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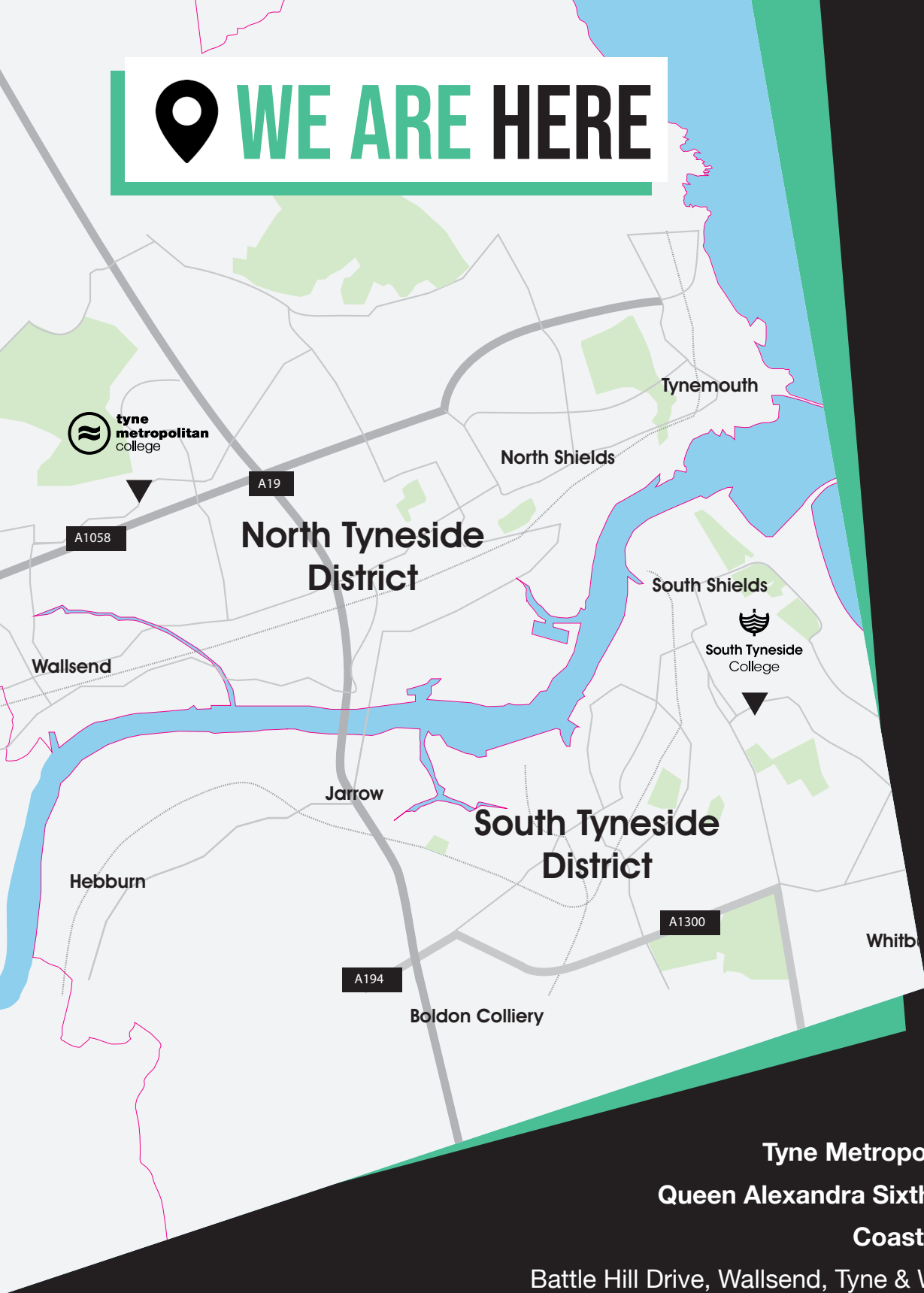
MINI GUIDE



South Tyneside
College



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NE34 6ET

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MANDY MORRIS

Principal of South Tyneside
College and TyneMet College



Welcome to our guide to Higher Education.

For your ease, the guide has been split to represent our two campuses – South Tyneside College and South Shields Marine School which is in South Shields, south of the river and TyneMet College and Queen Alex Sixth Form College, which is located north of the river Tyne in Wallsend. This means you get to see the breadth of our offer and, if we don't offer what you are looking for at one campus, you may find we offer it at our other site.

The pandemic has seen people face many, many challenges, not least when it comes to education and work. More and more people are choosing to further their career, make a complete change or feel the time is right to start that course they've always wanted. Whatever your route into Higher Education, we can offer you high-quality teaching and a full package of support.

Aside from the qualification, studying Higher Education can equip you with a wide range of transferable skills to really boost your career or job prospects.

We understand that often those studying Higher Education have busy lives and a lot of other commitments which is why we make our study programmes as flexible as possible. We offer the majority of our courses on a full-time or part-time basis. In some cases, you might be able to study your HNC in one year then progress to an HND when you are ready. You can also study Foundation Degrees, Top Up Degrees and Access to HE if you need to.

I hope you find this guide useful. If you do have any questions, one of our advice nights is the perfect opportunity to pop in, chat to our lecturers, support staff and tour the facilities.

We hope to welcome you soon.”

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WITH HE AT COLLEGE

Usually associated with going to University, not many people realise you can also study Higher Education at college – and it can often be the best route.

Studying HE at college comes with a wide range of benefits – and the same University standard qualification.

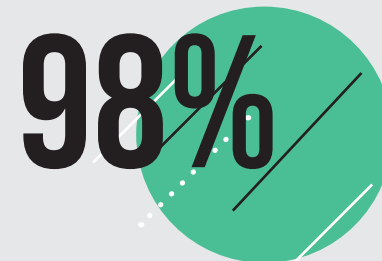
FOR YOU

- Smaller class sizes
- A more personal approach
- Financial advice and support
 - Flexible learning
 - One to one guidance
- A stepping stone before Uni if you're not quite ready

FROM US

- University and industry standard facilities
- Expert lecturers who often work in industry as well as teach
- Value for money – and often cheaper than Uni
- Condensed learning meaning less impact on your work/life balance
- Recognition for hard work – awards ceremonies, graduation

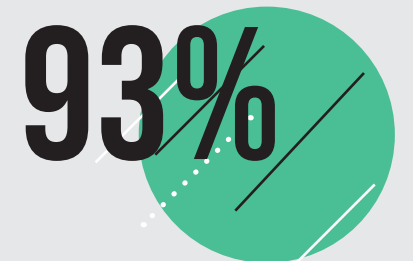
DID YOU KNOW?



98.36% thought that the teaching on their course was good



100% agreed that their course helped them to gain the right skills for employment



93.44% were satisfied overall with the quality of their course

LAUREN OSBOURNE

HNC Art and Design



The support I received from my tutors throughout my studies was incredible. From the welcoming and friendly environment to the lovely staff, the support I needed was there from day one. No matter what I decided to do, my tutors helped lead me in the right direction to where I wanted to be. Thanks to this support and nurturing, I progressed to University where I passed my programme with a First Class Honours in Illustration and Design and have started my Masters programme. The HNC programme gave me the confidence to go on to University to finish my degree. I would recommend studying HE at South Tyneside College."

HOW WE SUPPORT YOU

Some of the support we offer includes:

CAREERS GUIDANCE AND HIGHER EDUCATION ADVICE

Our team of advisers are ready to help students who would like advice about prospective interviews, CV building, Apprenticeships or Higher Education opportunities, including Top Up Degrees and UCAS applications.

STUDENT SERVICES AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Our friendly Student Services team can help with a range of support, including course information, careers advice and financial support – we're here for whatever advice and guidance you need. You can pop in and see the team in main reception, email: info@stc.ac.uk, call 0191 427 3900 or head to www.stc.ac.uk and select the LiveChat box Monday – Friday 8.30am–4.30pm.

ADDITIONAL LEARNING SUPPORT

We are here for you every step of your learner journey. Our support services are there to guide and advise all students, regardless of course, level or, if the student already receives another form of support. Whether you need a little extra help with your studies, specialist equipment, or just need a chat, the team are there for you.

EXAMPLES OF ADDITIONAL SUPPORT THAT OUR STUDENTS RECEIVE:

- One-to-one support, in and out of the classroom
- Specialist software and equipment
- Qualified Teacher of the Deaf
- Help with personal care needs
- Assessment and support for dyslexia
- Counselling and mentoring support

MEET THE TEAM

Head of Safeguarding and Student Services: Jackie Gates

Head of SEND: Alyson Shields

Student Services Manager: Lindsey Grainger

If you would like more information about our additional learning support, please email als@tynecoast.ac.uk.

If you would like to speak to our student services team, please email info@stc.ac.uk.

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING SUPPORT

At South Tyneside College, we aim to provide each student with an outstanding experience like no other. That is why we have stringent mental health and wellbeing support services in place to help students through the ups and downs of life.

We can offer your support to help you tackle issues including:

- Exam support
- Dealing with a crisis or immediate concern
- Supporting you through long term difficulties
- Getting you the specialist help you need
- Offering specialist support resources

COLLEGE COUNSELLOR

Our college counselling service is one of the support services there for you. Our qualified counsellor offers one-to-one, confidential counselling service to all students to help them through difficulties they may be facing in or out of the classroom. Appointments are bookable between each student and the college counsellor, so any meetings can be as discreet as required.

College Counsellor - Karen Ambelez: Call 0191 427 3773 or email karen.ambelez@tynecoast.ac.uk

SAFEGUARDING

We have a dedicated safeguarding team, who you can contact if you require urgent assistance while on campus and can offer advice and referrals to specialist external organisations. We take the wellbeing of our students extremely seriously and as a student of our friendly and welcoming community, we want you to feel supported throughout your time with us.

Safeguarding Lead - Eamonn Murphy: Call 07762 223 818 or email eamonn.murphy@tynecoast.ac.uk

FINANCIAL HELP WITH YOUR STUDIES

For students living in England you may be eligible to apply for funding from Student Finance. Eligibility criteria includes whether you currently hold an HE qualification at the same level or higher, your age, nationality and residency status.

If you are considering applying for student finance, we advise to apply as soon as possible to ensure funding is available to you at the beginning of your course.

The student finance deadline to guarantee your funding will be available in September is mid-May.

FULL TIME HE COURSES

You may be able to apply for a Tuition Fee Loan to pay for your course fees and a Maintenance Loan to help with your living costs while studying. You can apply for these loans online at <https://www.gov.uk/student-finance/apply>.

Tuition Fee Loan is paid directly to the college, and this is a non means tested loan.

Maintenance Loan is means tested on either your own income if you are aged 25 years or above; or if you have supported yourself financially for 3 years or more; or your parent's income. The loan is paid directly to your bank account at the start of each term.

Extra help: you may be eligible for additional financial support from student finance. Further information and application forms are available at <https://www.gov.uk/student-finance/extra-help>

Both the Tuition Fee and Maintenance Loans are repayable.

GRANTS

The following are grants which you do not need to pay back:

- Childcare Grant - if you have children under 15, or under 17 if they have special educational needs.
- Parents Learning Allowance - help with your learning costs if you're a full-time student with children.
- Adult Dependents Grant - if an adult depends on you financially.
- Disabled Students' Allowance - You can apply for Disabled Students' Allowances (DSAs) to cover some of the extra costs you have because of a mental health problem, long term illness or any other disability, or learning difficulty e.g. dyslexia.

You can get the allowances on top of your other student finance. You will not need to repay DSAs.

PART TIME STUDY

If your chosen course has a course intensity of 25% or more, you may be able to apply for a Tuition Fee Loan to cover the fees for your course. In addition, you may be able to apply for Disabled Students' Allowances (DSAs) to cover some of the extra costs you have because of a mental health problem, long term illness or any other disability, or learning difficulty, e.g. dyslexia.

REPAYING YOUR STUDENT FINANCE LOANS

You will only start repaying your loan once you start earning above the repayment threshold of £27,295 (correct as of 22/23 academic year). If you already earn past the threshold, your student loan payments will start in the April after you finish your programme of study. For further information regarding loan repayments, head to <https://www.gov.uk/repaying-your-student-loan>

BURSARIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

If your chosen course is franchised through the University of Sunderland, you may be eligible for additional funding in the form of bursaries or scholarships. For more information, head to <https://www.sunderland.ac.uk/about/your-finances/scholarships-discounts-and-specialised-grants/>

CITY LIFE

South Shields, based on the iconic North East coastline, is a bustling seaside town that has lots to offer our students whatever your interests.



SHOPPING

A short walk from the college will lead you to an array of high street shops and independent boutiques where you'll be able to pick up the essentials or indulge in some much needed retail therapy. A short bus or metro ride will also take you to Sunderland's shopping centre, The Bridges or Newcastle's famous Northumberland Street and Eldon Square.



SOCIALISING

South Shields is famous not only for award-winning fish and chip restaurants, but also the selection of curry houses, each offering their own take on the popular Indian cuisine. The only problem is deciding which one to try first! If you're looking for something different on an evening out in the town there is a vast selection of restaurants offering cuisines from across the world.

If you're looking for a quiet place to meet friends for a coffee, a pub for a quick catch up or a big night out at the main hotspots, you'll find what you're looking for in South Shields.



SEAFRONT

Our award-winning coastline is the pride and joy of the people of South Shields and it's easy to see why. With pristine beaches, picturesque parks, a fun fair, cultural hotspots like Marsden Rock and the Groyne and a littering of pubs, cafes and restaurants makes it a must visit experience.



SPORT

Whether you're into football, rugby, cricket or golf or even horse riding along the beach, there is something you can get involved in right here on your doorstep. And we can't forget that South Shields is the finishing line for one of the world's biggest half marathons – the Great North Run, where the whole town comes together for a truly spectacular day of sporting achievement.



CULTURE

Steeped in history and famous for its multi-cultural population, South Shields has a wealth of cultural experiences waiting for you. If you fancy a trip to the theatre or the latest blockbuster, the Customs House is the place to be. If history is your thing, head to the Museum and Art Gallery and Catherine Cookson Museum where you'll be able to find out all about South Shields and how our little town made its mark in history; or if you fancy a quiet coffee and a read, head to The Word, National Centre of the Written Word. Whatever your interests, you'll find it in our town.

STUDENT LIFE

ON CAMPUS

We believe that coming to college should be more than just a qualification. It's also about developing your personal skills, supporting your physical and mental wellbeing, building your confidence – and getting you ready for the career you deserve.

That's why we have created a campus where you can have the best of both worlds – innovative education, as well as all the fun stuff when you're not studying.

LIFE IN THE CLASSROOM

LRC and Library

Our Learning Resource Centre and library is packed out with a vast collection of learning materials and resources for all your study needs. Need some quiet, independent study time? We've got your back! Our computer suites, quiet learning zones and laptops are available to all students and can be accessed Monday – Saturday. We also have dedicated group learning rooms if you want to get together with your classmates for some group study time.

Super Lab

Our specialist, industry standard super lab has been designed with the industry in mind to help prepare our students for their future career choices. Kitted out with the latest scientific equipment, you'll find everything you need to help you succeed in your chosen programme.

Art Studio

Our spacious and airy creative art studio is filled with impressive technology to enhance your learning experience and skills. Whether your medium is fabric, paper, plaster or metal, you can create a masterpiece of your own making in this hub of creativity.

Music Venue and Recording Studio

Our music venue, Studio 5 is an impressive space where our music students get the opportunity to practice, perform and record their songs in industry standard facilities. Throughout the year, our music students host live shows to visitors, hold masterclasses to key speakers and broadcast live across our college social media.

Lecture Theatre and Learning Lounges

Our lecture theatre and learning lounges are purpose-built areas filled with the latest technology to create the best learning experience for our students. These areas are perfect for group discussions, masterclasses and key speakers covering all curriculum areas.

Industry Standard Engineering Workshops

With a number of industry standard electrical and mechanical workshops, you are guaranteed to get a real-life learning environment right here at college, preparing you for the career you are working towards.

LIFE IN THE CLASSROOM

1861 Lifestyle Centre

The Lifestyle Centre offers students and staff the complete gym package with extremely competitive membership rates, the latest gym equipment and optional fitness classes. Whether you're a beginner or a fitness guru, our friendly and experienced fitness staff are on hand to assist you.

Halls of Residence

Our Ofsted 'Outstanding' Halls of Residence, Dr Winterbottom Hall, is conveniently situated on our campus and is accessible to all main bus and metro routes. Comprising of 204 single bedrooms, all of which include free wifi, utility bills, cleaning, and a gym membership. Staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week, you can be rest assured you're in safe and experienced hands. If you have further questions regarding room bookings, please contact our Halls team directly on 0191 427 3666 or email dwh@stc.ac.uk.

Bistro 150 Restaurant

Situated in the heart of our Westoe Campus, Bistro 150 is our commercial restaurant, ran by our team of trainee chefs and front of house service students and supervised by our Head Chef and Master Craftsman, Wayne Reed. Using locally sourced, top quality seasonal ingredients, it offers a high-quality dining experience at a fraction of the price.

The Salon

Relax, unwind and treat yourself at The Salon. Staffed by our talented hair and beauty trainees, customers can indulge in various treatments and services from hot stone massages, facials and make-up application to stylish cuts and colours – all available at discounted prices.

The Barbershop

Whether you need a fresh trim or you fancy a wet shave, you can have it all in our newly refurbished barbershop, staffed by our talented team of trainees.

Mental Health and Wellbeing Hub

Sometimes things can get a little much and a quiet space to unwind and rethink is all that is needed. Our Mental Health and Wellbeing Hub has been designed just for that. Whether you need five minutes to gather your thoughts or just need to get away from main college life and chill out, our spacious and chilled out hub is the place you can head to.

We also have a counselling service available onsite if you want to talk through what's on your mind.

Coffee Shops and Café

We have an array of venues onsite, where you can grab a Costa or Starbucks coffee, snack or hot meal and sit and catch up with your peers when you're having a break from your studies. All you have to do is decide which one you head to!

Students' Union

Our Tyne Coast College Students' Union representatives work across South Tyneside College, TyneMet College, South Shields Marine School and Queen Alex Sixth Form College.

As a member of our Students' Union you can get involved in loads of activities held throughout the year, such as charity events, student events, entrepreneurial projects and challenges, the list goes on. As well as the fun stuff, you get to have your say about college life and any changes you would like to see. The best part is you can get involved as much or as little as you want – there's no pressure. Register your interest at studentunion@tynecoast.ac.uk.

ABBEY FOX

Foundation Degree in Criminal Justice



The first programme I completed at the college was a Level 3 Access programme. I heard fantastic reviews and recommendations about the college as a whole and I wanted to get back into education, so it was perfect for me. During this programme, I found my passion for criminology and continued onto the Foundation Degree in Criminal Justice. It was during the Foundation Degree that I realised I wanted to fulfil my ambition in becoming a teacher. The support from the staff throughout my studies was unbelievable. They helped guide me to complete a PGCE and I'm now a lecturer in Criminology right here at the College! I could not recommend South Tyneside College enough. The support you get from staff, the friendly and welcoming environment and the course content ticks every box you need to study Higher Education."

OPEN EVENTS

Thinking about studying Higher Education at college can seem scary but it doesn't need to be. Our Open Events are held throughout the year and are the perfect way to find out about our range of Higher Education programmes, chat to expert lecturers, tour our facilities and get a feel for the place. You will also have the chance to chat to our Student Services and ALS teams who will be able to answer any careers, financial or support questions you may have.

We have general Advice and Enrolment Events which run on the first Tuesday of every month and dedicated Higher Education events at key times throughout the year.

For our full list of events, head to:

WWW.STC.AC.UK/EVENTS

APPLICATION PROCESS

Upon receipt of your application to join a Higher Education programme with us, we will arrange an interview with the Programme Leader so you can find out more about the course and discuss how it fits with your career plans.

In order to get the most out of this discussion, it would be beneficial for you to do some research into the type of career you are looking to get into or progression you hope to take following completion of the course prior to interview.

For some programmes we may request that you bring along a portfolio of your work or prepare a short instrument or vocal audition (depending on your chosen programme). Details of these requests will be outlined in your interview invitation.

APPLY FOR A **FULL TIME** HE COURSE

01

Visit wwwucas.com, select undergraduate and search for Tyne Coast College and select from drop down. Select chosen course and click apply. Follow UCAS application process.

02

Invited to interview with Programme Leader to discuss the course further

03

Notification of offer given following interview. You can accept your place on UCAS.com or by emailing info@stc.ac.uk

04

Conditional offers - confirmation of place will be given on receipt of any pending results to evidence conditions are met. If conditions are not met, alternatives will be discussed.

05

Enrol on chosen course

APPLY FOR A **PART TIME** HE COURSE

01

Apply direct to college via: www.stc.ac.uk

02

Invited to interview with Programme Leader to discuss the course further

03

Notification of offer given following interview. You can accept your place by emailing info@stc.ac.uk

04

Conditional offers - confirmation of place will be given on receipt of any pending results to evidence conditions are met. If conditions are not met, alternatives will be discussed.

05

Enrol on chosen course

A DEGREE THAT FITS IN TO YOUR LIFE



South Tyneside College

OUR

PROGRAMMES

PRE-ACCESS TO HE

Our Pre-Access programme has been developed for adults who wish to return to education but don't have the necessary entry requirements for our Access to HE programmes.

The course is designed to provide an introduction to working in a number of sectors, while developing more generic employability skills designed to build confidence and help adults return to education. The programme provides a good variety of knowledge, skills and behaviours which will benefit students moving on to the Level 3 Access to HE programme.

Entry Requirements

- English and maths abilities will be measured using a short online assessment prior to being offered a place on the programme.



PROGRESSION

Any students who successfully complete the programme will be guaranteed an interview for next stage.

ACCESS TO HE

Not quite ready to start your journey in Higher Education, but want the help to create the career of your dreams? Put yourself first and make this year your year to start something that's just for you.

Our Access to HE programmes have been specifically designed for adults who would like to progress on to Higher Education but don't currently have the appropriate qualifications. Our Access to HE programmes enable students to progress to Higher Education study, while gaining a nationally recognised qualification.

We have two pathways available within our Access to HE provision. Both are made up of a number of units, created to prepare students for careers within their chosen sector.

- Level 3 Access to HE Diploma in Health
- Level 3 Access to HE Diploma in Humanities and Social Sciences

We recommend before students decide on which pathway to take, to carefully consider the career or University route you would like to follow at the end of your studies with us. This will help you decide which programme will benefit you for your future choices.

Entry Requirements

- Prospective students should have GCSEs in maths and English Language at grade C / 4 (or equivalent) and be aged 19+.
- Before you are able to enrol on this course, you will need to have an interview with the curriculum staff so they can assess which level you are currently at.

(Please note: each University has different entry criteria for different courses. For example, some Universities will take GCSE grade only and not functional skills. Please check with the University you are considering after your studies with us).

ART AND DESIGN

Creativity is a passion you can't afford to waste. We know the importance of harnessing this passion; helping you explore ideas, develop your craft and collaborate with like minded professionals.

Our art studio offers an industry standard creative space filled with all of the equipment you will need to design and bring to life your masterpieces. Whether your medium is paint, fabric, metal or digital – our expert lecturing staff will nurture and guide you through your studies.

Our Art and Design programmes will set you up for a rewarding career in the industry you love. Careers you can work towards include:

- Illustrator
- Graphic Designer
- Animator
- Jewellery Designer
- Fashion Designer
- Set Designer
- Advertising Art Designer

Why study with us?

- Take part in exhibitions and showcase your work to professionals within the industry
- Be taught in smaller, more personal classes filled with like-minded people

- Learn from experts within this creative industry who have a wealth of knowledge
- Take part in masterclasses with key speakers and visit art shows to enrich your studies and your own creativity
- Work on live briefs for a range of clients and build up a portfolio you will be proud of
- Have the opportunity to experience working in the industry first hand with our Work Placement Scheme

What can you study?

- HNC in Art Practice
- HND in Art Practice



PROGRESSION

Depending on the pathway you decide to take, you have the opportunity to progress onto one of our Higher Education programmes here at the college, a list of which can be found in this guide. You can also apply for a related course at a University of your choice or you could move directly into the industry. Whichever route you decide to take, we will help you prepare for your next steps.



PROGRESSION

If you start with our HNC programme and complete this successfully, you will be able to progress directly onto our HND programme. Once you have completed our HND programme, you can top up your qualification at University, start a Higher Apprenticeship or head straight into employment.

BEAUTY THERAPY

The beauty industry is rapidly growing and evolving to meet the demands of the consumer, and new and emerging trends. As a beauty professional the most important part of your job is using your care and attention to detail to make each client you meet feel their very best.

In our state-of-the-art facilities, our team of expert lecturers can help you perfect your skills and talent to help you stand out from the crowd and secure the career of your dreams.

From make-up application, holistic therapies to specialist

skin therapies and spray tanning, you'll cover every technique you need to succeed.

Here are some of the careers you could start:

- Beauty Therapist
- Make-Up Artist
- Dermatologist
- Holistic Therapist
- Reflexologist

Why study with us?

- Experience real working environments on campus with our industry standard facilities, including four beauty salons, specialist skin care equipment and spray tanning booth
- Take part in internal and external shows, exhibitions and competitions throughout your studies

- Build up your own clientele while you study and work on real clients in our commercial salon
- Learn from lecturers who have a wealth of experience and knowledge
- Have the opportunity to take part in work experience opportunities throughout your time with us

What can you study?

- Level 4 Management in Advanced Beauty Techniques*

*You may be eligible for an Advanced Learner Loan and College Bursary to help with the cost of your course fees and funding while you study. Call 0191 427 3900, email info@stc.ac.uk or chat to us on LiveChat via our website www.stc.ac.uk to find out more.

COMPUTING

The digital industry is one of the most fast paced and evolving and is paramount to the success of many of today's commercial and industrial organisations. Many more sectors like medicine and finance, are beginning to rely on robust systems created by experts in this field so they can grow and adapt to changes.

Our programme has been created alongside industry experts, giving you a varied and in-depth insight into the workings of the digital industry. During the programme, you'll focus on building high-quality systems,

understanding cybersecurity, programming and coding and undertake successful computing projects; all within our brand-new state-of-the-art networking hub.

The career opportunities are endless once you have the skills, and knowledge, backed up with the experience you'll gain on our programme.

Careers include:

- Computer Scientist
- Cyber Security
- Programmer
- Software Developer
- Web and Multi-media Production

Why study with us?

- Brand new state-of-the-art facilities kitted out with the latest digital software and

technological equipment

- Expert lecturers with a wealth of knowledge from across the globe
- Take part in educational visits and trips to employers, Universities and technology museums
- Key industry guest speakers and masterclasses held throughout the programme
- Work on innovative live briefs
- The opportunity to take part in work experience to get a real insight into working in the industry

What can you study?

- HNC in Computing



PROGRESSION

Once you have successfully completed our management programme, you can progress directly into the industry or advance further in your current role.



PROGRESSION

Once completed you could continue your studies at University with either a top-up degree, or a related degree. You could also head straight into a Higher Apprenticeship or the career you've worked towards.

CRIMINOLOGY

Our programme provides a fascinating insight into the workings of the British criminal justice system, giving students the skills and capabilities to gain a successful career within this ever-changing industry.

Criminal justice is a dynamic and intricate field with a wide range of statutory and voluntary agencies, as well as community justice sectors. Whether you work in the industry already and would like to deepen your understanding and apply your learning to a higher level or if you are just starting your studies in this area, our programme has been designed with you and employers in mind.

Careers in this sector can include:

- Civil Service Officer
- Crime Scene Investigator
- Social Worker
- Probation Officer
- Youth Worker
- Detective

Why study with us?

- Enjoy smaller classes and take part in in-depth discussions with your like-minded peers
- Benefit from industry expert seminars and masterclasses to enrich your studies
- Be taught by experts in their field who know what it takes to succeed
- Thrive in a friendly, multicultural environment

- Enjoy everything college has to offer from a hair and beauty salon, restaurant, gym and various cafes
- Partnership with University of Sunderland

What can you study?

- Foundation Degree in Criminal Justice

EARLY YEARS

Grow. Nurture. Educate. The fundamental aspects of working with children within an educational setting. As a childcare professional you will have the skills to make a huge difference to the children you care for, changing their lives for the better.

Our Foundation Degree provides a professional development opportunity for those who are currently working, or aspire to work, with young people in nurseries, schools, youth centres or educational settings.

As one of the most rewarding career options, we can help you achieve your goals, getting you to where you want to be. If you're still unsure what career option you want to take, check out the below:

- Early Years Practitioner
- Primary School Teacher
- Special Educational Needs Specialist
- Childminder

Why study with us?

- Fantastic links with employers from across the sector
- In-depth and advanced programme, covering all aspects needed to build a successful career

- Lecturers who have heaps of experience and knowledge from across many avenues of this industry
- Essential work experience to help you stand out from the crowd
- Partnership with University of Sunderland

What can you study?

- Foundation Degree in Education and Care



PROGRESSION

If you successfully complete the programme, our University partner, University of Sunderland, has a top-up degree you can continue your studies with.

You can also apply for a variety of relevant careers within the sector.



PROGRESSION

Once completed, you will have a valuable qualification that will allow you more employment opportunities within the industry. You can also continue your studies at University with a top-up degree or another degree in a related subject.

ENGINEERING

The engineering industry has expanded in recent years in the North East, and there is a recognised skills gap across all disciplines. The need for talented skilled individuals with the passion and ambition to capitalise on the wealth of opportunities that working in this sector can bring is huge.

Working in industry standard workshops, specifically designed for mechanical engineering, electrical and electronic engineering and fabrication and welding, coupled with experts holding a wealth of knowledge within their field, will help you flourish and succeed in your chosen sector.

We guarantee that after studying with us, you will be ready and eager to embark on the career you have worked so hard towards. These are just some of the careers our past students have progressed onto after their studies.

- Design Engineer
- Electrician
- Electronics Engineer
- Mechanical Engineering Technician
- Rail Engineering Technician
- Merchant Navy Engineering Officer
- Mechanical Engineer

Why study with us?

- Access to the latest equipment and techniques, to help you succeed in the industry
- A team of lecturers who have years of experience in the industry

- Employer partnerships and contacts across all sectors
- Take part in industry visits and masterclasses with employers throughout your studies
- Be part of a college who is working with leading employers who are paving the way in this industry
- Have the opportunity to take part in work experience to enrich and aid your studies

What can you study?

- HNC in Electrical and Electronic Engineering
- HNC in Mechanical Engineering

BRITNEY JARVIS

HNC Electrical and Electronic Engineering



I would 100% recommend Higher Education at South Tyneside College. The programme is a perfect balance of everything you need and has prepared me for my career in engineering. It also offered me the chance to move to the next level of education, which is a top up degree at University. Once I have completed this I would like to complete a Masters and work towards becoming a chartered engineer.”



PROGRESSION

Upon successful completion of your programme, you can jump straight into your chosen career. If you would like to continue with your studies, you can top-up your qualification at University or start a related degree.

HAIRDRESSING

The hairdressing industry is one of which creativity and hard work pays off. As a hairdressing professional, knowing the latest techniques and trends sweeping the sector and meeting the demands of your clientele is so important. As a student on this programme, we will guide you through your management qualification, passing on these techniques and trends, so you can accomplish your end goals – whatever they may be.

With four hair salons including our commercial salon – The Salon

– you'll get to grips with running a salon full of paying clients and experience what working at a higher level in the industry is really like. Our expert lecturers, many of which run their own businesses, will pass on their experience, knowledge and skills that will help you succeed in your own career journey.

You will have your own final destination in mind when it comes to your career ambitions, but here's an idea of where past students have ventured.

- Salon Owner
- Specialist Stylist
- Salon Manager
- Senior Stylist
- Hairdressing Lecturer

Why study with us?

- A multicultural, friendly and dynamic environment where we'll help you succeed

- Industry standard facilities with a commercial salon onsite
- Build and add to your clientele list
- Lecturers who are experts within their field and continue to work in the industry
- Take part in shows and exhibitions throughout your studies
- Enrich your learning journey with work placement opportunities

What can you study?

- Level 4 Diploma in Advanced Hairdressing and Management Techniques*

*You may eligible for an Advanced Learner Loan and College Bursary to help with the cost of your course fees and funding while you study. Call 0191 427 3900, email info@stc.ac.uk or chat to us on LiveChat via our website www.stc.ac.uk to find out more.

HOSPITALITY AND CATERING

All our hospitality and catering programmes are delivered by our very own Master Craftsman of the Guild, Wayne Reed, who has a wealth of experience and knowledge working in the industry across a range of sectors. This prestigious title means Wayne is regarded as an expert, working at the top of his profession, so rest assured you are learning from the very best.

Our programmes have been created to take you to the next step in your hospitality and catering journey. You will know your trade, but we will help you

harness your skills and develop managerial experience that will help you stand out from the crowd when it comes to looking for your dream career.

After completing our programmes, our students have successfully established careers as a:

- Head Chef
- Catering Manager
- Restaurant Manager
- Hotel Catering Manager
- Kitchen Manager

Why study with us?

- Industry standard training kitchens and commercial restaurant, Bistro 150, where you can perfect your trade and put in to practice your managerial techniques
- Fantastic links to employers from the catering and leisure industries

- A renowned and highly acclaimed Head of Catering who is working at the top of his game and can pass on secrets and skills that will help you succeed in this industry
- Work experience opportunities to help enrich your studies and prepare you for your career in the industry
- The opportunity to take part in national competitions and exhibitions

What can you study?

- Level 4 Diploma in Hospitality Management*

*You may eligible for an Advanced Learner Loan and College Bursary to help with the cost of your course fees and funding while you study. Call 0191 427 3900, email info@stc.ac.uk or chat to us on LiveChat via our website www.stc.ac.uk to find out more.



PROGRESSION

Once you have successfully completed the programme, you will be ready to embark on your dream career. If you would like to continue your studies you can head to University to complete a related programme.



PROGRESSION

Depending on the programme you complete with us, you will be able to gain direct employment in a range of hospitality and leisure sectors. You could also continue your studies at University.

BEng (Hons) in MARINE ENGINEERING

Course Fee: £6165

Programme duration: 9 months

South Shields Marine School offers a BEng Honours Degree in Marine Engineering, validated by the University of Sunderland. It's a top-up degree course that has been designed to enable certificated marine engineers to achieve the academic standard of a degree qualification.

All lecturers, seminars and tutorials will be delivered on campus and the modules comprise of:

- Applied mechanics
- Energy conversion systems
- Marine propulsion systems analysis
- Ship dynamics and materials
- Marine propulsion design
- Dissertation

Throughout each assessment stage, you will be graded via a mixture of examination and assignments, plus 100% coursework in some areas.

Entry Requirements*:

One of the following:
· Higher National Diploma in Marine Engineering (recognised by the UK MNTB) with the majority of units passed with a score of 70% or higher

- Foundation Degree in Marine Engineering from any UK institution
- Class One Certificate of Competency recognised by the UK MCA

Our BEng programme is ideal for experienced seafarers (or recently qualified cadets) who have a good background in marine engineering plus, want the recognition of an honour's degree qualification.

This course may be valuable to those seeking shore-based employment in the future, and could enable you to market your practical skills to a wider market, such as:

- Government surveyors
- Classification Society surveyors
- Technical superintendence
- Marine engineering consultant

Why study with us?

The course will develop both your theoretical and practical knowledge of topics in marine engineering. The course aims to instil an appreciation and understanding of the concepts of more advanced marine engineering, and will:

- Develop the skills necessary to select and apply appropriate engineering concepts, experience and knowledge
- Cultivate a confident, imaginative and responsible attitude towards engineering problems in their totality
- Equip graduates with lifetime learning and transferable skills.

Progression

If you have the desire and skill set to progress or work in the maritime industry, we can help you embark on that journey. If you're lacking seafaring experience and wish to upskill in a particular area for a job role, South Shields Marine School has fantastic pass rates under their belt.

Our dedicated team of lecturers can help you attain sponsorship with a world-renowned shipping company or if you're looking to progress in a career on-land, South Shields Marine School have built a relationship with key training partners to ensure you gain a unique

skill set, to make you more employable within the industry.

After completing the BEng Marine Engineering degree, candidates will have various lucrative career options i.e., in public and private shipping companies, engine production firms, ship building and designing firms, navy, research bodies.

The BEng in Marine Engineering also provides an entry route to further qualification including Master level courses in related disciplines at a University.

JOHN ECHONO

BEng Marine Engineering NIMASA Sponsor



John has always had the dream to become an engineer since he was a young child. His father was in the Nigerian Navy, and he always dreamt of following in his footsteps as a sailor. Upon being offered a sponsorship opportunity with the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency, John never looked back!

He currently holds a UK dual steam/motor OOW certificate of competency. John says, "The marine school has been

amazing, and I've learnt a lot from this course including ship modelling, assembling machinery parts, and performing stress analysis on those parts of creation."

"I would without an atom of doubt recommend the college to others who wish to pursue a career as a marine engineer. The teaching staff are always helping out whenever we need them, and the college has enough materials and resources for student support."



MANAGEMENT

If you're aspiring to take your career to the next level within management, our CMI (Chartered Management Institution) approved programmes are perfect for you. Our experienced team of lecturers will provide you with the skills and knowledge to help you gain your next career change.

Ranging from Level 5 up to Level 7, you will be able to perfect your skills in a range of managerial requirements like personal development, financial management, strategic projects, organisational strategies and human resources management to name a few.

Why study with us?

- Our programmes are CMI (Chartered Management Institution) approved, one of the highest accreditations in the sector
- Lecturers with a wealth of experience and industry knowledge
- Flexible learning and working arrangements so you can work alongside your studies while aspiring to reach the next level of your career

What can you study?

- Level 5 Management and Leadership
- Level 5 Extended Diploma in Management and Leadership
- Level 7 CMI Certificate in Strategic Management and Leadership
- Level 7 CMI Diploma in Strategic Management and Leadership

MEDIA AND GAMES DEVELOPMENT

Creative media and games development are part of a vibrant, evolving and growing sector which is creating national recognition for the North East. Our programmes have been created with emerging trends and employers in mind to make sure you leave us at the top of your educational game for the industry.

You will refine your skills and flare in our state-of-the-art media rooms, green screens or specialist gaming rooms, depending on which route you decide to take. Each room is kitted out with the latest technology all providing you with a real stepping-stone to your future career. From MAC

suites, editing rooms, and green screen recording room to the latest gaming software, editing equipment, animation, and 3D printing; our programmes offer the full package.

This dynamic and thrilling industry is jam-packed with career opportunities just waiting for you. Here's just a selection of the careers you could be aiming for.

- Games Developer
- Film Producer
- TV Editor
- Software Developer
- Games Designer
- Media Researcher

Why study with us?

- Train with the latest equipment in industry standard facilities
- Be taught in smaller class sizes by experts who know what it

takes to stand out from the crowd and succeed

- Exhibit your work at shows throughout the year
- Take part in masterclasses held by industry experts and employers – all aimed to prepare you for the world of work
- Visit local and national exhibitions and Universities to enrich your studies and plan for your future

What can you study?

- HNC in Creative Media Production (Games Development)
- HND in Creative Media Production (Games Development)
- HNC in Creative Media Production (Film Production)
- HND in Creative Media Production (Film Production)



PROGRESSION

Upon completing one of our level 7 programmes, you will be able to progress on to a Masters degree at University. You can also enter employment at a managerial level.



PROGRESSION

Upon successful completion of our HND programmes, you can progress to University to top-up to a full degree or continue your studies in a related degree. You can also embark on your career and enter employment.

MUSIC

Learn with the best the business has to offer, in industry standard facilities while you gain qualifications that will get you noticed by key employers. Kick start your career in this creative industry.

During your studies, you will have access to industry standard facilities including state of the art recording studios, purpose-built performance space, Studio 5, and all of the latest equipment you will need to perfect your talent.

Why study with us?

- Take part in masterclasses with famous faces from the industry and find out what it's really like working in the industry
- Experienced lecturers who still gig and perform in the industry
- Take part in shows and gigs at venues around the North East throughout your studies

- Visit amazing venues like Abbey Road Studios and the Cavern Club to help prepare you for working in the industry

What can you study?

- HNC in Music
- HND in Music

BARRY JONES

Access to HE Diploma Humanities, Level 3



Due to Covid, I lost my job so I decided to come study the pre-access and access course to better my chances of a career, and to show our children it's never too late to better yourself.

Originally I was looking to become a social worker, but after studying the criminology unit, I am now looking to become a social worker liaison officer and have already applied for the undergraduate criminology course at the college. The teaching is really tailored to everybody's needs and tutors are always happy to help.

Previously, I fell behind due to personal reasons and they put an action plan in place straight away. The communication is fantastic and I have now caught up to where I need to be – I can't thank them enough!"



PROGRESSION

Once you have completed our programmes, you can continue your studies at University in a related degree or head straight into employment.

DEMI FOX

Foundation Degree in Sports Coaching



When I finished school I went to sixth form, but quickly realised it wasn't for me. From a young age, I loved sports and after school clubs so decided to pursue a career in the sports industry. I initially started studying the Level 3 programme for two years. I loved the programme and lecturers, so it was an easy decision to progress onto the Foundation Degree in Sports Coaching.

The number of different activities and sessions I took part in throughout my studies, like abseiling, rock climbing, and mountain climbing, helped me realise what I could achieve outside of the classroom. I also loved the chilled out and relaxing atmosphere in the classroom – it made learning so much easier. I didn't feel pressured so made my time at college so enjoyable.

Throughout my Foundation Degree, I have learnt so much about the different range of sport and fitness activities and how best to tailor these to a particular group, starting from nursery children right the way up to training adults. I received so much experience which has helped me start my own fitness business.

The support I received from my lectures was phenomenal, especially during the pandemic. Nothing was ever a problem, and they were always there to offer advice and support. I had so much help with my submission to University and successfully secured my place at Sunderland Uni on a Sports Coaching degree to top up my Foundation Degree. I honestly couldn't recommend this programme or college enough."

TEACHING AND EDUCATION

If you work in education but aspire to move your career to the next level of teaching, our programmes have been designed for you. We will explore the fundamental aspects of teaching, delving in-depth into the planning, delivery, assessing, and evaluating of all learning and teaching situations.

Working in partnership with the University of Sunderland, our programmes are nationally recognised qualifications that have been created with employers, enabling us to build the programmes around the

demands of the industry and guaranteeing you leave us at the top of your game.

There are so many areas within the industry you can take your qualifications. This includes:

- Further education colleges
- Sixth form college
- Post 16 training providers
- Prison education and rehabilitation

Why study with us?

- Lecturers who have worked in the industry for a number of years and who will support, guide and advise you throughout your studies to help you succeed in your goals
- Thrive in a friendly, multicultural environment

- Enjoy everything the college has to offer from a hair and beauty salon, restaurant, gym and various cafes
- Smaller classes you will share with like-minded individuals who are all working towards similar goals
- Fantastic links with education employers and local University partners

What can you study?

- Certificate in Education (Post-compulsory Education and Training)
- Post Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) (Post-compulsory Education and Training)



PROGRESSION

Once completed, students have progressed directly to the employment position they've worked towards. Others have continued their studies at University with either a top-up degree or a full degree in a related subject.

APPRENTICESHIPS

Did you know apprenticeships are also available at a Higher Education level?

We offer Higher Apprenticeships which start from Level 4 up to Level 7. They work the same way as an Intermediate or Advanced Apprenticeship but delve more in-depth into the skills and knowledge of the particular industry you study in.

Apprenticeships offer a hands-on route where you'll gain invaluable 'on the job' experience and training while gaining a nationally recognised Higher Education qualification. As an apprentice, you will still benefit from the full range of support that you would receive as a full-time student, from Student Services and financial advice and guidance, to mental health, counselling and tutorial support.

You will also have the opportunity to use all facilities of the college, in and out the classroom.

TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR HIGHER APPRENTICESHIP

PROVISION AND VACANCIES AVAILABLE, PLEASE CONTACT OUR

APPRENTICESHIP TEAM AT APPRENTICESHIPS@TYNECOAST.AC.UK

UCAS TARIFF

A levels

Qualification and grade	UCAS Tariff Points
A level Grade A*	56
A level Grade A	48
A level Grade B	40
A level Grade C	32
A level Grade D	24
A level Grade E	16

Pearson BTEC Subsidiary Diploma (QCF)

Grade	UCAS Tariff Points
D*	56
D	48
M	32
P	16

Pearson BTEC level 3 Diploma (QCF)

Grade	UCAS Tariff Points
D*D*	112
D*D	104
DD	96
DM	80
MM	64
MP	48
PP	32

Pearson BTEC Extended Diploma (QCF)

Grade	UCAS Tariff Points
D*D*D*	168
D*D*D	160
D*DD	152
DDD	144
DDM	128
DMM	112
MMM	96
MMP	80
MPP	64
PPP	48

Pearson BTEC 90 Credit Diploma (QCF)

Grade	UCAS Tariff Points
D*D*	84
D*D	78
DD	72
DM	60
MM	48
MP	36
PP	24

HOW TO APPLY UCAS TARIFF POINTS

Full time HE courses may ask for specific UCAS tariff points for entry criteria. UCAS Tariff points convert your qualifications and grades into a numerical value. Many qualifications (but not all) have a UCAS Tariff value, which will vary dependent on the qualification size, and the grade you achieved. This numerical value is used by colleges and Universities to assess whether you meet their entry requirements for a particular course. Some qualifications are not on the UCAS Tariff table, but do not worry if this is the case, this doesn't mean that they won't be accepted for entry, just contact us to discuss. Mature students, i.e. over 21 years, may be accepted based on relevant experience without the required formal qualifications.

Call our Student Services team on 0191 427 3900 or email info@stc.ac.uk

CONTACT US

WEBSITE

You can apply online at www.stc.ac.uk. If you need further support, you can speak to our Student Services Team via LiveChat.

EMAIL

Course information and guidance, recruitment and support:

info@stc.ac.uk

Special Educational Needs (SEN) provision:
als@tynecoast.ac.uk

South Shields Marine School:
mmeng@stc.ac.uk

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Queen Alexandra Sixth Form College
Coast Road Campus**
Battle Hill Drive, Wallsend, Tyne & Wear, NE28 9NL

NORTH

South Tyneside College
St George's Ave,
South Shields,
NE34 6ET

South Shields Marine School
Grosvenor Rd,
South Shields,
NE33 3EN

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MANDY MORRIS

Principal of TyneMet College
and South Tyneside College



Welcome to our guide to Higher Education.

For your ease, the guide has been split to represent our two campuses – TyneMet College and Queen Alex Sixth Form College, which is located north of the river Tyne in Wallsend and South Tyneside College and South Shields Marine School which is in South Shields, south of the river. This means you get to see the breadth of our offer and, if we don't offer what you are looking for at one campus, you may find we offer it at our other site.

The pandemic has seen people face many, many challenges, not least when it comes to education and work. More and more people are choosing to further their career, make a complete change or feel the time is right to start that course they've always wanted. Whatever your route into Higher Education, we can offer you high-quality teaching and a full package of support.

Aside from the qualification, studying Higher Education can equip you with a wide range of transferable skills to really boost your career or job prospects.

We understand that often those studying Higher Education have busy lives and a lot of other commitments which is why we make our study programmes as flexible as possible. We offer the majority of our courses on a full-time or part-time basis. In some cases, you might be able to study your HNC in one year then progress to an HND when you are ready. You can also study Foundation Degrees, Top Up Degrees and Access to HE if you need to.

I hope you find this guide useful. If you do have any questions, one of our advice nights is the perfect opportunity to pop in, chat to our lecturers, support staff and tour the facilities.

We hope to welcome you soon.”

TAKE YOUR SKILLS TO

A HIGHER LEVEL

WITH HE AT COLLEGE

Usually associated with going to University, not many people realise you can also study Higher Education at college – and it can often be the best route.

Studying HE at college comes with a wide range of benefits – and the same University standard qualification.

FOR YOU

- Smaller class sizes
- A more personal approach
- Financial advice and support
 - Flexible learning
 - One to one guidance
- A stepping stone before Uni if you're not quite ready

FROM US

- University and industry standard facilities
- Expert lecturers who often work in industry as well as teach
- Value for money – and often cheaper than Uni
- Condensed learning meaning less impact on your work/life balance
- Recognition for hard work – awards ceremonies, graduation

DID YOU KNOW?

98%

98.36% thought that the teaching on their course was good

100%

100% agreed that their course helped them to gain the right skills for employment

93%

93.44% were satisfied overall with the quality of their course

SHAUN LILLIE

Foundation Degree in Education & Care

I enjoyed and loved every second of studying at TyneMet. I made a lot of new friends and got the challenge I was looking for. I like how the teachers treat you as an adult and understand your learning needs. The college helped to rebuild me as a person by helping to build up my confidence, independent skills, motivation, determination. Studying at TyneMet also helped build me a path to an amazing journey into my career which has helped me to reach and achieve my goals and targets.”

After completing his studies with us in 2018, Shaun then went on to finish his degree with a top-up in Education and Curriculum Studies at University of Sunderland. He then moved on to studying a masters in Education at Northumbria University.



HOW WE SUPPORT YOU

Studying at college can be both exciting and nerve-wrecking. But don't worry, we are here for you every step of your student journey. If you need extra support, our team will work with you to create a plan bespoke to your needs. Our support services are there to guide and advise all students regardless of course, level or if the student already receives another form of support. Whether you need a little extra help with your studies, specialist equipment, or just need a chat, the team are there for you.

STUDENT SERVICES

Our friendly Student Services team is your first step when you're thinking about Higher Education – student advisers will be able to offer advice and guidance about our wide range of full and part-time courses as well as our University-level qualifications, including: HNCs, HNDs, Foundation Degrees and teaching qualifications.

MEET THE TEAM

Head of Safeguarding and Student Services: Jackie Gates

Head of SEND: Alyson Shields

Student Services Manager: Lindsey Grainger

Get in touch: enquiries@tynemet.ac.uk

COUNSELLING SERVICE

We understand that life can be unpredictable. That is why we offer a free confidential counselling service for students who feel an issue is preventing them from getting on in college, at home or in life. Students can confide in professional counsellors in a safe environment that will aim to resolve any worries – no matter how big or small.

CHILDCARE

For learners with dependants, there is an excellent nursery onsite based at our Coast Road Campus.

The nursery team are fully-qualified with years' of experience so your child can learn and develop while you get stuck into your studies.

ADDITIONAL

LEARNING SUPPORT

We are committed to ensuring students with learning difficulties and/or disabilities have full access to the learning and support they need.

Our ALS team can arrange a confidential interview so you can discuss your needs and assess how best we can support you.

GET IN TOUCH: ALS@TYNECOAST.AC.UK

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING SUPPORT

At TyneMet College, we aim to provide each student with an outstanding experience like no other. That is why we have stringent mental health and wellbeing support services in place to help students through the ups and downs of life.

We can offer you support to help you tackle issues including:

- Exam and pastoral support
- Dealing with a crisis or immediate concern
- Supporting you through long term difficulties
- Getting you the specialist help you need
- Offering specialist support resources

COLLEGE COUNSELLOR

Our college counselling service is one of the support services there for you. Our qualified counsellor offers one-to-one, confidential counselling service to all students to help them through difficulties they may be facing in or out of the classroom. Appointments are bookable between each student and the college counsellor, so any meetings can be as discreet as required.

SAFEGUARDING

We have a dedicated safeguarding team, who you can contact if you require urgent assistance while on campus and can offer advice and referrals to specialist external organisations. We take the wellbeing of our students extremely seriously and as a student of our friendly and welcoming community, we want you to feel supported throughout your time with us.

Safeguarding Lead - Eamonn Murphy: Call 07762 223 818 or email eamonn.murphy@tynecoast.ac.uk

FINANCIAL HELP WITH YOUR STUDIES

For students living in England you may be eligible to apply for funding from Student Finance. Eligibility criteria includes whether you currently hold an HE qualification at the same level or higher, your age, nationality and residency status.

If you are considering applying for student finance, we advise to apply as soon as possible to ensure funding is available to you at the beginning of your course.

The student finance deadline to guarantee your funding will be available in September is mid-May.

FULL TIME HE COURSES

You may be able to apply for a Tuition Fee Loan to pay for your course fees and a Maintenance Loan to help with your living costs while studying. You can apply for these loans online at <https://www.gov.uk/student-finance/apply>.

Tuition Fee Loan is paid directly to the college, and this is a non means tested loan.

Maintenance Loan is means tested on either your own income if you are aged 25 years or above; or if you have supported yourself financially for 3 years or more; or your parent's income. The loan is paid directly to your bank account at the start of each term.

Extra help: you may be eligible for additional financial support from student finance. Further information and application forms are available at <https://www.gov.uk/student-finance/extra-help>

Both the Tuition Fee and Maintenance Loans are repayable.

GRANTS

The following are grants which you do not need to pay back:

- Childcare Grant - if you have children under 15, or under 17 if they have special educational needs.
- Parents Learning Allowance - help with your learning costs if you're a full-time student with children.
- Adult Dependents Grant - if an adult depends on you financially.
- Disabled Students' Allowance - You can apply for Disabled Students' Allowances (DSAs) to cover some of the extra costs you have because of a mental health problem, long term illness or any other disability, or learning difficulty e.g. dyslexia.

You can get the allowances on top of your other student finance. You will not need to repay DSAs.

PART TIME STUDY

If your chosen course has a course intensity of 25% or more, you may be able to apply for a Tuition Fee Loan to cover the fees for your course. In addition, you may be able to apply for Disabled Students' Allowances (DSAs) to cover some of the extra costs you have because of a mental health problem, long term illness or any other disability, or learning difficulty, e.g. dyslexia.

REPAYING YOUR STUDENT FINANCE LOANS

You will only start repaying your loan once you start earning above the repayment threshold of £27,925 (correct as of 22/23 academic year). If you already earn past the threshold, your student loan payments will start in the April after you finish your programme of study. For further information regarding loan repayments, head to <https://www.gov.uk/repaying-your-student-loan>

BURSARIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

If your chosen course is franchised through the University of Sunderland, you may be eligible for additional funding in the form of bursaries or scholarships. For more information, head to <https://www.sunderland.ac.uk/about/your-finances/scholarships-discounts-and-specialised-grants/>

CITY LIFE

TyneMet College is located at Coast Road Campus in Wallsend, easily accessible from the city centre and the coast with excellent transport links.

Situated in a vibrant location, there's loads to do when you're not busy studying.



BEAUTIFUL SEAFRONTS

Right on our doorstep is the beautiful coast. Take a stroll along the scenic and charming seafronts and enjoy the breath-taking sights of Whitley Bay or Tynemouth. You'll also be in the perfect place to grab yourself some award-winning fish and chips!



SHOPPING

Newcastle's Eldon Square is just a short bus journey away, where you'll find a range of high street and luxury stores so you can shop until you drop.

You also have the option to stay local and visit the various shopping outlets within North Tyneside including:

- The Forum, Wallsend
- The Beacon Centre, North Shields
- Silverlink Shopping Park, Wallsend
- Royal Quays Outlet, North Shields



THEATRE AND CINEMA

Enjoy a night out at the theatre? With Whitley Bay Playhouse and Newcastle Theatre Royal close by, you're never short of options to see live shows.

If you prefer the cinema, head to the Odeon at Silverlink to see the latest releases on the big screen.



THRIVING NIGHT LIFE

Famous for our night life, Newcastle is home to a variety of bars and nightclubs located in the city centre including The Gate, Quayside and Collingwood Street.

You'll also have the option to head for a night out in Newcastle's famous LGBTQ+ scene. With a range of bars and restaurants, you're guaranteed to have a good time.

More locally, you have a range of bars and restaurants along Tynemouth's coast as well as the up and coming, North Shields Fish Quay.



SPANISH CITY

Situated in Whitley Bay, Spanish City is a vibrant venue where you can enjoy fine dining, live shows as well as party nights - there's lots to do at this iconic venue.



NORTH EAST SPORT

The North East is home to lots of big sporting clubs, so no matter which sport you follow, there's plenty of action going on.

Did you know, we have partnerships with local clubs including Newcastle Thunder, Newcastle Falcons, Newcastle Eagles as well as Blyth Spartans so there's also the opportunity to take advantage of free tickets to matches.

STUDENT LIFE

ON CAMPUS

LIFE IN THE CLASSROOM

Library

Our library is packed full of useful resources to help you with your studies. Alongside our well stocked library of books, journals, and periodicals, we have a computer suite which is available to all students for independent study as well as dedicated quiet zones.

Higher Education Common Room

Sponsored by University of Sunderland, our common room is a dedicated area for HE students. With comfortable sofas, TV and computers, it's a place for you to chill out between lessons or get stuck into your studies.

Industry standard engineering workshops

You'll develop knowledge and skills using industry-standard equipment, such as CNC machines, welding booths and electrical testing bays.

Clinical skills room

Our health & social care HE students will benefit from practical work in our clinical skills room.

The room boasts a range of hospital and health care equipment including beds, CPR dummies, blood pressure monitors plus lots more so you can gain insight into life within the industry.

Art Studios

Our studios are packed with the latest technology to enhance the learning environment, allowing students to explore and express their creativity in their own dedicated workspace.

Lecture Theatres

We have two lecture theatres on campus which are regularly used by our HE students.

Within the lecture theatres, we host a range of talks from industry professionals, debates with fellow students as well as insightful sessions delivered by our expert teaching staff so you can get a full University experience.

LIFE OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

We believe that coming to college should be more than just a qualification. It's also about developing your personal skills, supporting your physical and mental wellbeing, building your confidence – and getting you ready for the career you deserve.

That's why we have created a campus where you can have the best of both worlds – specialist education, as well as all the fun stuff when you're not studying.

Retreat Restaurant and Bistro

Situated in the heart of our Coast Road campus, Retreat Bistro is our commercial restaurant run by our team of trainee chefs and front of house service students. Using locally sourced, top quality seasonal ingredients, it offers a high-quality dining experience at a fraction of the price. Themed nights held throughout the year offer something a little different to enjoy.

Retreat Hair & Beauty Salon

Relax, unwind and treat yourself at Retreat Salon. Staffed by our talented hair and beauty trainees, customers can indulge in various treatments and services from facials, massages and make-up application to stylish cuts and colours – all available at heavily discounted prices.

Floristry Shop

Whether you want a beautiful bunch of blooms for a birthday, anniversary or, just because - we've got you covered. Our floristry outlet, Flourish, is based on campus and offers a range of bouquets, arrangements, cards and gifts in traditional and contemporary designs, all beautifully created by our trainee florists. You'll find something for every occasion.

Coffee Shop and Refectory

Whether you're catching up with your mates or grabbing a bite to eat, there's lots to do on campus.

With a fully stocked shop, coffee shop and refectory as well as vending machines, you'll always find something on campus to satisfy your taste buds.

North East Sports Academy (NESA)

We want you to be able to pursue your interests and passions, as well as your career. Dedicated coaches from our North East Sports Academy (NESA) bring you first-class, professional sports programmes, delivered in outstanding facilities.

Some of our HE students will have the opportunity to compete in U19 leagues and cups, so if you prefer rugby, football or maybe basketball, our coaches will help you advance your athletic ability, develop your skills and achieve your potential.

Students' Union

Our Tyne Coast College Students' Union representatives work across TyneMet College, South Tyneside College, South Shields Marine School and Queen Alexandra Sixth Form College. As a member of our Students' Union you can get involved in loads of activities held throughout the year, such as charity events, student events, entrepreneurial projects, charity support events and challenges, the list goes on. As well as all the fun stuff, you get to have your say about college life and any changes you would like to see. The best part is you can get involved as much or as little as you want – there's no pressure. Register your interest at studentunion@tynecoast.ac.uk.

CLAIRE MOLE

Foundation Degree in Education & Care



The staff were all so lovely, I had Leanne as my tutor and she was so supportive throughout the whole course. I loved that it was a mixture of placement based learning and college based so you get to build up your experience as you work your way through the course. I would definitely recommend anyone to study at TyneMet. I had the most enjoyable experience and the staff there made me believe I could achieve anything I put my mind to."

OPEN EVENTS

Discover more about our Higher Education courses by attending one of our Advice and Enrolment Events.

During the events, you'll have the opportunity to...

- Chat to our expert teaching staff
- Discuss career options with our dedicated careers advisers
- Take a tour of our facilities

We'll support you to get all the information you need to take the next step.

First Tuesday of every month, 5pm-7pm.

HE OPEN NIGHTS

We also have a range of dedicated Higher Education events for you to gain an insight into life as an HE student at college.

Our expert HE tutors will be on hand to discuss course topics, delivery as well as progression routes.

You'll also have the opportunity to chat to our Student Services team to learn more about the financial support available to HE students including student loans and bursaries.

For our full list of events, head to:

WWW.TYNEMET.AC.UK/ABOUT/EVENTS/

APPLICATION PROCESS

Upon receipt of your application to join a Higher Education programme with us, we will arrange an interview with the Programme Leader so you can find out more about the course and discuss how it fits with your career plans.

In order to get the most out of this discussion, it would be beneficial for you to do some research into the type of career you are looking to get into or progression you hope to take following completion of the course prior to interview.

For some programmes we may request that you bring along a portfolio of your work or prepare a short instrument or vocal audition (depending on your chosen programme). Details of these requests will be outlined in your interview invitation.

APPLY FOR A FULL TIME HE COURSE

01

Visit www.ucas.com, select undergraduate and search for Tyne Coast College and select from drop down. Select chosen course and click apply. Follow UCAS application process.

02

Invited to interview with Programme Leader to discuss the course further

03

Notification of offer given following interview. You can accept your place on UCAS.com or by emailing info@stc.ac.uk

04

Conditional offers - confirmation of place will be given on receipt of any pending results to evidence conditions are met. If conditions are not met, alternatives will be discussed.

05

Enrol on chosen course

APPLY FOR A PART TIME HE COURSE

01

Apply direct to college via: www.stc.ac.uk

02

Invited to interview with Programme Leader to discuss the course further

03

Notification of offer given following interview. You can accept your place by emailing info@stc.ac.uk

04

Conditional offers - confirmation of place will be given on receipt of any pending results to evidence conditions are met. If conditions are not met, alternatives will be discussed.

05

Enrol on chosen course

MAKE YOUR DEGREE WORK

FOR YOU



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OUR PROGRAMMES

ACCESS TO HE

If you're not sure if you're ready for Higher Education or haven't quite got the grades, our Access to HE courses may be the perfect route to get you on the right track.

The Access to HE course is a Level 3 programme for adults aged 19+ and over. The primary aim of the Access to HE Diploma is to provide appropriate preparation and a recognised qualification to enable students to progress to Higher Education (HE).

We deliver three Access to HE diplomas:

Business

Core topics include:

- Innovation and the Entrepreneur
- Management Functions
- The Marketing Environment
- Accounting for Managers
- Introduction to Human Resource Management

Health

Core topics include:

- Core Science
- Human Biology
- Psychology
- The Psychology and Sociology of Health
- Humans Against Disease

Humanities

Core topics include:

- Psychology
- Sociology
- English Literature
- Crime and Deviance
- History - Social and Cultural Development

Entry Requirements

- Prospective students should have GCSEs in maths and English at grade C / 4 (or equivalent) and be aged 19+.
- Before you are able to enrol on this course, you will need to have an interview with the curriculum staff so they can assess which level you are currently at.

Pre-Access to HE

The Pre-Access to HE course is ideal if you want to return to college to develop your basic academic skills in preparation for an Access to HE course and subsequent University entry. The course will help you to develop maths and English skills as well as developing your personal study skills and knowledge.

This level 2 course is designed to help you build up a series of portfolios related to practical projects, including:

- Developing IT and presentation skills
- Developing literacy skills
- Building a career portfolio
- Building reports and using basic research methodology
- Solving practical problems and managing real world projects
- Study skills and self-development



Depending on the pathway you decide to take, you have the opportunity to progress onto one of our Higher Education programmes here at the college, a list of which can be found in this guide. You can also apply for a related course at a university of your choice or you could move directly into the industry. Whichever route you decide to take, we will help you prepare for your next steps.

ART AND DESIGN

Our Art and Design programmes* are delivered in our state-of-the-art workshops with support from industry expert lecturers who have a wealth of knowledge and expertise in their field.

The courses combine an understanding of the theory, skills and professional practice required to work in the field of graphic design or fine art.

As part of our courses, you will be given creative control to develop individual portfolios and showcase your talent.

During your studies, you will also have the opportunity to exhibit work, including temporary public art displays in regional venues which provides an excellent platform for your creativity.

Careers could include:

- Artist
- Graphic Designer
- Tattooist
- Fashion Designer
- Art Teacher

What can you study?

- HNC in Art Practice (Fine Art)
- HND in Art Practice (Fine Art)
- HNC-HND Conversion Course for HND in Art Practice (Fine Art)
- HNC in Art & Design (Graphics)
- HND in Art & Design (Graphics)

*These courses are delivered at Queen Alexandra Sixth Form College (Coast Road Campus).



On completion of the course, you could have the opportunity to 'top up' your degree to a BA (Hons) or go straight into employment.

BUSINESS

Our Higher Education business programmes* provide a wide-ranging study of the business sector and are designed for students who wish to pursue or advance in their chosen career in business.

Studying business keeps your options wide open with topics that prepare you for most careers including marketing, finance, customer service, management and law.

During your studies, you will study topics including business and the environment, marketing process and planning as well as leadership and management.

All course topics are specially chosen to help you gain a well-rounded knowledge of the business sector.

Students who successfully complete the Higher National Certificate (HNC) and the Higher National Diploma (HND) will be able to demonstrate a sound

knowledge of the basic concepts of business. You will be able to communicate accurately and appropriately, and have the qualities needed for employment that requires some degree of personal responsibility.

Careers could include:

- Marketeer
- Accountant
- Business Owner
- Human Resource Professional
- Project Manager

What can you study?

- HNC in Business
- HND in Business

*These courses are delivered at Queen Alexandra Sixth Form College (Coast Road Campus).



On completion of the course, you could have the opportunity to top-up your certificate or diploma to a BA (Hons) Degree or go straight into employment.

CLAIRE

Foundation Degree in Counselling



"I decided to return to study the FD in counselling after recognising significant needs in people around me and not being able to offer the level of support I wanted to.

[While studying], I secured a couple of placements, one working with children and the other with adults. The work was so enjoyable and the supervision was brilliant for developing my skills, understanding and confidence.

I applied for a job with Kalmer Counselling before we completed, and although not yet qualified, because of the excellent teaching at college, I was successful in gaining employment.

Once I completed my degree I went on to start offering private practice and was also successful in securing a role as a Team Manager in the IAPT service.

I cannot rate Rob and Carmel and the Foundation Degree high enough. It was an unforgettable experience, it gave me so much support and guidance for working in the counselling field. We were told at the start it would change our lives and it most certainly does, the PD experience and space is truly amazing and as a group we still keep in touch."

COUNSELLING

Our Foundation Degree in Counselling will provide an understanding of the theory, skills and expertise required to work as a professional counsellor as well as providing progression to higher levels of study in this subject.

Course topics include: personal development, counselling skills and professional issues to name a few.

Our students study in purposely designed counselling rooms, complete with specialist booths so you can develop your practical experience alongside theoretical knowledge.

Our courses are also taught by well-renowned counselling tutors who have an excellent reputation within their field.

Careers could include:

- School Counsellor
- Grief Counsellor
- Behavioural Therapist
- Youth Counsellor

What can you study?

- Foundation Degree (FdA) Counselling



On completion of the course, you will qualify as a person-centred counsellor. In addition, you will be able to progress to the optional BA (Hons) degree at the University of Sunderland.

This course is also aligned with BACP (British Association for Counselling & Psychotherapy) guidelines which will help prepare you for progression to voluntary or paid employment.

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

Whether you aspire to design and develop websites and apps, programme new and innovative databases or software, our HE computing courses will help get you on the right track to achieve the perfect career.

Our HNC in Digital Technologies programme allows you to extend your knowledge of computing and gain a recognised qualification. Course content is designed with the requirements of today's IT specialist in mind and covers traditional topics of databases and programming as well as developing web applications.

Careers could include:

- Software Developer
- Systems Analyst
- IT Support Officer
- Applications Programmer
- Web Developer
- Data Security Analyst

What can you study?

- HNC in Digital Technologies



You could continue your studies, or progress directly into employment.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Teaching is a very rewarding profession and gives you an opportunity to make a real difference to people's lives. It offers you fantastic career prospects and development opportunities in an ever-changing sector full of chances to be creative and to help others to learn and gain skills for their future.

As part of our teaching courses, we place a lot of emphasis on teaching practice and innovative methods of engaging with learners inside the classroom. We help students to understand how to structure sessions to help students reach their potential.

We offer a range of courses for those currently in a teaching or training role as well as for anyone who is considering a future role in education or training and just wants to learn a little more about it.

Careers could include:

- Teacher (primary, secondary and further education)
- Lecturer
- Youth Worker
- Early Years Practitioner

What can you study?

- Diploma in Education & Training, Level 4
- Diploma in Education & Training, Level 5
- Foundation Degree (FdA) Education and Care



Our higher level teaching qualifications are awarded by the University of Sunderland. This means we can offer students great progression opportunities to top up your qualification through our partnership with the University.

Students could also go straight into employment in a variety of careers.

ENGINEERING

There are a huge range of career paths in engineering and manufacturing – and a breadth of opportunity.

When studying engineering with us, you will learn the knowledge and develop skills, using industry standard equipment, such as CNC machines, welding booths and electrical testing bays. We offer courses in a range of engineering disciplines, including advanced manufacturing, electrical engineering, fabrication and welding. We can guarantee to have an engineering course that's right for you.

Careers could include:

- Renewables Technology Engineer
- Electrical Engineer
- Mechanical Engineer
- Welder/Fabricator
- Design Engineer
- Electronics Engineer

What can you study?

- HNC in Electrical & Electronic Engineering
- HNC in General Engineering
- HNC in Mechanical Engineering
- HND in General Engineering

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

A career in health and social care is highly rewarding and extremely diverse. With careers ranging from nursing to midwifery, the opportunities are endless.

You will develop a detailed understanding of health and social care policy and practice, which can be used in any workplace that involves caring for individuals and communities.

Our qualifications are designed and developed to meet professional standards. The course helps to develop not only academic skills and abilities, but also work readiness skills.

You will have the opportunity to undertake a range of placements across a variety of sectors, to gain the hands-on practical experience in this rewarding career.

As our courses are work-related qualifications, they are suited for students taking their first steps into employment or those already in employment and looking for career development opportunities.

Careers could include:

- Nurse
- Midwife
- Mental Health Nurse
- Paramedic
- Paediatric Nurse
- Psychologist

What can you study?

- Foundation Degree (FdSc) Health & Social Care
- HNC in Healthcare Practice for England



On completion of the course, you could progress onto an HND, Foundation Degree or gain direct access onto a number of undergraduate degree courses.

We have fantastic relationships with local and national employers, guaranteeing you are up-to-date with all the skills and knowledge employers are looking for.



On completion of the Foundation Degree, you will have the opportunity to 'top up' to a BA (Hons) Undergraduate Degree.

The University of Sunderland offers four different top up pathways:

- Bsc Hons Health and Social Care
- Bsc Hons Health and Social Care Health and Wellbeing
- Bsc Hons Health and Social care Practice
- Bsc Hons Health and Social Care Management and Leadership

Academic qualifications in Health and Social Care allow you to work in the NHS, charities such as Age UK and MIND, social care organisations such as Turning Point, and other public, private and voluntary sector health agencies.

This course may also support you to gain entry to further HE study in Health-related industries where registration for work is mandatory. These industries could include nursing, midwifery, physiotherapy, radiography.

SPORT

Our HNC in Sport & Exercise Science (Sports Therapies) is a stimulating and challenging programme of study that will be both engaging and memorable for students. The development pathway will have a varied approach to assessments with specialists' pathways to Level 5 and 6. HNC in Sport & Exercise Science (Sports Therapies) is a qualification designed to meet the needs and expectations of students aspiring to work in the sporting area.

The course will be made up of Core Units and includes:

- Sports massage
- Injury prevention
- Fitness testing
- Anatomy & physiology

As well as other relevant units relating to the qualification

What can you study?

- HNC in Sport and Exercise (Sports Therapies)



On completion of the course, you will have a progression route to Level 5. You will also be able to seek employment/self-employment in sports massage, fitness industry and lifestyle coaching.

SARAH BROWN

HNC in Business



Queen Alex has given me the confidence to move forward and gain a business degree. I didn't have the confidence to go straight to university being a mature student, but thanks to Queen Alex, I do now.

As a mother of two who works - juggling home life and studying was very challenging. However, my tutors were so supportive and helped me prioritise, supporting me throughout.

I would definitely recommend Queen Alex to any other mums out there who wants to study further - they even have an onsite nursery!"

DID YOU KNOW

WE OFFER APPRENTICESHIPS

**AT A HIGHER
EDUCATION LEVEL**

APPRENTICESHIPS

We offer Higher Apprenticeships which start from Level 4 up to Level 7. They work the same way as an Intermediate or Advanced Apprenticeship but delve more in-depth into the skills and knowledge of the particular industry you study in.

Apprenticeships offer a hands-on route where you'll gain invaluable 'on the job' experience and training while gaining a nationally recognised Higher Education qualification. As an apprentice, you will still benefit from the full range of support that you would receive as a full-time student, from Student Services and financial advice and guidance, to mental health, counselling and tutorial support.

You will also have the opportunity to use all facilities of the college, in and out the classroom.

TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR HIGHER APPRENTICESHIP

PROVISION AND VACANCIES AVAILABLE, PLEASE CONTACT OUR

APPRENTICESHIP TEAM AT APPRENTICESHIPS@TYNECOAST.AC.UK

UCAS TARIFF

A levels

Qualification and grade	UCAS Tariff Points
A level Grade A*	56
A level Grade A	48
A level Grade B	40
A level Grade C	32
A level Grade D	24
A level Grade E	16

Pearson BTEC Subsidiary Diploma (QCF)

Grade	UCAS Tariff Points
D*	56
D	48
M	32
P	16

Pearson BTEC level 3 Diploma (QCF)

Grade	UCAS Tariff Points
D*D*	112
D*D	104
DD	96
DM	80
MM	64
MP	48
PP	32

Pearson BTEC Extended Diploma (QCF)

Grade	UCAS Tariff Points
D*D*D*	168
D*D*D	160
D*DD	152
DDD	144
DDM	128
DMM	112
MMM	96
MMP	80
MPP	64
PPP	48

Pearson BTEC 90 Credit Diploma (QCF)

Grade	UCAS Tariff Points
D*D*	84
D*D	78
DD	72
DM	60
MM	48
MP	36
PP	24

HOW TO APPLY UCAS TARIFF POINTS

Full time HE courses may ask for specific UCAS tariff points for entry criteria. UCAS Tariff points convert your qualifications and grades into a numerical value. Many qualifications (but not all) have a UCAS Tariff value, which will vary dependent on the qualification size, and the grade you achieved. This numerical value is used by colleges and Universities to assess whether you meet their entry requirements for a particular course. Some qualifications are not on the UCAS Tariff table, but do not worry if this is the case, this doesn't mean that they won't be accepted for entry, just contact us to discuss. Mature students, ie over 21 years, may be accepted based on relevant experience without the required formal qualifications.

Call our Student Services team on 0191 229 5000 or email enquiries@tynemet.ac.uk

JONNY OGLE

HND in Graphics



When I was 16, on a careers day, I put 'Tattooist' as one of my dream jobs but I didn't pursue it. It wasn't until later on in my mid-twenties that I thought about it again and decided to look further into it.

Previously, I felt like nobody understood my take on modern art. It wasn't until I met Paul Harvey and discussed about studying a Higher Education course that I felt like somebody understood. He was supportive of my style and helped me grow and develop my style further. The course taught me how to brand myself, learning about typography, how to research artists and how to build a portfolio of work.

I use these skills now on a day-to-day basis. From designing merchandise, business cards, branding the business and building myself up as an artist.

I'm so glad I found Paul and the HE course otherwise I may not be where I am today - I owe a lot to him. He encouraged me which helped me grow in the direction I needed."

CONTACT US

WEBSITE







You can apply online at www.tynemet.ac.uk.
If you need further support, you can speak to our Student Services team via LiveChat.

EMAIL

Course information and Student Services:
enquiries@tynemet.ac.uk

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als@tynecoast.ac.uk

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