

Higher Skills & Higher Education

Course Guide
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Message from the Principal



"Welcome to Higher Education and Higher Skills at Kirklees College. We are proud to offer a range of HNC/Ds, Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs) and Foundation Degrees across a range of sectors to help you upskill and start your dream career.

Our Higher Skills provision offers degree level courses on your doorstep designed with your lifestyle and other commitments in mind. With lower course fees and small class sizes offering specialist academic support, our programmes provide an affordable and flexible alternative to university study.

We also offer a range of courses from our university partners, the University of Huddersfield and University of Central Lancashire (UCLan). Enrolling on one of these courses means you will gain a university standard qualification, and access to one of these institutions for further study.

We hope you decide to join us and become part of our KC Community."

Palvinder Singh,
Principal and Chief Executive

We offer courses in the following areas:

- Access to HE
- AAT
- Animal Management
- Counselling
- Digital Technologies
- Engineering
- Fashion and Textiles
- Hospitality Management
- International Travel and Tourism Management
- Leadership and Management
- Teacher Education

Scan this QR code to see our full course offer and apply now!



Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs)



Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs) are a new classification of Level 4/5 qualifications that have been approved by employers from a range of key industries. HTQs bridge the gap between T Level/Level 3 study and a university degree and allow students aged 18 and above to gain a higher qualification that focuses on practical skills. They equate to 120 credits per year as university programmes.

HTQs include Higher National Certificates (HNCs), Higher National Diplomas (HNDs) and Foundation Degrees.

Kirklees College will offer the following HTQs in 2025/26:

- HND Animal Management
- HNC and HND Digital Technologies
- HNC (HTQ) Engineering
- HNC and HND Fashion and Textiles
- HNC and HND Hospitality Management
- HNC and HND International Travel and Tourism Management
- HNC and HND Leadership and Management

*all new courses are subject to validation

Professional Courses

We offer a varied selection of professional courses at levels 4 – 6 that are perfect for individuals looking to upskill in their current career. From short courses in leadership and management, to marketing modules, our CPD courses are a mix of short courses and longer programmes with flexible learning at the heart of their delivery.

More information can be found on our website, or employers looking to upskill their workforce can chat with our Business Development team directly by emailing employers@kirkleescollege.ac.uk, or calling **0800 7813020**.

Fees and Funding

Did you know you could save around £17,500 when you choose to study at Kirklees College, compared to university? Our lower course costs and flexible learning options mean that you can gain a university level qualification in a way that fits around your lifestyle.

Lifelong Learning Entitlement (LLE)

All funding for qualifications Level 4 and above in England will be through the new Lifelong Learning Entitlement (LLE), starting from January 2026, with applications open from September 2025. The LLE will create a single funding system to help people pay for college or university courses, and train, retrain and upskill flexibly over their working lives.

According to the gov.uk website, the LLE will allow people to develop new skills and gain new qualifications at a time that is right for them. This could be through a full-time degree, or individual modules, or other courses such as higher technical qualifications (HTQs).

Under the LLE, you can access a loan to cover tuition fees, and a maintenance loan to cover living costs. Targeted maintenance grants are also available from the LLE for students who need extra support, such as support with childcare, or learners with disabilities.

You will be able to see your loan balance through your own LLE personal account.

Kirklees College also offers several funds to assist students, including the following bursaries:

- Progression Bursary
- Local Student Bursary
- STEM Bursary
- Access to HE Diploma Bursary
- Care Leaver Bursary
- Full-Time Carer Bursary

Contact our Financial Support team:

T: 0800 804 6134

E: finsupp@kirkleescollege.ac.uk

How to Apply

Once you have found a course you are interested in, it is easy to apply using our online application.

You can use our online application to apply for your chosen course – you just need to look for the ‘apply’ button on the course page. This can be found below the course overview. If there is no ‘apply’ button, please email info@kirkleescollege.ac.uk to find out how you join the course.

If the course is available at different centres, you will need to choose the centre you want to study at when you click ‘apply’. To do this, you will need to click on the relevant box.

Once you have done this, you will be directed to our online application where you will need to follow the instructions on screen.

How to use our online application:

You will need to complete the online application in one go and have the following information:

- Full address, including postcode
- An email address we can use to communicate with you
- A contact telephone number
- Any additional learning support you may need
- Your predicted or actual qualifications, subjects and grades
- Someone that you can put down as a reference and their contact details (please note we do not accept references from family members)

Please ensure you complete all sections of the application form. If information is missing or incomplete, it may delay your application. Once you have completed your application, you will be directed to a screen that shows you have completed. Once our Applications team has received it, you will receive an email acknowledgement.

Need some help?

If you are having any problems with the online application, please contact our College Information team. If you would prefer a paper application, the team can post one to you.

Telephone: 01484 437070

Email: info@kirkleescollege.ac.uk

If you have any questions about your application, please contact the Applications team.

Telephone: 01484 437033

Email: applications@kirkleescollege.ac.uk

UCAS Points Equivalent

Before you apply for a course, check how many UCAS points you have. If your qualification isn't listed below, visit www.ucas.com/ucas/tariff-calculator

A-levels		AS Levels	
A*	56 points	A	20 points
A	48 points	B	16 points
B	40 points	C	12 points
C	32 points	D	10 points
D	24 points	E	6 points
E	16 points		

BTEC	
D*D*D*	168
DDD	144
DMM	112
MMM	96
MPP	64
PPP	48

Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended National Diploma (a range of grades are given above)

Our University Partners

Kirklees College is proud to partner with a number of universities and higher education institutions to provide the very best learning opportunities for our students.

We offer courses in conjunction with the University of Huddersfield and the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan), and we work closely on a number of qualifications with Pearson.

SCAN HERE to find out more about our University Partners and course offering



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HUDDERSFIELD
Inspiring global professionals

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University of Central Lancashire
UCLan

 **Pearson**



“ I would recommend Kirklees College for the exceptional quality of teaching, and the very positive experience that I have had at the college.

Being at a college offers a less intimidating setting in comparison to a university, but provides an ideal stepping stone for those wanting to move on to university. ”

Abbie, Level 4 Diploma in Therapeutic Counselling



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