- Samaritans UK
- Sefton Veterans
- Sound City Liverpool
- Southport and Ormskirk NHS Trust
- Southport Flower Show
- Stork Technical Services
- The Atkinson Art Gallery
- UCLan
- University of Cumbria

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

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** This quote is a fictional addition to the text to complete the narrative.
The Pre-Access course is ideal for learners who:
- Want to progress into other further or Higher Education courses, or into new work areas
- Are returning or planning to return to work and who are seeking to update and/ or add to their employment skills
- For whatever reason have not previously achieved in education
- Need to develop their literacy and/ or numeracy skills

What will I study?
The pre-access programme allows students to undertake GCSE qualifications, including English, Maths, Psychology and Biology.

ASSESSMENT/EXAMINATIONS
Students will sit GCSE examinations during May-June.

WHAT CAN I DO AFTER THIS COURSE?
Students can progress onto other Level 3 programmes of study or can progress to an Access to Higher Education Diploma qualification.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:
Applicants must have a Level 1 qualification in English and maths or be working at Level 1/towards Level 2 in both subjects on completion of an initial assessment.

How do I apply?
You can apply for the Pre-Access course through our website www.southport.ac.uk.

I looked at other local colleges but I chose Southport as it’s an amazing place to be. The lessons are interesting within a friendly and supportive environment and I’ve been nurtured by the tutors.”

“Hannah Williamson | Pre-Access
The Open Awards Level 3 Access to Higher Education Diplomas are specifically designed to help 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 begin studying course specific subjects whilst also working on units aimed at preparing applicants for undergraduate study, such as development and research skills.

ACCESS TO BUSINESS
The course is designed to give students the opportunity to gain the necessary academic qualifications for entry onto a Business Studies or other related degree programme. Students will study a range of subjects including Marketing, Accounting, Business Planning, Business Management and Business Operations, in addition to Personal Development and Research Skills.

ACCESS TO COMPUTING
This course has been developed to allow students to progress on to computing degree programmes. During the Access course students study a range of computing related subject modules, including Computer Systems Architecture, Networks and Communication Protocols, Event-driven Programming, Database Principles and Design and Web Design and Development.

ACCESS TO EDUCATION
The Access to Education programme intends to allow students to enter a Teacher Education degree or related degree. It provides a comprehensive introduction to relevant academic and National Curriculum subjects and allows students to study modules including Education Studies, Psychology, Research Skills and English Literature.

ACCESS TO HEALTH & CARING PROFESSIONS
This programme has been designed to allow students to progress into nursing degree programmes or the other professions allied to medicine. It can also be used to gain entry to degrees in a range of applied social science subjects. Modules studied whilst on the programme include Health Studies, Health Sciences (Biology), Psychology and Personal Development.

ACCESS TO NURSING AND MIDWIFERY
This programme has been developed to allow students to progress to nursing and midwifery degree programmes or other health related courses such as Physiotherapy or Public Health. During the programme you will study a range of subjects including Human Biology, Health Studies, Psychology and Research Skills. This programme offers the 21 credits of Biology required for some Higher Level Health Programmes.

ACCESS TO SOCIAL SCIENCE
The Access to Social Science programme is concerned with the study of contemporary social issues and problems and this course emphasises a multidisciplinary approach to the subject. Whilst on the programme you will study a range of subjects including Sociology, Psychology, Criminology and Personal Development.

ACCESS TO SCIENCE
This programme has been designed to allow students to progress onto science related degree programmes or other allied medical professions. Studying Biology, Chemistry and Physics, alongside additional units in maths, English and personal development, the Access to Science is aimed at preparing students for study at undergraduate level.

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 C (new Grade 4) or above
- Access to Education, Science and Midwifery - As above plus GCSE Science at Grade C (new Grade 4)
- Applicants who possess Adult Literacy and numeracy at Level 2 may also meet the minimum entry requirements; this can be discussed at interview

ASSESSMENTS
Assessment methods between Access courses vary but may include reports, essays, coursework, projects, 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 Apprenticeship is all paid for by my employer. It is a fantastic opportunity, allowing me to learn on the job, whilst earning a salary. Once completed, I will be in the unique position of holding a degree level qualification whilst also having six years’ worth of work experience, allowing me to practice as a fully qualified Civil Engineering professional.”
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.
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 ideally suited for a range of careers in the Business Management industry or progression onto a Level 6, 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 interview, supported by personal statement and portfolio.
- All applicants will additionally require GCSE English at Grade C or equivalent. Mathematics at GCSE 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 82 for further information on how to apply.
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.
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

**ASSESSMENTS/EXAMINATIONS**

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

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:**

You will be invited to an interview for the course as the potential to succeed can be measured in a number of ways including academic qualifications and skills obtained outside academic study such as work experience.

Examples of satisfactory qualifications. All of which can be discussed at interview:

- GCSE in English Language at grade C/4 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 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 Working with Children & Families through UCAS, see page 82 for further information on how to apply.

Applicants will need to have a successful interview, 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.

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**Abigail Gray | Foundation Children and YP Services**

“I decided to study at University Centre Southport as I previously studied the Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Health and 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.”

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**Course Information**

**Course Level:** 5  
**Awarding Body:** University of Cumbria  
**UCAS Code:** L6L4  
**Duration:** 2 Years Full-Time

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

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

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. Modules studied include
- 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, time constrained assessments, essays and presentations.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Foundation Degree in Children, Young People & their Services or Foundation Degree in Working with Children & Families or a related foundation degree/equivalent.

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.

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How do I apply?
You can apply for the BA Working with Children and Families (Top-up) through UCAS, see page 81 for further information on how to apply.

"I chose University Centre Southport, 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 must 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 it 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."
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.*
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.

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 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 82 for further information on how to apply.

The course has been wonderfully presented, the lecturers take their time to explain every concept in a way that makes sense. I moved to Southport from Scotland to begin the Foundation Degree in Computing and 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 wonderful. 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 wonderfully 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 to 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 University Centre Southport and I can honestly say everything I have seen so far has completely met, if not exceeded my expectations.”
BSC (HONS) COMPUTING & IT {TOP-UP}

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 Computing & IT (top-up) through UCAS, see page 82 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 University Centre Southport 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.”

“"I chose to attend University Centre Southport 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 anyway, this course offers a fantastic next step. My time at University Centre Southport 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."
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.
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 Show in June.

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 and 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 interview

How do I apply?

You can apply for the Art & Design Level 4 Foundation Studies 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.”
What will I study?
You will study a number of units including:
- Film studies
- Script writing
- Television studies
- Practical skills for moving image production
- Camera and lighting techniques
- Fiction production for the moving image
- Music video production
- Moving image documentary production
- Director for moving image production
- Producer for moving image production
- Research techniques
- Specialist subject investigation
- Project design, implementation and evaluation

Throughout the course you will create a portfolio of quality work including films, adverts and music videos to show prospective employers. You will also undertake career development and work experience as part of the course.

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 that national standards are met.

WHAT CAN I DO AFTER THIS COURSE?
On successful completion of the course you could find employment within the TV & Film industry using the industry experience and portfolio of work you have developed throughout the course. You will have also acquired the skills to set up your own production company or write and produce your own independent films.

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

APPLICANTS ARE ALSO EXPECTED TO HAVE:
- GCSE 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 Film & TV Production through UCAS, see page 82 for further information on how to apply.
What will I study?
You will study a number of units including:
- 2D Digital Graphics
- 3D Modelling
- 3D Computer Game Engines
- Level Design
- Computer Game Design Techniques
- Production Techniques
- Quality Assurance
- Research Techniques
- Project Design, Implementation and Evaluation
- Career Development

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

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 that national standards are met.

WHAT CAN I DO AFTER THIS COURSE?
On successful completion of the course 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 film and television animation.

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 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 Games Design through UCAS, see page 82 for further information on how to apply.

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.

"I choose University Centre Southport 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 tutors 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."

Callum Turner | HND Games Design
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.

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 and 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:

- CCSE 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 Graphic Design through UCAS, see page 82 for further information on how to apply.

KITTY SWIFT | GRAPHIC DESIGN
“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.”

“I chose to study at University Centre Southport 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 University Centre Southport is to go for it because you will really enjoy it!”

HIGHER EDUCATION COURSES
COURSE LEVEL 5
AWARDING BODY Edexcel
UCAS CODE W110
DURATION 2 Years, Full-time

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

The HND 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:
- GCSE 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
- 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 Performing Arts via UCAS. See page 82 for further information on how to apply.
**What will I study?**

You will study a range of topics including:

- Professional practice
- Lens based recording techniques
- Studio practice
- Photographic techniques
- Exercising artwork
- Project design, implementation and evaluation
- Advertising, location & fashion photography
- Press photography & photojournalism
- Management of art exhibitions
- Photographic materials techniques & technology
- Visual communication
- Ideas generation and development
- Contextual and cultural referencing

**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 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 82 for further information on how to apply.

The course is a challenging programme that requires a lot of self discipline and the ability to work independently but I would not hesitate to recommend it to anyone.”

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**Samantha Fulston | HND Photography**

"I chose University Centre Southport because it was local to me and my previous work experience and portfolio were considered to provide entry onto the programme. Upon visiting the University Centre, I was impressed with the outstanding photography facilities and really liked the separate Higher Education areas.

Studying the HND photography provided me with the opportunity to work with facilities that were new to me, such as the dark room, as well as improving my skills on more familiar projects, such as studio work.

The course is a challenging programme that requires a lot of self discipline and the ability to work independently but I would not hesitate to recommend it to anyone. It is a fun course that really prepares you for the world of work, and affords both the experience and confidence needed to go out on your own and work as a professional photographer."
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 behavior, his aptitudes, his achievements.”

Michel Foucault.
I previously studied on the Access to Social Science programme, so knew that the teaching staff at University Centre Southport were very supportive.”
What will I study?

You will study a number of modules including:

- Restorative Justice
- 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, problem based activities and reflective logs. 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 through UCAS, see page 82.

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.

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 University Centre Southport 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 resource 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. University Centre Southport 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.”

Julie Kenyon | BA CRIMINOLOGY
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.
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

Applicants are also expected to have:
- GCSE 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?
You can apply for the HNC Engineering through UCAS, see page 82 for further information on how to apply.

I would highly recommend the programme to anyone considering completing a higher level qualification in Engineering as it has worked wonders for me. All of the staff at University Centre Southport were excellent, offering distinguished levels of learning in a relaxed environment. The facilities afforded to Higher Education students are also good, with the project work providing an opportunity to really experience what it is like to work with others in an Engineering environment.

The pace is fast, the information covered vast and the learning rate is rapid but completely worth it; without the HNC Engineering qualification I would not have been offered an interview for my current job, which has since taken me around the world. University Centre Southport provided me with new skills and the qualification I needed to move my life forward again; for this, I will be forever grateful.
Any action of an individual, and obviously, the violent actions of a crime, cannot occur without leaving a trace.”

*Edmond Locard.*
FOUN DATION DEGREE
FORENSIC SCIENCE

The FdSc Forensic Science programme is aligned to the QAA Subject Benchmark Statement for Forensic Science, the National Occupational Standards for Forensic Science and three component standards of The Forensic Science Society. The Code of Practice and Conduct from the Forensic Science Regulator have also informed module content, ensuring the programme provides the skills and knowledge needed for employment, is up to date and fit for purpose and has been designed with employers specifically in mind.

What will I study?
You will study a number of units including:

YEAR 1:
- Core Scientific Skills
- Scientific Investigations
- Biology for Forensic Scientists
- Chemistry for Forensic Scientists
- Forensic Disciplines
- Crime Scene Investigation

YEAR 2:
- Work-Based Project
- DNA Technology
- Forensic Biology
- Forensic Chemistry
- Evidence, Procedures and Law
- Forensic Medicine

ASSESSMENT/EXAMINATIONS
You will be continuously assessed through a series of graded assignments, set exercises, portfolio work, presentations, written reports and exams.

WHAT CAN I DO AFTER THIS COURSE?
Upon successful completion of the course, you should have the skills, knowledge and qualifications required to progress onto the BSc (Hon) Forensic Science (top-up) at the University of Cumbria, Carlisle Campus.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:
Applicants are required to fulfil the following criteria for entry:
- Grade C or above GCSEs in Mathematics, English and Science or equivalent
- Minimum 48 UCAS tariff points including an A Level (or Level 3 equivalent) in a Science subject
- Conditional acceptance can be given to applicants who have yet to gain these qualifications. All applicants are interviewed.
- Potential to succeed can be measured in a number of ways including academic qualifications and skills obtained outside academic study such as work experience. We have a points range so we can take into account all of the information on your application form and adjust the offer from the evidence provided.

How do I apply?
You can apply for the FdSc Forensic Science via UCAS. See page 82 for further information on how to apply.
No society can legitimately call itself civilized if a sick person is denied medical aid because of lack of means.”

Aneurin Bevan.
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, focusing 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 and 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

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 interview, supported by personal statement and portfolio, and suitable reference.
- All applicants will additionally require GCSE English at Grade C or equivalent. Mathematics at GCSE 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 and Social Care via UCAS. See page 82 for further information on how to apply.

I will leave University Centre Southport with a full honours degree which will allow me to progress onto a master's degree.

“I chose to attend University Centre Southport as the location is convenient, the fees are much lower than the larger universities and I can work part-time whilst studying. I am very happy with my choice, the atmosphere here is very good, the staff are extremely helpful and I have found everyone everywhere in the college is willing to help and offer support when it is needed.

The facilities are fantastic and the course has allowed me to meet some wonderful people; it has also taken me to another level academically.

The assignments on the course require a lot of research and independent study is key to success but the tutors are just an email away and are always willing to help.

On completion I plan to enrol on the top up, so that I will leave University Centre Southport with a full honours degree which will allow me to progress onto a master’s degree.”
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 and Social Care or a related foundation degree equivalent or HND.

How do I apply?
You can apply for the BSc (Hons) Health and Social Care (Top Up) through UCAS, see page 8a for further information on how to apply.

The staff in the Health and 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 tutors were always available to provide advice, empathy and support.”
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.*
I have really enjoyed the variety of units on the programme, learning new skills, interacting with peers and developing my wider learning.

"I decided to undertake the PGCE at University Centre Southport as the evening classes were convenient and fitted around my home and work life. As I already worked at the college, I knew that the teaching staff were committed, knowledgeable, understanding and hardworking and throughout my course, those teaching staff were always there to help and guide me every step of the way. I have really enjoyed the variety of units on the programme, learning new skills, interacting with peers and developing my wider learning. For anyone considering a career in teaching, I would definitely recommend the PGCE at University Centre Southport. The programme has undoubtedly helped me to secure my teaching job and I would not be where I am today without the qualification."
Visit us

University Centre Southport 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.

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, current students and view the impressive facilities yourself. You can find the date of our next open evening at www.southport.ac.uk.

Alternatively, please call us on 01704 392741 to arrange a personal visit which we will tailor to your requirements.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Accessible location

University Centre Southport 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 University Centre Southport easily accessible from across Merseyside, West Lancashire and beyond. Additionally, 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.

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 University Centre Southport will require proof of the loan being in place before a student can enrol on their programme of choice. University Centre Southport 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.

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.

Repayments don’t start until you earn £21,000 and, if you undertake and successfully complete a Higher Education programme, the outstanding amount of Advanced Learner Loan debt is written off!

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.

Other courses

Students on any other course with either University Centre Southport 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 University Centre Southport’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 interview, if you are applying to study on such a course.

Tuition fees

Tuition fees vary by course. For the most up to date costs, please visit our website: www.southport.ac.uk
Applying to University Centre Southport

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 8-9 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 University Centre Southport 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 University Centre Southport, not through UCAS. Please visit www.southport.ac.uk and search ‘Cert Ed’ or PGCE’ for full details on how to apply.

Enrolment
If you accept your offer of a place to study with us, in August you will receive a letter, inviting you in to enrol on your course. The letter will detail everything you need to bring with you and you must ensure that you bring your qualification certificates with you too. If you plan to use Student Finance or employer payment to fund your course, you will also need to ensure that you have confirmation of an application for funding with you, when you enrol.

Interview
Once your application is received, you will be invited to an interview to check that you meet the entry criteria and that the course is right for you. The invite will be sent in the form of a letter, detailing the date and time of your interview, alongside any additional instructions or requirements. Interview opportunities also provide a great chance to look around the specialist facilities offered at University Centre Southport and meet the teaching staff.

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.

Formal offer
Post interview, we will make you a formal offer. This will be done in writing and sent to the address supplied on your application form. This document will explain the grades you are required to achieve, and the other conditions of entry and how to accept your offer.

Level 2 and Level 3
Pre Access and Access to Higher Education Programmes

**APPLICATION**
Those wishing to apply for either a Pre-Access or 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 on-line and submit your application.

Interview
Once your application is received, you will be invited to an interview to check that the programme chosen is the right one for you. This interview also provides the opportunity to ask questions about financial and learning support for the duration of your programme of study.

Enrolment
In August, all those who have accepted an offer will be invited by letter to enrolment. The letter will explain everything that you are required to bring with you on the day. If you are planning to fund your programme by way of an Adult Learner Loan, you will need to bring the relevant documentation which shows that your application for funding has been successful.
Important information for prospective students

Terms, conditions and disclaimers

University Centre Southport 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 University Centre Southport 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 University Centre Southport. If the University Centre Southport discontinues any courses it will make every effort to provide a suitable alternative course. University Centre Southport 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 University Centre Southport. Acceptance onto a course is at the discretion of University Centre Southport 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.

FEEDBACK AND COMPLAINTS

University Centre Southport 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 University Centre Southport 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 University Centre Southport 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 University Centre Southport 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 interview stage of the application process.

ACCESS FOR ALL

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

Study local

A wide range of University level courses are available on your doorstep.

As well as having the option to study Higher Education at University Centre Southport, there are also a wide range of Higher Education options at Hugh Baird University Centre. If you don’t find the course you are looking for in Southport, why not visit Hugh Baird University Centre for additional course options.

Further Information

For more information on courses at Hugh Baird University Centre visit www.hughbaird.ac.uk/university-centre
Each year we offer our graduating students the opportunity to celebrate their successes at the 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, presentations of specific awards and a drink and canape reception, the annual graduation ceremony provides an unforgettable day for graduates, as we celebrate current successes and wish them all well in their future careers.

Graduates on externally validated University degree programmes are also eligible to attend the accrediting University’s graduation ceremony.

The graduation ceremony was a lovely event; it was so nice to celebrate our achievements with all of my friends from the course. The Church was an amazing setting for the event as we could invite as many guests as we wanted to, something very rare for a University graduation ceremony.

I was delighted to also receive a free, professional photograph, as it helped to commemorate the day and my time at University Centre Southport.

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