



BANBURY AND BICESTER COLLEGE  
BRACKNELL AND WOKINGHAM COLLEGE  
CITY OF OXFORD COLLEGE  
GUILDFORD COLLEGE  
MERRIST WOOD COLLEGE  
READING COLLEGE

# HIGHER EDUCATION

## UNDERGRADUATE GUIDE 2021-2022

HNCS | HNDS | FOUNDATION DEGREES  
BA AND BSC (HONS) DEGREES | PGCE

# WELCOME

If you're ready to take control of your learning, you've come to the right place.

Sometimes education can seem aimless and uninspiring. At Activate Learning, you won't just be given the right tools to succeed and be expected to fall in line.

You'll be given the independence to carve your own path and the drive to reach your goal at the end of it.

So, whether you choose a higher-level qualification or university study programme, you'll feel motivated to not just reach your goal, but go beyond it.

## An inspiring environment

You'll work with dedicated, passionate lecturers and some of the most well-known companies in the world. Leaving you with the valuable traits you'll need when you land that dream job - even in the most challenging markets.

## A place for everyone

Everyone comes from college with different experiences. Here no matter who you are, or what your background is, you'll find people who welcome and

value you. Something I am reminded of every time I walk around our vibrant, diverse campuses.

## Now's the time

Our approach to learning is one that encourages you to take charge of your own learning, to believe in yourself and your abilities. We will work with you to help you focus more and practise in order to improve your performance. If you work hard with us, we will guarantee you success.

## Ready to read on?

Get ready to be inspired by the real-life stories of those who've achieved their dreams with us. And find someone to talk through course options with you.

I'm excited to see you on one of our campuses soon.

*Sally Dicketts*

**Sally Dicketts CBE**  
Group Chief Executive  
Activate Learning



> We work with the following partners:



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# WHY STUDY HIGHER WITH ACTIVATE LEARNING?

Activate Learning will help you to develop the skills, knowledge, confidence and determination required to succeed. With our expert help, quality teaching, and guidance, you can improve your employment status, income potential and enjoy a brighter future.

Our colleges are at easily-accessible locations and contain industry-standard, specialised facilities. Here, we nurture an atmosphere of independence to help you reach your goals - whatever they may be.

## STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Learn in an independent environment, make new friends, and manage a more flexible timetable. Plus, access facilities at our colleges and partner universities.



## GREAT LOCATIONS

Study at town and city-centre campuses; close to shops, restaurants, cultural hotspots, amenities, and travel links.



## SUPPORT

Smaller class sizes mean we give more individual attention and support.



## LOWER COST

Save on living and travel costs by staying close to home and benefit from our lower tuition fees.



## INNOVATIVE TEACHING

Enjoy innovative learning and assessment methods that help you develop at your own pace.



## SPECIALIST PROGRAMMES

Choose from a variety of specialist and career focused programmes including unique courses such as Furniture Design.



## EMPLOYABILITY

Develop the technical skills required for your future career with our industry-standard facilities.



## EVENTS AND ENRICHMENT

Join in with student activities, and go on trips around the UK and the world.



## PROGRESSION

We will help you progress and develop the skills you and local employers need. With Industry backing you will develop professional practices in programmes co-created with industry.



# QUALITY ASSURED

The Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA) HE Review (2015) report.

- “The Group supports students by offering a good experience at initial application and admissions stages and by offering appropriate support to those who need it.”
- “Students are positive with regard to the development of their academic and employability skills through study skills modules and the wide range of opportunities to interact with employees and industry.”
- “Students commented positively on the information and support they receive from the Group.”

## Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF)

Based on the evidence available, the TEF Panel judged that “Activate Learning delivers high-quality teaching, learning and outcomes for its students. It consistently exceeds rigorous, national quality requirements for UK Higher Education.”



# OUR LEARNING PHILOSOPHY

## THE LEARNING PHILOSOPHY

Our award-winning Learning Philosophy is at the heart of our approach to teaching and learning. We recognise that not everyone learns in the same way or has had positive experiences of education. That's why we use tried and tested principles to engage our students and help them make the most of their time with us, setting them up with not only the knowledge they'll need for their careers, but with the personal skills that will benefit them their whole lives.

## ATTRIBUTES FOR SUCCESS

At Activate Learning, we work closely with employers to identify the characteristics and skills they are looking for in potential employees. We help you identify which of these desirable attributes you have and which you can strengthen throughout your programme, ensuring your future employability is the focus throughout your studies.

Learn more at:  
[www.activatelearning.ac.uk/about-us/the-learning-philosophy](http://www.activatelearning.ac.uk/about-us/the-learning-philosophy)

# CITY OF OXFORD COLLEGE

City of Oxford College is based in Oxford city centre, with our specialist Technology campus located in Blackbird Leys.

## City-centre campus, Oxford

Our city-centre campus is just a five-minute walk from the train station and served well by buses and dedicated cycle routes, so however you choose to get here, it'll be safe and convenient.

Despite being in the centre of Oxford, the college's riverside location is a peaceful environment to study in, with all the facilities you could need. You can focus on your studies in our well-stocked library, hit a workout before or after your lessons in our discounted gym, or get hair and beauty treatments at our salons for a reduced price. If you've skipped a meal in the rush to get here, you can grab something at our café or Waterside Restaurant. There's plenty of outdoor seating areas for enjoying the good weather, hopefully!

The campus is right next door to the Westgate shopping centre too! You'll have plenty of opportunities in your free time to head out and grab a snack or drink from one of the many cafés or go shopping at the supermarket or many high-street stores.

## Rycotewood Furniture Centre

We are proud to be home to specialist learning facilities, such as the renowned Rycotewood Furniture Centre, which furniture manufacturers visit every year. With live design briefs from the likes of Ercol, William Hands, and the American Hardwood Export Council, our students benefit from qualified feedback from industry professionals.

## Technology campus, Blackbird Leys

In 2016, £8m was invested in the transformation of our Technology campus in Blackbird Leys. If you're interested in learning with the best equipment from experienced industry professionals, this is the best place for you. This high-specification facility supports training in a wide range of technological industries, including construction, engineering, IT, computing and motor vehicle. You'll be learning the practical expertise, skills and knowledge you'll need to go far in a range of exciting and fast-paced technological industries.

## OPEN EVENTS

Saturday 17  
October 2020  
9.30am-1.30pm

VIRTUAL  
OPEN EVENT

Saturday 31  
October 2020  
9.30am-1.30pm

VIRTUAL  
OPEN EVENT

Wednesday 4  
November 2020  
4-8pm

Saturday 14  
November 2020  
9.30am-1.30pm

Wednesday 25  
November 2020  
4-8pm



# MERRIST WOOD COLLEGE

Just a short bus ride from Guildford town centre in Worplesdon, Merrist Wood College is a 400-acre, multi-award-winning college that specialises in the land-based industries.

If you're looking to enter a career in a land-based industry, there is no better place than our college. We are widely recognised by industry specialists for our training excellence and many successes at RHS Chelsea and Hampton Court Flower Shows. Work from the estate has been seen across the world!

The indoor riding arena is one of the largest of any college in the country and we are home to a large, diverse range of animals in our Animal Management Centre. Other facilities include specially designed studios and workshops for floristry, garden design, horticulture and landscaping and access to an adjoining 18-hole golf course.

To help with the transition to college, we also have a comprehensive student support team that can assist with applications, securing funding, careers guidance, and personal tutoring, and much more!

## Specialist resources for practical outdoor courses

On the 400-acre estate with woodlands, wetlands, livestock, gardens and grasslands, there are outstanding facilities for floristry, horticulture, landscaping and garden design. These include a campus nursery, workshops and design studios.

We also have football and rugby pitches, one of the largest indoor riding arenas of any college in the country and one of the top centres in the south east as well as two full accredited cross-country courses and stabling for over 40 horses!

Our Animal Management Centre has specialist areas for large, small and exotic animals. These include snakes, spiders, sheep, cows, ferrets, rabbits, birds of prey and many more!

Woodlands and Cobbett are our halls of residence, on site at Merrist Wood College. There are 100 single study bedrooms with shared showers, toilets and sitting room facilities.

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VIRTUAL OPEN EVENT

Wednesday 4  
November 2020  
4-8pm

Saturday 7  
November 2020  
9.30am-1.30pm



# READING COLLEGE

Reading College is based near the town centre on Kings Road.

## Kings Road campus, Reading

The campus is a 15-minute walk from the town centre with fantastic local transport links, so you will be able to experience everything Reading has to offer.

On campus, we offer the best possible facilities in a vibrant and welcoming environment. Whatever your area of study, we offer the specialist facilities you'll need to get the most out of your education and future, including creative art workshops, recording studios, performance spaces, a TV studio, theatre, garage, construction centre and fully-fitted training kitchens.

Your learning is guided by expert tutors in dedicated and well-equipped workshops and learning zones, kitted-out with the latest technology including Apple TVs, Macs, PCs, iPads, laptops, and Virtual Reality headsets.

In between lessons, you can grab a drink or a bite to eat from one of several cafés and shops on campus, have lunch with your friends in the canteen or just hang out in the chill-out areas with comfy sofas.

If you can't skip leg day or need to work on your general fitness, there's a modern, well-equipped gym. You can also unwind and get pampered with a variety of hair and beauty treatments at The Salon.

Reading College has a dedicated radio station called Blast 1386. With a combination of industry-standard equipment, professional management and 24/7 broadcasting, it allows students to experience running (and working in) a full-time, live-radio environment.

THINKING  
OF A HIGHER  
APPRENTICESHIP

SOUTH CENTRAL  
INSTITUTE OF  
TECHNOLOGY

See page 55  
for more info

## OPEN EVENTS

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9.30am-1.30pm

VIRTUAL OPEN EVENT

Saturday 31  
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VIRTUAL OPEN EVENT

Wednesday 11  
November 2020  
4-8pm

Saturday 28  
November 2020  
9.30am-1.30pm



# GUILDFORD COLLEGE

Our campus is a short walk from the restaurants and shops of Guildford town centre and next to the wide-open spaces of Stoke Park.

## Stoke Road campus, Guildford

At Guildford College, students are at the heart of everything we do. We have over 100 courses available, with qualifications ranging from foundation level to degree level! Whatever you are interested in studying, we can give you the knowledge you'll need on the next steps towards university or a career, and the practical experience to make any transition a smooth and successful one.

Our professional, dedicated and industry-experienced teaching staff make learning fun and engaging and give you the responsibility and independence you need to take charge of your own future. And, to help you with the transition, we have a comprehensive student support team that can assist with applications, securing funding, careers guidance and personal tutoring, to name just a few services!

We have some exceptional resources that replicate real-world working environments including virtual reality spaces, hairdressing and beauty salons, a TV studio, an air cabin crew training room in the form of a simulated aircraft, engineering workshops, photography studios and darkrooms, an editing suite with Apple Macs, dance studios with sprung floor, ballet barres and mirrored walls...the list goes on!

On a typical day here, in between lessons, there's space for quiet study in our Learning Resource Centre or hanging out with friends in the many spaces and communal areas. Missed breakfast or need a snack in between classes? You can grab a bite to eat or something to drink in our café or canteen. You could also enjoy a treatment or two in our vibrant hairdressing salons and tranquil beauty therapy rooms.



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# BRACKNELL AND WOKINGHAM COLLEGE

Bracknell and Wokingham College is located in the heart of Bracknell on Church Road, just a two-minute walk from The Lexicon shopping centre. There are also campuses in Woodley and Earley.

## Church Road campus, Bracknell

Bracknell and Wokingham College is located in the heart of Bracknell with train and bus stations a short, 10-minute walk away. There are also various bus stops close to the campus itself and plenty of safe, on-site bicycle parking, so however you choose to get here, it'll be safe and convenient.

Whatever your area of interest, you'll be able to study it here, with some of the best equipment and teachers available. We have many industry-standard facilities, including motor vehicle and construction workshops, science labs, modern salons and beauty treatment rooms, photography and art studios, IT suites including CAD workstations

and a Sport England-grade sports facility. Our professional, dedicated and industry-experienced teaching staff make learning fun and engaging and give you the responsibility and independence you need to take charge of your own future.

On a typical day here, in between lessons, there's space for quiet study in our Learning Resource Centre or hanging out with friends in the many spaces and communal areas. Missed breakfast or need a snack in between classes? You can grab a bite to eat or something to drink in our café or canteen. You can also visit our Harmony Salon for a variety of hair and beauty treatments.



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# BANBURY AND BICESTER COLLEGE

Banbury and Bicester College has a campus near Banbury's town centre.

## Broughton Road campus, Banbury

If you're into fashion, design, IT, performing arts or media, we have the kind of leading-edge workspaces you'll need to flex your creative talents. There is a photography studio, television and radio studios, and fully-equipped Mac suites for graphic design. When your masterpiece is ready, there's an inspiring central atrium space for exhibitions and a cinema room for showcasing work.

There are lots of communal spaces inside and out (when the weather's nice!) for studying or hanging out with friends. There's a comprehensive library and IT facilities for quiet study, as well as cafés and restaurants to grab a bite to eat in between classes or have a sit-down meal with friends.



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# OPEN EVENTS

Discuss your career pathway and desires directly with our experienced HE team. We'll help find the course for you and provide guidance and advice on your application too.

Events are also opportunities for you to ask questions, meet tutors, hear from current students and see our facilities.

CITY OF OXFORD COLLEGE	Saturday 17 October 2020 9.30am-1.30pm	Saturday 31 October 2020 9.30am-1.30pm	Wednesday 4 November 2020 4-8pm	Saturday 14 November 2020 9.30am-1.30pm	Wednesday 25 November 2020 4-8pm
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MERRIST WOOD COLLEGE	Saturday 17 October 2020 9.30am-1.30pm	Saturday 31 October 2020 9.30am-1.30pm	Wednesday 4 November 2020 4-8pm	Saturday 7 November 2020 9.30am-1.30pm
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The events listed here are dedicated higher education events. We also run other college open events throughout the year. To book onto any event and for further details please visit [www.activatelearning.ac.uk/events](http://www.activatelearning.ac.uk/events)

# HIGHER EDUCATION LEVELS EXPLAINED

Our programmes are arranged according to levels. Levels refer to learning stages and guide you through our career pathways maps. Our Higher Education programmes typically run from Level 4 (Higher National Certificates and Higher Apprenticeships) through Level 5 (Higher National Diplomas and Foundation Degrees) to Level 6 (Bachelor of Arts or Science Honours Degrees).

## HIGHER APPRENTICESHIP

Set at a Level 4 qualification (the next step up from A Levels) or above, higher apprenticeships are work-based programmes that include part-time study at college.

## HIGHER NATIONAL CERTIFICATE (HNC)

An HNC typically takes one year to complete if studying full-time or two years part-time and is generally equivalent to the first year of university. It can be used to progress to a Higher National Diploma (HND).

## HIGHER NATIONAL DIPLOMA (HND)

An HND is equivalent to the second year of university and is a work-related course.

## FOUNDATION DEGREE (FDA OR FDSC)

A Foundation Degree is the equivalent to the first two years at university and is a combination of workplace learning and studying at college.

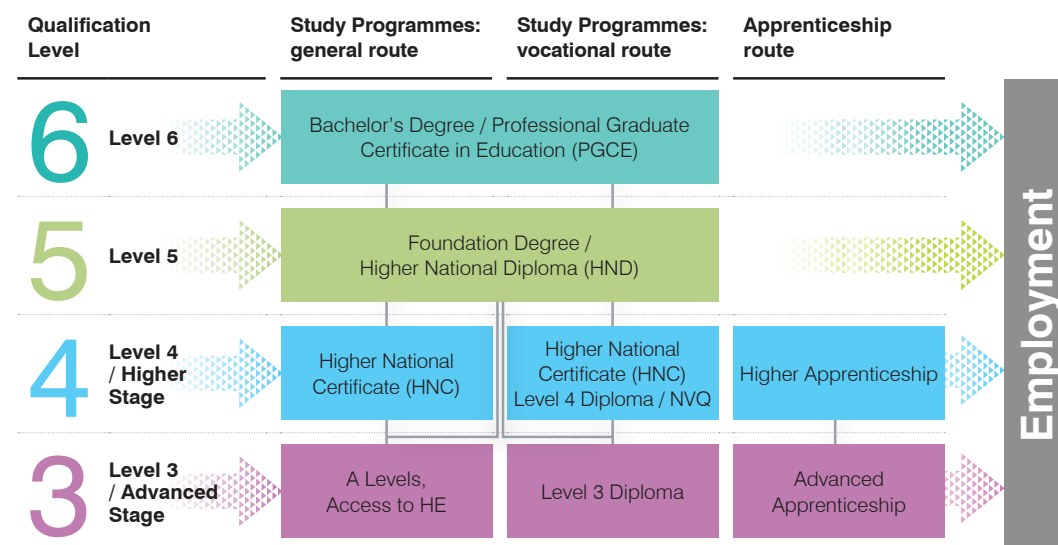
## BACHELOR'S DEGREE

This is the most common type of university degree, taking three to four years to complete on a full-time basis. Foundation Degrees and HNDs can lead on to Bachelor Degree courses.

## PROFESSIONAL GRADUATE/POST GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN EDUCATION (PGCE)

Professional Graduate Certificate in Education is for those wishing to become a teacher in the post-compulsory sector or an advanced pathway for those completing a Diploma in Education and Training level 5.

The Postgraduate Certificate in Education (Level 7) provides training in order to allow graduates to become teachers within maintained schools. In addition to gaining the PGCE qualification itself, those who have successfully completed the course are recommended for qualified teacher status (QTS).



# OUR HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAMMES AT A GLANCE



LEVEL		Programme	PT/ FT	DURATION	UCAS COURSE CODE	UCAS LOCATION CODE	COLLEGE CAMPUS	PAGE REF
4	HNC	HNC Business	PT	2 years	APPLY ONLINE	APPLY ONLINE	Online	33
		HNC Business	FT	1 year	NN12	O25	Online	33
		HNC Civil Engineering	PT	2 years	APPLY ONLINE	APPLY ONLINE	Guildford / Oxford	38
		HNC Construction and the Built Environment	PT	2 years	APPLY ONLINE	APPLY ONLINE	Oxford / Guildford	37
		HNC Electrical and Electronic Engineering	PT	2 years	APPLY ONLINE	APPLY ONLINE	Reading	45
		HNC Mechanical Engineering	PT	2 years	APPLY ONLINE	APPLY ONLINE	Reading	46
5	HND	HND Art and Design (Arts Practice)	FT	2 years	AD01	O25	Banbury	30
		HND Creative Media Production	FT	2 years	014P	O25	Banbury	30
		HND Construction and the Built Environment (Top-up)	FT	1 year	APPLY ONLINE	APPLY ONLINE	Reading	38
		HND Electrical and Electronic Engineering (Top-up)	FT ^^	1 year	APPLY ONLINE	APPLY ONLINE	Reading	45
		HND Mechanical Engineering (Top-up)	FT ^^	1 year	APPLY ONLINE	APPLY ONLINE	Reading	46
		HND Media Makeup (Theatrical Studies)	PT	2 years	APPLY ONLINE	APPLY ONLINE	Oxford	52
	FOUNDATION DEGREE	Foundation Degree (Science) Animal Behaviour and Welfare	FT	2 years	DD28	O25	Merrist Wood	23
		Foundation Degree (Science) Animal Behaviour and Welfare	PT	2 years	APPLY ONLINE	APPLY ONLINE	Merrist Wood	23
		Foundation Degree (Science) Animal Science	FT	2 years	D3D3	O25	Merrist Wood	24
		Foundation Degree (Arts) Business and Enterprise	PT	3 years	APPLY ONLINE	APPLY ONLINE	Oxford	33
		Foundation Degree (Arts) Business and Enterprise	FT	2 years	N102	O66	Oxford	33
		Foundation Degree (Education) Children's Development and Learning	FT	2 years	APPLY ONLINE	APPLY ONLINE	Bracknell / † Merrist Wood	63
		Foundation Degree (Science) Companion Animal Behaviour	FT	2 years	C33D	O25	Merrist Wood	25
		Foundation Degree (Science) Counselling	FT	2 years	B941	O25	Guildford	41
		Foundation Degree (Arts) Educational Practice	FT	2 years	X102	O66	Oxford	63
		Foundation Degree (Science) Equine Management	FT	2 years	DD42	O25	Merrist Wood	26
		Foundation Degree (Arts) Furniture Design and Make	FT	2 years	W261	O66	Oxford	49
		Foundation Degree (Arts) Furniture Design and Make	PT	3 years	APPLY ONLINE	APPLY ONLINE	Oxford	49
		Foundation Degree (Science) Sports Coaching Fitness and Rehabilitation	FT	2 years	C613	O66	Oxford	59
		Foundation Degree (Science) Wildlife and Conservation	FT	2 years	D4D4	O25	Merrist Wood	26
		Foundation Degree (Science) Zoo Management	FT	2 years	CC30	O25	Merrist Wood	28
6	BSC /BA (HONS)	BSc (Hons) Animal Behaviour and Welfare (Top-up)	FT	1 year	D300	O25	Merrist Wood	23
		BSc (Hons) Animal Science (Top-up)	FT	1 year	S023	O25	Merrist Wood	24
		BA (Hons) Business and Enterprise (Top-up)	FT	1 year	NN19	O66	Oxford	34
		BA (Hons) Counselling (Top-up)	FT	1 year	B943	G70	Guildford	42
		BA (Hons) Education and Lifelong Learning (Top- up)	FT	1 year	X302	O66	Oxford	64
		BA (Hons) Furniture Design and Make (Top-up)	FT	1 year	W260	O66	Oxford	50
		BA (Hons) Furniture Design and Make (Top-up)	PT	2 years	APPLY ONLINE	APPLY ONLINE	Oxford	50
		BSc (Hons) Sports Coaching Fitness and Rehabilitation	FT	1 year	C360	O66	Oxford	60
		BSc (Hons) Wildlife and Conservation (Top-up)	FT	1 year	S039	O25	Merrist Wood	27
		BSc (Hons) Wildlife Rehabilitation (Top-up)	FT	1 year	TBC	TBC	Merrist Wood	27
		BSc (Hons) Zoo Management (Top-up)	FT	1 year	S098	O25	Merrist Wood	28
		6/7	PGCE	Professional Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE)	PT	2 years	APPLY ONLINE	APPLY ONLINE



**APPLY ONLINE:**  
Complete online application at  
[www.activatelearning.ac.uk](http://www.activatelearning.ac.uk)

**UCAS ENTRY:**  
Head to [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com) to apply using the course code  
and location code shown in tables or where indicated



**Note: Programmes shown maybe subject to change. Please contact us for latest information.**

† Subject to validation

^^ Full time students only come in once a week / day release (Top-ups).

# ANIMAL MANAGEMENT

The animal care industry is worth over £1 billion to the UK economy and boasts over 13,000 businesses, from pet shops and sanctuaries, to zoos and wildlife parks. Over 370,000 people work within animal occupations in the UK.



Choose from the following programmes awarded by Kingston University for a route into Animal Management in 2021-22.

- › **Foundation Degree (FdSc) and Bachelor of Science (Hons) (Top-up)** in Animal Behaviour and Welfare
- › **Foundation Degree (FdSc) and Bachelor of Science (Hons) (Top-up)** in Animal Science
- › **Foundation Degree (FdSc)** in Companion Animal Behaviour and Welfare
- › **Foundation Degree (FdSc)** in Equine Management
- › **Foundation Degree (FdSc) and Bachelor of Science (Hons) (Top-up)** in Wildlife and Conservation and **Bachelor of Science \*(Hons) (Top-up)** Wildlife Rehabilitation
- › **Foundation Degree (FdSc) and Bachelor of Science (Hons) (Top-up)** in Zoo Management

These will provide skills and learning to become a Veterinary Nurse, Zoologist, Veterinarian, Marine Biologist, Guide Dog Trainer, Wildlife Rehabilitator, and Animal Shelter Manager, among other careers.

At Merrist Wood, we are proud of our large collection of animals, including rare breed sheep and cows, meerkats, tropical birds, reptiles, a skunk and red squirrels – with many more additions to the collection planned soon.

Our course tutors are passionate and knowledgeable, with industry related experience and have great connections with local and global organisations such as the RSPCA, Battersea Dogs' and Cats' Home, Chessington Zoo, Tilgate Nature Centre and more.

**Awarding University Partner:**



## YOUR PATHWAY, YOUR FUTURE



Students have the opportunity to go on visits and trips, including South Africa, see page 28 for details.

The programmes equip you with the practical and technical skills needed for rewarding careers in the animal industry.

Our coveted work experience programmes have included contributing to conservation work and local community projects, working with chimpanzees in West Africa, dolphins in the Bahamas; Compassion in World Farming, orangutans in Borneo, wild otters in Cornwall dog trainers and many others.

You will learn about:

- › animal welfare and health
- › principles of behaviour
- › feeding and care
- › animal biology
- › breeding programmes
- › building animal enclosures and environments
- › animal enrichment

## CASE STUDY

### Chloe Mann

Zoo Management

“ Activate Learning offers incredible opportunities within my zoological course such as the vast animal collection, zoo trips and experienced lecturers that have worked in the zoo industry. ”



## Foundation Degree (FdSc) in Animal Behaviour and Welfare

Campus: **Merrist Wood**

FT

Awarding University Partner:  
Kingston University

PT

Develop a fascinating insight into the behaviour and welfare of a range of animal species and application of theory to maintain animal welfare. This includes, but is not limited to, companion animals, production livestock, zoos and aquaria, and free-ranging wild animals. You will study contemporary and classical philosophical literature related to animal consciousness and their moral status to help make more considered choices with regards to animal welfare across the industry. Optional trips include South Africa, Borneo or Jersey depending on your chosen Research Project.

### What you'll learn:

Through academic course-based delivery, supported by integrated professional development, students will be able to engage with National Occupational Standards (NOS) and enhance their employment opportunities.

Year 1

Professional development in the work environment 1 (30 Credits).  
Animal behaviour (30 Credits).

Animal health, welfare and nutrition (30 Credits). Practical projects and Enrichment and Training (30 Credits).

Year 2

Professional development in the work environment 2 (30 Credits).  
Research methods (30 Credits).

Animal and human interactions (30 Credits) and Animal welfare and ethics (30 Credits).

All students are supported with academic development and you will have access to a personal tutor.

## Bachelor of Science (Hons) (Top-up) in Animal Behaviour and Welfare

Campus: **Merrist Wood**

FT

Awarding University Partner:  
Kingston University

Designed for students who have already completed a Foundation Degree in Animal Behaviour and Welfare or equivalent qualification. It allows for more in-depth specialist knowledge development and the opportunity for research into a chosen field of study. You will assess animal welfare and behaviour in a range of settings, including farming, zoos, the leisure and entertainment sectors, laboratory and domestic environments.

### What you'll learn:

- › Practical experiments in animal behaviour (30 Credits)
- › Animal cognition (30 Credits)
- › Concepts in animal welfare (30 Credits)
- › Research project (30 Credits)

All students are supported with academic development and you will have access to a personal tutor.

**“ STAFF ARE AMAZING AND SUPPORT US IN EVERY WAY – THEY WORK SO HARD ”**

Anonymous student, FdSc Zoo Management  
2019/20 Internal student satisfaction survey

## Foundation Degree (FdSc) in Animal Science

Campus: **Merrist Wood**

FT

Awarding University Partner:  
Kingston University

Enhance your understanding of the internal workings of many fascinating animal species. Animal science focuses on the scientific disciplines that underpin the management of captive, productive, and companion animals. This will include, but not be limited to, animal health, biology, behaviour, nutrition, and anatomy.

### What you'll learn:

Year 1

Animal Health, welfare and nutrition (30 Credits). Principles of animal science (30 Credits).

Animal behaviour (30 Credits) and professional development in the work environment (30 Credits).

Year 2

Advanced animal nutrition (30 Credits). Comparative anatomy and physiology (30 Credits).

Research methods (30 Credits) and professional development in the work environment 2 (30 Credits).

All students are supported with academic development and you will have access to a personal tutor.

## Bachelor of Science (Hons) (Top-up) in Animal Science

Campus: **Merrist Wood**

FT

Awarding University Partner:  
Kingston University

This programme enables a deeper engagement with the scientific disciplines that underpin the management of captive, productive and companion animals. It will help you to build on previous knowledge and experience of the animal sciences, and further develop your skills in applying scientific principles, enabling the development of key skills for employment within various sectors.

### What you'll learn:

- › Principles of genetics, reproduction and breed development
- › Principles of immunology and parasitology
- › Animal cognition and a research project

All students are supported with academic development and you will have access to a personal tutor.



## HOW TO APPLY

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Via **UCAS.com**

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Online at **www.activatelearning.ac.uk**

## Foundation Degree (FdSc) in Companion Animal Behaviour

Campus: **Merrist Wood**

FT

Awarding University Partner:  
Kingston University

Investigate the behaviour and training of companion animals and the application of theory to improve problem behaviours. Designed to prepare you for a career in the management of companion animal behaviour. However, in Year 1 of the course, students can explore content relating to other animal species. As many people working in the companion animal industry are business owners, this is incorporated into the course.

### What you'll learn:

**Year 1** Animal behaviour (30 Credits). Animal health, welfare and nutrition (30 Credits). Practical projects, enrichment and training (30 Credits) and professional development in the work environment (30 Credits)

**Year 2** Problem behaviour management (30 Credits). Business management (30 Credits). Research methods (30 Credits) and professional development in the work environment 2 (30 Credits).

All students are supported with academic development and you will have access to a personal tutor.

## Foundation Degree (FdSc) in Equine Management

Campus: **Merrist Wood**

FT

Awarding University Partner:  
Kingston University

Merrist Wood is regarded as one of the top equestrian centres in the south east. This programme brings together horsemastership, equine behaviour, animal biology and welfare, with business and management elements. It offers the opportunity to study practical aspects of equine studies whilst also maintaining a focus on the development of managerial concepts relating to the maintenance of an equine establishment. You'll be required to complete work placements alongside academic modules.

### What you'll learn:

**Year 1** Professional development in the work environment 1 (30 Credits). Principles of animal science (30 Credits). Animal health, welfare and nutrition (30 Credits) and practical skills for equine studies (30 Credits).

**Year 2** Professional development in the work environment 2 (30 Credits). Research methods (30 Credits). Business and events management (30 Credits) and application of equine learning theories, behaviour and cognition (30 Credits).

All students are supported with academic development and you will have access to a personal tutor.

## Foundation Degree (FdSc) in Wildlife Conservation

Campus: **Merrist Wood**

FT

Awarding University Partner:  
Kingston University

You'll investigate the importance of conservation and current issues faced within this field supported by the study of a wide range of species in the college's Animal Management Centre and in relevant commercial settings through visits to local animal collections. Underpinning theory is delivered in the classroom. Industrial experience, assessed through the professional development module over two years, will be undertaken in a related field and will give you invaluable experience in your specialism with 200 hours to be undertaken each year at an animal collection or other relevant location.

### What you'll learn:

**Year 1** Professional development in the work environment 1 (30 Credits). Animal breeding programmes and husbandry (30 Credits). Animal health, welfare and nutrition (30 Credits) and ecology (30 Credits).

**Year 2** Professional development in the work environment 2 (30 Credits). Research methods (30 Credits). Global biodiversity and conservation issues (30 Credits) and practical wildlife conservation (30 Credits).

All students are supported with academic development and you will have access to a personal tutor.



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**“THE TEACHERS ARE VERY APPROACHABLE AND ALWAYS KNOWLEDGEABLE AND HELPFUL”**

Anonymous student, FdSc Wildlife and Conservation 2019/20 Internal student satisfaction survey

## Bachelor of Science (Hons) (Top-up) in Wildlife and Conservation

Campus: **Merrist Wood**

FT

Awarding University Partner:  
Kingston University

You will develop essential skills for working conservationists and ecologists. You will develop your expertise through research, surveying and data collection, and apply knowledge of ecosystems to environmental issues and conserving wildlife.

### What you'll learn:

- › Conservation Technologies and Science Communication (30 Credits)
- › Creating Sustainable Futures (30 Credits)
- › Behavioural Ecology (30 Credits)
- › Research Project (30 Credits)

## Bachelor of Science (Hons) (Top-up) in Wildlife Rehabilitation

Campus: **Merrist Wood**

FT

Awarding University Partner:  
Kingston University

This programme will help you to develop knowledge and skills that are essential for treating and caring for sick, injured or orphaned wild animals, preparing them for successful release back into the wild. You will develop clinical, behavioural and ecological expertise through research, surveying and data collection, and will apply knowledge to real scenarios. You will be given fieldwork opportunities both on-site and with other wildlife rehabilitation centres, both in the UK and abroad (optional).

### What you'll learn:

- › Behavioural ecology (30 Credits)
- › Care and management of wildlife for rehabilitation (30 Credits)
- › Wildlife release and the law (30 Credits)
- › Research project (30 Credits)

All students are supported with academic development and you will have access to a personal tutor.

## Foundation Degree (FdSc) in Zoo Management

Campus: **Merrist Wood**

FT

Awarding University Partner:  
Kingston University

Develop a fascinating insight into the behaviour and welfare of a range of captive wild animal species and apply theories learnt to maintain and improve animal welfare. The primary focus of this course is on species house within zoos and aquaria however careers are not limited to these. There is also scope for you to explore wildlife conservation and the focus within zoos.

### What you'll learn:

**Year 1** Professional development in the work environment 1 (30 Credits). Animal breeding programmes and husbandry (30 Credits). Animal health, welfare and nutrition (30 Credits). Zoo Management skills (30 Credits).

**Year 2** Professional development in the work environment 2 (30 Credits). Research methods (30 Credits). Management of Zoological collections (30 Credits). Global biodiversity and conservation issues (30 Credits).

All students are supported with academic development and you will have access to a personal tutor.

## Bachelor of Science (Hons) (Top-up) in Zoo Management

Campus: **Merrist Wood**

FT

Awarding University Partner:  
Kingston University

This programme seeks to expand your knowledge and understanding of wild animals and their captive management and behaviour beyond the scope of the Foundation Degree. On successful completion, students will be able to acquire, interpret and analyse information and apply a critical understanding of the appropriate context for its use; explain the behavioural and welfare needs of animals and how management systems meet those needs; recognise and use appropriate theories, concepts and principles from a range of disciplines.

### What you'll learn:

- › Current issues in zoological management (30 Credits)
- › Zoological design, interpretation and education (30 Credits)
- › Behavioural ecology (30 Credits)
- › Research project (30 Credits)

All students are supported with academic development and you will have access to a personal tutor.

## HOW TO APPLY

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## SOUTH AFRICA STUDY TOUR

Each year our degree-level students at Merrist Wood College are given the opportunity to go on a three-week study tour to South Africa where they learn about the big five, the little five and everything in between.

During the trip students will undertake a range of safari and community activities including behaviour tracking, reserve management, ecotourism and will gain qualifications in track and sign, animal first aid and game management.

Speak to us at an open event or to find out more [www.activatelearning.ac.uk/southafrica](http://www.activatelearning.ac.uk/southafrica)



# ART AND DESIGN



A number of exciting careers in the creative sector exist, such as photographer, events manager, fine artist, and creative director, among others for those studying Art and Design.

Job projections for visuals arts and design roles such as arts officers, graphic designers, photographers and AV operators are strong with well over 2,000 new annual job openings forecast across each of these occupations.

The skills that you will learn on our visual arts and design pathway, such as blended technical and creative skills, collaborative interdisciplinary working, and enterprise are of increasing importance across the job market.

Choose from the following programmes accredited by Pearson for a career route into Art and Design in 2021-22.

- **Higher National Diploma** in Creative Media Production
- **Higher National Diploma** in Art and Design (Arts Practice)

The BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma in Arts Practice is designed to build on students' existing skills to further develop their own creative vision. The course provides a broad base of relevant art and design skills that can be used within a career in the Arts as either a practising artist/designer or used for successful progression onto a diverse range of Higher Education Degree programmes.

You will learn in our excellent facilities and studios, doing practical assignment-based learning, supported by reflection and evaluation. As well as regular visits to museums and galleries, the course may include an overseas trip. Recent trips have included visits to New York, Berlin and Prague.

**Awarding Organisation:**



## Higher National Diploma in Art and Design (Arts Practice)

**Campus:** Banbury

FT

Awarding Partner: Pearson

Working closely with specialist tutors you will be able to study within a range of creative pathways developing your technical skills. Collaborative practice is key in developing employability and will be part of the studies you will undertake.

The possible pathways include: Fine Art, Fashion, Graphic Design, Photography and 3D Design. You will be taught practical studies in using digital platforms, moving image and still image to support your career development.

### What you'll learn:

Year 1

#### Core Units Year 1:

Professional Development, Contextual Studies, Individual projects, Techniques and Processes, Media Practices, Materials Practices.

#### Optional units Year 1

Materials and Structures or Communication in Art and Design.

Year 2

#### Core units Year 2

Professional Practice, Applied Practice – Collaborative, Advanced Art Practices studies.

#### Optional units Year 2

Conceptual Practice, Materials Selection and Specification, Moving Image.

## Higher National Diploma in Creative Media Production

**Campus:** Banbury

FT

Awarding Partner: Pearson

You'll learn practical, film production skills as well as learn about the broader industry. When you graduate from this programme, you'll be prepared, confident and highly trained in Adobe Premiere, Adobe Audition and the use of professional equipment.

### What you'll learn:

Year 1

#### Core units Year 1

Contextual Studies for Creative Media Production, Research Techniques for Creative Media Production, Project Design, Implementation and Evaluation.

Special Subject Investigation for Creative Media Production Year One, Practical Skills for Moving Image Production, Film Studies, Development and Techniques of Film and Video Editing, Fiction Production for the Moving Image, Music Video Production, Advertisement Production for Television.

Year 2

#### Core units Year 2

Career Development for the Moving Image Industries, Sound Design for Moving Image Production, Moving Image Documentary Production, Television News, Script Writing for Moving Image Production, Photojournalism.

## HOW TO APPLY

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# BUSINESS AND ENTERPRISE

Develop your entrepreneurial skills and prepare for the challenge of growing a business in highly-competitive global markets. With more than five million businesses in the UK, many organisations are searching right now for skilled team members and decision-makers within a variety of different business functions. There are significant employment opportunities in this sector, with the number of business-related roles across England forecast to rise by approximately 150,000 in the next eight years.

Choose from the following programmes accredited by Oxford Brookes University and your route into Business 2021-22.

- › **NEW FOR 2021-22** Higher National Certificate in Business - Distance Learning
- › Foundation Degree (FdA) and Bachelor of Arts (Hons) (Top-up) in Business and Enterprise

These will provide skills and learning to become a HR Manager, Business Manager, Marketing Executive, Sales Executive and more.

A career pathway in business offers exciting and rewarding opportunities to work closely with top employers in Oxfordshire.

The programmes equip you with the practical and technical skills needed for rewarding careers in business across many different sectors and you will be able to undertake work experience placements at local organisations.

**Awarding University Partner:**

**OXFORD  
BROOKES  
UNIVERSITY**

**“TUTORS ARE  
VERY HELPFUL  
AND SUPPORTIVE,  
I’D DEFINITELY  
RECOMMEND THIS  
COURSE TO ANYONE”**

Anonymous student,  
FdA Business and Enterprise  
2019/20 Internal student satisfaction survey

## CASE STUDY

**Inara Kiadhra**

Foundation Degree  
in Business and Enterprise

“ I plan to progress from this course to complete the BA (Hons) here at Activate Learning before going on to a part-time MBA. which will mean I can work full-time while continuing with my studies. ”



NEW FOR 2021-22

## Higher National Certificate in Business\*

Campus: **ONLINE only**

FT PT

Awarding Partner: Pearson

The HNC in Business will provide a strong foundation in business, increasing your earning potential and job prospects in business sectors. This aimed at students who would like a broad knowledge of all Business concepts.

As the HNC is part of the Qualifications Framework (RQF) it has transferable credits (a minimum of 120).

### How I'll learn

This one year modular Business programme is delivered fully online by our teachers through our Virtual Learning Environment.

You are not alone when you study with Activate Learning. You will belong to a group of students studying the HNC and have regular one-to-one and group interactions with a team of highly qualified and experienced teachers with business experience, who understand the unique needs of students studying online.

### What I'll learn

The HNC in Business has 8 units.

- › Business and the Business Environment
- › Marketing Essentials
- › Human Resource Management
- › Management and Operations
- › Management Accounting
- › Business Law
- › Financial Accounting
- › Managing a Successful Business Project

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## Foundation Degree (FdA) in Business and Enterprise

Campus: **City of Oxford**

FT \*PT

Awarding University Partner:  
Oxford Brookes University

The programme is designed to further your knowledge and understanding of the fundamentals of business and the range of contexts and environments that organisations operate within. You will explore core business disciplines alongside the dynamic nature of enterprise, developing your creativity and innovation skills and promoting new ideas.

This programme will equip you with the knowledge, understanding and much sought after entrepreneurial skills required to succeed in business. It is designed to meet the needs of future employment in business in today's changing economic landscape, as well as enable students to progress to BA (Hons) Business and Enterprise (Top-Up).

### What you'll learn:

- Year 1**
  - › Introduction to business context
  - › Fundamentals of business
  - › Financial accounts for new and developing businesses
  - › Entrepreneurial traits
  - › Marketing and new media
  - › Critical skills/personal development
  - › Developing business ideas
- Year 2**
  - › Meeting customer needs and quality
  - › Business strategy for competitive advantage
  - › Leading and managing change
  - › Financial accounts for a developing business
  - › Leadership and managing people
  - › Your business and the law
  - › Work-based business project

## Bachelor of Arts (BA Hons) (Top-up) in Business and Enterprise

Campus: **City of Oxford**

FT

Awarding University Partner:  
Oxford Brookes University

This top-up degree provides a practical business education for entrepreneurial students who wish to further their knowledge of business and enterprise. It has been developed in a way which explores each of these two strands progressively, whilst maintaining a holistic view of business within various contexts.

There are four single and two double modules in the programme, all compulsory. The Dissertation and Enterprise and Entrepreneurship Project are compulsory alternatives – you will need to select to undertake one or other of these as a compulsory module.

### What you'll learn:

- Level 6**
  - › Dissertation or Enterprise and Entrepreneurship Project\* - Double module
  - › Entrepreneurial Business Management - Double module
  - › Managing Quality and Risk
  - › Enterprise Awareness, Evaluating Opportunities and Creativity
  - › Managing Careers
  - › Strategic Management\* - Double module

## HOW TO APPLY

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FT Via **UCAS.com**

\*PT Via **Oxford Brookes University**

PT Online at **www.activatelearning.ac.uk**

# A CAREER IN CONSTRUCTION



**“ASSIGNMENTS  
PUSH STUDENTS TO  
ACHIEVE AS HIGH  
AS POSSIBLE”**

Anonymous student,  
HNC in Construction and the Built Environment  
2019/20 Internal student satisfaction survey

The wider construction sector, including construction contracting, construction product manufacturing and associated professional services employs around 3.1 million people, or 9% of the UK workforce. Having gained your qualification, you could progress into roles in construction management, site supervision or become a technician. From plumbers and electricians to quantity surveyors and site managers, the construction industry offers a wealth of career opportunities that require a variety of different skills and abilities. If you tend to prefer more technical or mathematical exercises, careers within architecture and quantity surveying could be perfect for you.

Prepare for an exciting career in the construction and building trades and gain practical skills and experience alongside industry experts in our high-quality facilities. Our specialist programme of part-time studies can complement industrial skills and experience and also provide an opportunity to specialise in several areas of construction and civil engineering. Students will also gain membership of professional bodies such as the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) or Institute of Civil Engineers (ICE).

The sector pays well and there are opportunities to progress from an apprenticeship to self-employed trade specialist, or a project-manager role in a multi-national company. Whether your skills and interests would match with being a carpenter, plumber, electrician, site foreman or surveyor, our teachers have years of experience within construction and will share with you the knowledge and expertise you need to succeed.

Choose from the following Higher Education programmes accredited by Pearson and discover your route into Construction and the Built Environment or Civil Engineering in 2021-22.

- › **Higher National Certificate** in Civil Engineering
- › **Higher National Certificate** in Construction and the Built Environment
- › **NEW FOR 2021-22** **Higher National Diploma** in Construction and the Built Environment

A career pathway in construction or civil engineering offers exciting and rewarding opportunities to work closely with top industry employers in Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Surrey.

**Awarding Organisation:**



## Higher National Certificate in Construction and the Built Environment

Campus: **Guildford** and **City of Oxford (Blackbird Leys Campus)**

PT

Awarding Partner:  
Pearson

To develop your career, you will learn the key professional, managerial, administrative or technical areas of the construction industry. It is intended to enable you to take further responsibility for design, research work and site operations. The first year is common to all pathways. In the second year you specialise in production management, quantity surveying, building surveying or architectural design.

### What you'll learn:

Year 1

Design principles and application for construction and the built environment (15 Credits). Science and materials for construction and the built environment (15 Credits). Health, safety and welfare for construction and the built environment (15 Credits). Applied mathematics for construction and the built environment (15 Credits). Construction and maintenance of buildings (15 Credits).

Year 2

Management principles and application for construction and the built environment (15 Credits). Technology of complex buildings (15 Credits). Law and contract for construction and the built environment (15 Credits). Measurement process for construction (15 Credits). Design procedures for construction (15 Credits). Site surveying procedures for construction and the built environment (15 Credits). Properties and performance of construction materials (15 Credits). Specification and documentation for construction (15 Credits). Design procedures for construction (15 Credits). Production management (15 Credits). Conversion and adaptation of buildings (15 Credits). Building services design, installation and maintenance in construction (15 Credits). Group project in the construction industry (20 Credits).



## Higher National Certificate in Civil Engineering

Campus: **Guildford** and **City of Oxford (Blackbird Leys Campus)**

PT

Awarding Partner:  
Pearson

From transport necessities such as roads, railways and airports, through to high-rise steel and glass skyscrapers and hotels, to water management systems such as dams, flood defences and even sewers, civil engineering is vital work. If you want to be a part of it then we can give you the skills you need to build a successful career.

This programme will give you the relevant vocational knowledge and skills to pursue a career in civil engineering, enabling you to apply critical reasoning and analysis to solve engineering problems using the appropriate UK and EU codes of practice and industry standards.

### What you'll learn:

Year 1

Design principles and application for construction and the built environment (15 Credits). Science and materials for construction and the built environment (15 Credits). Health, safety and welfare for construction and the built environment (15 Credits). Applied mathematics for construction and the built environment (15 Credits). Site surveying procedures for construction and the built environment (15 Credits).

Year 2

Group project in the construction industry (20 Credits). Engineering geology and soil mechanics (15 Credits). Civil engineering technology (15 Credits). Structural analysis and design (15 Credits). Management principles and application for construction and the built environment (15 Credits).

NEW FOR 2021-22

## Higher National Diploma in Construction and the Built Environment

Campus: **Reading**

FT

Awarding Partner:  
Pearson

The HND Construction and Built Environment course is intended as a vocational qualification within the construction industry. It satisfies the educational base for becoming an Associate Member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (AssocRICS) or Associate Membership of the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) once requisite employment experience has been gained post HND qualification.

Designed for those looking to pursue a career in construction to existing construction practitioners and trainees who want to further their professional development and career skills within the industry.

### What you'll learn:

The four core units are:

- › Group Project
- › Contracts and Management
- › Advanced Construction Drawing and Detailing
- › Construction Technology for Complex Buildings Projects

#### plus

- › Alternative Methods of Construction
- › Environmental Assessment & Monitoring
- › Personal Professional Development

## HOW TO APPLY

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PT Online at **www.activatelearning.ac.uk**

# COUNSELLING

If you are interested in helping others and enjoy listening to people tell their stories, counselling could be for you.

Choose from the following programmes accredited by University of Greenwich and discover your route into Counselling in 2021-22.

Teaching of this subject at Activate Learning is through a professionally qualified team who practice as psychotherapeutic counsellors or psychotherapists. Courses also offer a study visit and a programme of visiting speakers.

» **Foundation Degree (FdSc) and Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Counselling**

These programmes will provide skills and learning to become a British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy (BACP) registered member and work with adult clients. Graduates can apply for individual accreditation with the BACP after additional supervised practice hours, post-programme. You will be able to establish effective therapeutic relationships with clients and work with a broad variety of issues in a safe and effective way.

A career pathway in counselling offers exciting and rewarding opportunities to become a BACP accredited counsellor and practitioner.

**Awarding University Partner:**



**“THE TEACHING,  
COURSE STRUCTURE  
AND TUTOR SUPPORT  
IS EXCELLENT”**

Anonymous student,  
FdSc Counselling  
2019/20 Internal student satisfaction survey



## Foundation Degree Science (FdSc) in Counselling

Campus: **Guildford**

FT

Awarding University Partner:  
University of Greenwich

This programme focuses on the therapeutic relationship as the main catalyst to healing, wellbeing, growth and development with an emphasis on the use of the counsellor's self and of the client-counsellor relationship in the therapeutic work. A key theme is the development of trainee's self-awareness and impact of self on others and bringing that awareness into the 'here and now' within the client-counsellor relationship. The programme provides a unique learning opportunity to enhance skills, increase knowledge, develop understanding and prepare you for employment in the counselling profession (paid employment or private practice) and for membership of BACP.

### What you'll learn:

Lectures and seminars are offered in each of the listed subjects and you will also have regular tutorial contact and progress reviews.

- › Academic Skills (Year 1)
- › Work-based Learning for Counsellors (Year 1 & 2)
- › Personal Development (Year 1 & 2)
- › Contemporary Issues (Year 1 & 2)
- › Counselling Theory and Practice (Year 1 & 2)
- › Introduction to Research (Year 2)
- › Building knowledge and understanding of theory and practice of the a relational integrative model, ethical issues and dilemmas when working with clients, mental health, challenging issues within adherence to equality and diversity, reflective practice, research and the social and professional context of counselling.
- › Develop cognitive (thinking) skills to integrate key concepts, evaluate own counselling practice, personal and professional development whilst also being able to analyse and manage ethical dilemmas in own practice using the BACP's Ethical Framework and Supervision.

Accredited by:



## Bachelor of Science Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Counselling

Campus: **Guildford**

FT

Awarding University Partner:  
University of Greenwich

This programme has been specifically designed for practising counsellors already qualified to diploma or foundation degree level and working in paid employment, private practice or a voluntary setting. It provides a unique opportunity for counsellors to deepen their understanding of counselling theory and practice, and client issues and how to work with them, undertake a literature review in an area of their own choosing and gain a degree at the same time. It also provides a forum where counsellors from a variety of orientations and backgrounds will be able to share information and experience to their mutual advantage. As awareness of mental health issues gradually increases in the public consciousness and more people seek professional help and advice, there is a rise in demand for counselling and for professionally qualified counsellors. Employers are increasingly asking for counsellors with a degree in counselling, or with BACP accreditation or both.

### What you'll learn:

Students are required to study the following compulsory modules:

- › Advanced counselling theory (15 Credits)
- › Attachment, loss and bereavement (15 Credits)
- › Case discussion (15 Credits)
- › Consolidating clinical practice and professional development (30 Credits)
- › Counselling research project (30 Credits)
- › Research methodology for counselling practitioners (15 Credits).

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PT Online at **[www.activatelearning.ac.uk](http://www.activatelearning.ac.uk)**

# ENGINEERING



Skilled engineers are in demand, so much so that there is a major drive, nationally and locally, to encourage people into the profession. The engineering sector in the UK is vast, and essential to the economic health of the nation. Engineers work in every major industry and are responsible for everything from streamlining manufacturing processes to designing cities and pioneering efficient new technologies. In the last decade (2010-2020) jobs in the engineering industry grew by 14% across the UK. Around 1.3 million people work in engineering-related jobs.

The HNC is an internationally recognised qualification for engineering technicians and will enhance your career prospects.

With an HNC under your belt, you will be able to prove to potential employers that you have the ability to take personal responsibility for situations and show good judgement when asked to make decisions.

These pathways are linked to Professional Body standards (where appropriate) and can provide progression towards professional status or entry to the later stages of an appropriate degree.

Upon completion of this course you will be able to perform more effectively in your chosen field, have a Higher National Diploma and enter employment or climb to the next rung on your career ladder!

Choose your route into Engineering in 2021-22 from the following Higher Education programmes accredited by Pearson.

- › **Higher National Certificate** in Electrical and Electronic Engineering
- › **Higher National Diploma (Top-up)** in Electrical and Electronic Engineering
- › **Higher National Certificate** in Mechanical Engineering
- › **Higher National Diploma (Top-up)** in Mechanical Engineering

**Awarding Organisation:**



## CASE STUDY

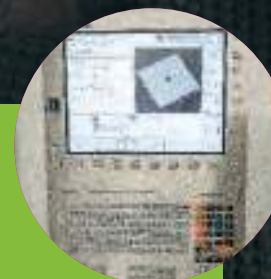
**Kelly-Marie Morrison**

Mechanical Engineering

“I had been in engineering for a while and wanted to progress into an engineer; the HNC and HND allowed me to work and study, and studying face-to-face was preferable to distance learning.”



We have invested in our engineering facilities in recent years, with a new Solutions Lab at Reading College and Technology Campus at City of Oxford College. This £8million facility is a centre of excellence for engineering related training, providing state-of-the-art learning zones; high-quality workshops; modern design and fabrication spaces.



## Higher National Certificate in Electrical and Electronic Engineering

Campus: **Reading**

PT

Awarding Partner: Pearson

Build up your engineering skills and work towards becoming a professional engineer. This course provides a specialist vocational programme with strong work-related emphasis. Students will build both academic and practical skills with a range of practical building projects throughout the two years including: ladder logic systems, and monitoring systems using mobile phones.

### What you'll learn:

Year 1

Engineering design: engineering maths. Engineering science. Electrical and electronic principles.

Year 2

Managing a professional engineering project. Automation, robotics and PLCs. Digital principles and electronic circuits and devices.

You will have access to advanced engineering systems including PLC/microprocessor programming devices, modern CAD and 3D printer equipment and access to a high-standard electronic laboratory and mechanical workshop areas.

## Higher National Diploma (Top-up) in Electrical and Electronic Engineering

Campus: **Reading**

FT

Awarding Partner: Pearson

The course is designed to teach you how to evaluate the appropriateness of different approaches to solving problems and give you pathways into relevant occupational areas or onto degree-level study.

### What you'll learn:

The two mandatory core units are:

- › Research project
- › Professional engineering management

The three specialist units are:

- › Further mathematics
- › Industrial power, electronics and storage
- › Industrial systems

The two optional units are:

- › Analogue electronic systems
- › Industrial services

The Higher National Diploma is a Level 5 qualification made up of 240 credits.

Those who have completed the HNC (level 4) have already earned 120 credits. All units are usually 15 credits in value.

You will have access to advanced engineering systems including PLC/microprocessor programming devices, modern CAD and 3D printer equipment and access to a high-standard electronic laboratory and mechanical workshop areas.

## Higher National Certificate in Mechanical Engineering

Campus: **Reading**

PT

Awarding Partner: Pearson

Build up your engineering skills and work towards becoming a professional engineer with this course. The course will develop the skills and knowledge that will allow you to bring together engineering elements in project-based assignments related to the needs of the engineering sector.

You will experience a specialist vocational programme, linked to professional body requirements with a strong, sector-related emphasis on practical skills alongside the development of knowledge and understanding.

HNCs are recognised by employers and allow direct progression into employment. You will study with a teaching team of dedicated, experienced individuals who have expertise in engineering and professional development. You will develop a range of skills, techniques and attributes essential for successful performance in working life and be able to make an immediate contribution to employment.

### What you'll learn:

Year 1

Engineering design, Engineering maths, Engineering science and CAD for maintenance engineers

Year 2

Managing a professional engineering project, Mechanical principles, Fundamentals of thermodynamics and heat engines and Quality and process improvement.

Course modules shown are indicative only and may be subject to change.

^ ^ Full time students only come in once a week / day release / this applies to both HND (Top-ups).

## Higher National Diploma (Top-up) in Mechanical Engineering

Campus: **Reading**

PT

Awarding Partner: Pearson

With a Higher National Diploma in Mechanical Engineering, you'll be able to prove to potential employers that you have the ability to take personal responsibility for situations and show good judgement when asked to make decisions.

### What you'll learn:

Research project (30 Credits), Professional Engineering Management (15 Credits), Advanced Mechanical Principles (15 Credits), Virtual Engineering (15 Credits) Thermo-fluids (15 Credits), Industrial Services (25% Electrical and 75% Mechanical).

## HOW TO APPLY

See course codes in table on page 20

FT (Top-ups only) Online at [www.activatelearning.ac.uk](http://www.activatelearning.ac.uk)

PT Online at [www.activatelearning.ac.uk](http://www.activatelearning.ac.uk)



# FURNITURE

UK furniture, bed and furnishings manufacturing is a substantial industry. According to 2018 Government statistics, UK furniture manufacturing, equates to 1.6% of manufacturing output. Over 339,000 jobs are dependent on the success of the industry, with 123,000 in manufacturing alone.

A wide range of furniture manufacturers visit Rycotewood Furniture Centre every year. Live design briefs with the likes of William Hands, The Furniture Makers' Company, Tormek, Axminster Tools and Machinery and Workshop Heaven give our students unique opportunities to gain feedback from industry professionals.

Furniture manufacturing is one of the top three divisions driving manufacturing growth in the UK.

If you have a passion for furniture production and want to broaden your skills and experience, our programmes can help you create a career in this richly rewarding industry. Rycotewood is a renowned centre of excellence. Excellent workshop facilities are combined with a skilled and knowledgeable teaching team to offer an exceptional experience in furniture education. But don't just take our word for it: our students regularly receive the **City and Guilds Medal of Excellence**, and individuals on the degree programme have won the prestigious **Alan Peters Award, Mixology Designer of the Year** and **Young Furniture Makers' Design and Bespoke Awards**.

Choose your route into the Furniture Industry in 2021-22 from the following higher education programmes accredited by Oxford Brookes University.

- › **Foundation Degree (FdA)** in Furniture Design and Make
- › **Bachelor of Arts (Hons) (Top-up)** in Furniture Design and Make

Awarding University Partner:

**OXFORD  
BROOKES  
UNIVERSITY**

## CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE



The Rycotewood Furniture Centre at City of Oxford College has been actively engaged in the training and education of students entering the furniture industry for more than 70 years, with successful delivery of higher education for over twenty years. In this time, it has actively engaged with employers with respect to placement, bespoke training and in seeking external advice in the design of its programmes. It has established a reputation beyond its local roots and enjoys a position of national pre-eminence in the field, located in Oxford and close to the UK's traditional furniture-making industry of High Wycombe.

You will have your own work bench and space in the HE workshop with access to a dedicated IT suite, design studio, veneering, spray finishing, upholstery, and wood machine workshops.

**TORMEK**



**AXMINSTER**  
Tools & Machinery

**WORKSHOP HEAVEN**  
Fine Tools



## CASE STUDY

### Sean Evelegh

Foundation Degree in Furniture:  
Design and Make

“I'd heard a lot of good things about Rycotewood. I heard that if you want to be a woodworker, then that's the place to go. I came for an Open Event where I spoke to the staff and students. I was really impressed with the facilities and what was studied on the programme, so I signed up!”



## Foundation Degree (FdA) in Furniture Design and Make

Campus: **City of Oxford**

FT PT

Awarding University Partner: Oxford Brookes University

The Foundation Degree (FdA) Furniture: Design and Make is linked closely with the furniture industry and aims to inspire creativity in design and excellence in craftsmanship through work related study.

Learning in the Rycotewood Furniture Centre, our students develop skills as creative thinkers and makers, who innovate furniture craft through the exploration of materials and skills.

The programme balances design, craft and theory to nurture furniture designers and makers of excellent ability who can progress to employment or further study with a broad understanding of the processes involved in the design and craft of furniture.

### What you'll learn:

You will be taught by highly professional furniture designers/makers who are experienced in the industry and are kept up to date with current practices. Students will have the opportunity to use their own dedicated workbench and access to the wood machine and veneering workshops to develop their learning through three-dimensional exploration, testing, evaluation of their design proposals and subsequently making high-quality practical outcomes. Students will be supported during the making stage of the projects through practical guidance by teachers and supervision by dedicated workshop supervisors.

Work-related experiences are fully integrated into the programme and include regular guest speakers, live project briefs, competitions and visits. The programme will culminate in a professional public exhibition for the industry and networking opportunities. You will be encouraged to engage in live projects and national competitions.

### Typical modules include:

- Level 4**
  - › Technical and visual communication (30 Credits)
  - › Furniture craft (30 Credits)
  - › Design and make (30 Credits)
  - › Manufacturing and material culture (30 Credits)
- Level 5**
  - › Advanced technical and visual communication (30 Credits)
  - › Furniture production (30 Credits)
  - › Advanced design and make (30 Credits)
  - › Advanced manufacturing culture (30 Credits)

### Nicholas Wright

BA Hons Furniture Design and Make

“My creative course was very practical and I benefited from hands-on experience that has given me new skills, dramatically increased my confidence and most importantly has led to me being offered a job for one of the best furniture makers in the UK.”



## Bachelor of Arts (BA Hons) (Top-up) in Furniture Design and Make

Campus: **City of Oxford**

FT PT

Awarding University Partner: Oxford Brookes University

Develop a career in Furniture Design and Make with this work-related Honours top-up progression route. The programme is aimed at aspiring furniture designer-makers and provides a work-related Honours top-up progression route for holders of a Foundation Degree in Furniture Design and Make.

The main aim of this programme is to develop highly competent graduates who have proficient knowledge in the discipline and give them the professional skills they need for a career in furniture designing and making.

It consists of two key elements that focus on independent and industry-linked projects. The independent projects are linked together to provide a holistic experience, first establishing a self-initiated brief through a significant written research project and then linking this directly to a major design and make project.

### What you'll learn:

Building on the reputation of the Rycotewood Furniture Centre and its industry links, a combination of live projects, study visits and guest speakers will support the development of design, craft, business and enterprise skills relevant to furniture designer makers.

### Typical modules include:

- › Professional Design and Make (30 Credits)
- › Professional Development (30 Credits)
- › Personal Project (Written) (30 Credits)
- › Personal Project (Design and Make) (30 Credits)

## HOW TO APPLY

See course codes in table on page 20

FT Via **UCAS.com**

PT Via **Oxford Brookes University**

Course modules shown are indicative only and may be subject to change.

# HAIR AND MEDIA MAKEUP

A profession in makeup combines techniques from film and television with the conceptual artistry and commercial awareness of fashion and beauty makeup. You'll work with clients by discussing their requirements and advising them with creative ideas and solutions. Between 2011 and 2019, the number of jobs in the UK Cultural sector, which includes film and TV, grew by 24%. Potential job roles on this pathway include freelance media makeup artist, makeup artist specialist for theatre, film or TV, skin camouflage specialist, and many more!

The following programmes accredited by Pearson for a career route into Media Makeup in 2021-22

➤ **Higher National Diploma** in Media Makeup

**Awarding Organisation:**



## Higher National Diploma Media Makeup (Theatrical Studies) **PT**

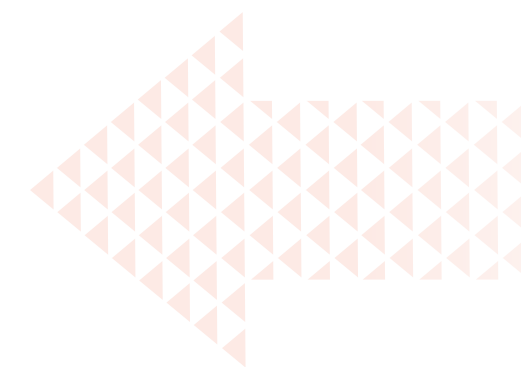
**Campus:** City of Oxford

Awarding Partner: Pearson

For professional makeup artists and hairdressers specialising in theatrical and special effects makeup, including prosthetics and hair styling. This qualification will enable progressing students to gain the skills, knowledge and understanding required in order to perform a range of makeup and hair services in the performance arts, fashion and media sectors. Extensive research, practise and innovation are needed to be successful in this area.

### What you'll learn:

Course details not available at time of printing. Please see [www.activatelearning.ac.uk](http://www.activatelearning.ac.uk) for more information.



## HOW TO APPLY

See course codes in table on page 20

**PT** Online at [www.activatelearning.ac.uk](http://www.activatelearning.ac.uk)

# IT AND COMPUTING

Employer demand for IT and computing skills and knowledge is increasing, and non-digital technology companies are becoming more reliant on digital technology specialists as business requirements evolve. Skills shortages in key areas of the digital economy mean there are many different IT careers available for people with the relevant qualifications and experience. Key growth areas within the IT and computing industry include social and digital media, data protection, cyber security, games design, website development, and cloud/mobile technologies. The south-east of England is home to many global IT companies, so you will be well placed for job opportunities and career prospects.

## COMING TO READING COLLEGE 2021-22/23

New technical and digital qualifications to meet in demand skills.

Supporting career pathways in:

- › Digital Security
- › Digital Software Development and Programming
- › Digital Data Analytics
- › Digital Cloud Networking
- › Digital Games and Animation
- › Digital Project Management and Change Leadership

Providing project based learning, real research and development, valuable employer partnerships and supportive progression.

Contact our HE team for more details [he@activatelearning.ac.uk](mailto:he@activatelearning.ac.uk)

# SOUTH CENTRAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

## WE INSPIRE DIGITAL FUTURES

Activate Learning is delighted to announce a collaborative partnership with Milton Keynes College in creating the South Central Institute of Technology, working with Microsoft, KPMG, McAfee, Cranfield University, Volkswagen Financial Services, and Evidence Talks. A wider list of digital employers have also pledged their support. The South-Central Institute of Technology has a shared vision for widening access, participation, and producing strong strategic talent pipelines across our geographic locations. We will create an environment for new thinking and enable young talented and gifted people to fulfill their full potential in technical training and find careers in the digital and technology sectors.

## WHAT IS AN IOT?

Institutes of Technology have been designed to create higher level technical qualifications, in partnership with employers to increase productivity and raise the standards of university-level technical education.

## OPENING SEPTEMBER 2021 AT READING COLLEGE

The South Central Institute of Technology is due to open in September 2021, it aims to help close the existing skills gap in this fast-paced sector by developing a curriculum offer in consultation with key digital employers which will ensure that our learners are fully prepared with the right technical skills and creative ways of thinking and working. Essential to the project is that the IoT will be a truly world-class, accessible and inclusive environment, generating opportunities for diverse students and apprentices and inspiring them to learn and be creative.



## A HIGHER APPRENTICESHIP

If you're keen to get into the world of work and learn key skills on the job then an apprenticeship could be the perfect route to kick start your digital career. A higher apprenticeship can take from one to four years to complete, depending on the qualification and involve part-time study at college.

There's no upper age limit to study an apprenticeship, perfect for those looking to career change or to develop in their current role.

### WHY AN APPRENTICESHIP?

- A full-time job with an employer
- A salary
- No tuition fees
- Gain qualifications that are relevant to employer requirements
- An opportunity to continue in education after completion of an apprenticeship

Contact our apprenticeships team to find out more  
01865 551015, [hello@activateapprenticeships.co.uk](mailto:hello@activateapprenticeships.co.uk)

ENQUIRE  
NOW FOR 2021  
PROGRAMME  
STARTS

# SPORTS COACHING, FITNESS AND REHABILITATION

In the past eight years, there has been a steady increase in jobs in this sector ranging from professional sportsmen and women, sports and fitness coaches and instructors, to sports officials and referees. The potential careers on this pathway includes, among others, fitness instructor, personal trainer, sports massage therapist, and head football coach.

In 2021, there will be over 16,000 job openings in this industry. Sport and exercise-related activity supports around 300,000 jobs in the UK.

If you choose this pathway, you will combine the study of anatomy, physiology and psychology with biometrics, exercise, health and lifestyle. In addition, you will develop skills in fitness testing and training, sport and exercise massage, sports injuries and coaching. We have on-site gyms that are filled with the latest sports and training equipment to help you keep fit and advance your studies.

If a career in fitness is for you, you could make an impact on the lives of people of all ages and walks of life. You will learn how to be an approachable and effective motivator; encouraging people to reach their fitness goals, creating personalised exercise programmes, giving advice on healthy living, and carrying out fitness assessments.

We work closely with sports providers in our local areas and run sports clubs for schoolchildren. This gives students additional skills in coaching and leadership.

Our network of employer partnerships means, whichever programme you choose, you will get practical experience in the sports, exercise science, fitness and therapy sectors throughout your time at college. You will also have access to the facilities at Oxford Brookes University and opportunities in Rowing and Rugby.

Choose your route into Sports Industry in 2021-22 from the following Higher Education programmes accredited by Oxford Brookes University.

» **Foundation Degree (FdSc)** and **Bachelor of Science (Hons) (Top-up)** in Sports Coaching, Fitness and Rehabilitation

**Awarding University Partner:**

**OXFORD  
BROOKES  
UNIVERSITY**

(Source Emsi)

**“PRACTICAL  
LECTURES, CONTENT  
AND DELIVERY ARE  
PARTICULARLY GOOD”**

Anonymous student,  
BSc Sports Coaching, Fitness and Rehabilitation  
2019/20 Internal student satisfaction survey



## Foundation Degree (FdSc) in Sports Coaching, Fitness and Rehabilitation

Campus: **City of Oxford**

FT

Awarding University Partner: Oxford Brookes University

This programme is designed to prepare you for a career in the sports industry. It aims to assist in developing knowledge and understanding of coaching fitness and rehabilitation through work experience and other underpinning features, such as physiology, principles of fitness, coaching theory, and practical experience of rehabilitation. Application of theory to practical situations within a sports context is a key aspect of this programme featuring strongly in the work experience module, which awards academic credit.

In addition to the foundation degree, students will have the opportunity to complete additional qualifications including fitness instruction, personal training, sports massage, sports injuries and sport coaching.

Concentrating on the three key disciplines of sports coaching, fitness and rehabilitation, the programme recognises the need for an interdisciplinary approach to help maximise future employment potential and will help you develop and sustain a career in the field.

### What you'll learn:

You will study 15 modules over the two years, including:

- › Developing skills for learning
- › The sports and exercise practitioner
- › Exercise physiology and anatomy
- › Introduction to improving sports performance
- › Fitness assessment and training
- › Biomechanical analysis, Sports injuries and rehabilitation
- › Coaching: theory to practice
- › Developing critical skills for learning
- › Work-based learning
- › Professional practical in sports coaching
- › The rehabilitation process

## HOW TO APPLY

See course codes in table on page 20

FT Via [UCAS.com](https://www.ucas.com)

Course modules shown are indicative only and may be subject to change.

## Bachelor of Science (BSc Hons) (Top-up) in Sports Coaching, Fitness and Rehabilitation

Campus: **City of Oxford**

FT

Awarding University Partner: Oxford Brookes University

The BSc in Sports Coaching, Fitness and Rehabilitation is designed to prepare students for a career in sport and recognises the need for an interdisciplinary approach to help maximise future employment.

Concentrating on the three key disciplines of sports coaching, fitness and rehabilitation, the programme will enable students to develop and sustain a career in the field or go onto specialise in postgraduate study.

### How you'll learn:

Throughout the programme, teaching and learning strategies adopted by tutors will acknowledge a range of learning styles. Students are encouraged to critically analyse concepts, theories and practice and how this is demonstrated in the applied field.

The modules will encourage students to demonstrate a thorough grasp of knowledge which is essential in order to practice safely and ensure competence. Students will also have the opportunity to develop their own research through a dissertation.

Learning is supported through close contact with a range of sport and fitness specialists, with access to dedicated facilities. It provides an opportunity for personally-focused learning.

### What you'll learn:

- › Advanced rehabilitation techniques and processes
- › Integrated approaches to training and performance
- › Advanced coaching practice
- › Dissertation



# TEACHING

There are over 76,000 job openings for teachers at all levels every year for the next eight years. 1.6 million people are forecast to be employed in teaching in 2021. Teaching career options span several age groups from nursery, to primary and secondary to further and higher education. A career in teaching is rewarding and means that you could make a positive contribution to people's lives and society as a whole.

Whether you're starting out in teaching, returning to work after a break or making a career change, we offer flexible, effective and local routes into teaching.

If you're an experienced practitioner working in a primary school or a registered Early Years setting with children from birth to 11 years and wish to achieve a degree or pursue a career in teaching the Foundation Degree in Children's Development and Learning will support you towards this goal. Or, you can prepare to teach in the post-compulsory sector with our PGCE programme, awarded by Oxford Brookes University. A PGCE can lead on to qualified teacher status (QTS).

Choose from the following Higher Education programmes accredited by University of Reading or Oxford Brookes University and find your route into Teaching in 2021-22.

- › **Foundation Degree (FdA)** in Educational Practice (Oxford Brookes University)
- › **Foundation Degree (FdEd)** in Children's Development and Learning (University of Reading)
- › **Bachelor of Arts (Hons) (Top-up)** in Education and Lifelong Learning (Oxford Brookes University)
- › **Professional/Post Graduate Certificate** in Education (PGCE) (Oxford Brookes University)

Activate Learning also offers a Level 5 Diploma in Education and Training which forms part of an apprenticeship programme approved by Ascentis. If you'd like to know more information on teaching apprenticeships, please call **01865 551015** or email [hello@activateapprenticeships.co.uk](mailto:hello@activateapprenticeships.co.uk)

**Awarding University Partners:**



Our PGCE programme scored  
**100%**  
**OVERALL SATISFACTION**  
from the internal student satisfaction survey 2020

## CASE STUDY

### Enda

Faculty Manager, Reading College

“I always wanted to become a teacher.

The most rewarding thing about teaching is seeing the students grow and succeed. Seeing my ex-students running their own businesses is really, really rewarding and I had a part to play in that.

The course at Activate Learning prepares you well for the realities of teaching.”

## Foundation Degree (FdEd) in Children's Learning and Development

Campus: **Bracknell** and **Merrist Wood\***

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Awarding University Partner:  
University of Reading

The programme provides an ideal opportunity to study for a degree alongside working with children. The programme is work-based and lessons and assessments are all designed to benefit your professional development. You will be able to build on your experience through modules in areas such as working in partnership with parents, how children develop and learn, and inclusive and diverse practice.

### What you'll learn:

Students are experienced practitioners who work in a range of settings working with children from birth to eleven-years-old. Reflection on practice and peer discussion is a valuable aspect of the course. In addition to lectures, students are supported through seminar and tutorial sessions.

The course is delivered one day a week over two years.

Year 1

#### Core modules (Level 4)

Professional skills in the children's workforce. Partnership with parents. Theories of development and learning. Child in society 1. Learning spaces.

Year 2

#### Core Modules (Level 5)

Practitioner research. The child in society (2). Creativity and critical thinking. Supporting development and learning for 0–11 years. Optional Modules: International perspectives. Leadership in the children's workforce.

## Foundation Degree (FdA) in Educational Practice

Campus: **City of Oxford**

FT

Awarding University Partner:  
Oxford Brookes University

This programme aims to produce highly-skilled and well-qualified Teaching Assistants, capable of supporting teaching and learning within a variety of contexts.

Building on the Professional Practice Framework for Teaching Assistants and on Oxford Brookes' considerable success in providing Higher Education for mature students, it is aimed at Teaching Assistants working in primary, secondary and tertiary education.

In the first year, students are taught to develop an understanding of how individuals learn, in particular, in the subjects of English and mathematics.

In the second year, wider education issues such as reflective practice and mentoring are taught.

### What you'll learn:

This is a work-based course and it is a requirement that participants are employed in a school or college. The course is considered full time, although it only requires attendance at the college for one day per week. For those receiving student funding or loans it is full time.

## Bachelor of Arts (BA Hons) (Top-up) in Education and Lifelong Learning

Campus: **City of Oxford**

FT

Awarding University Partner:  
Oxford Brookes University

This programme offers a range of subjects aimed at the caring professions and educational practice sector. Through this qualification, you will be able to enhance your professional practice, which will provide opportunities for career development.

### What you'll learn:

Modules include:

- › Research Methods
- › Psychology in the learning environment
- › Dissertation: Developing professional roles and identity
- › Contemporary issues in education: Developing an effective learning environment

A variety of teaching methods are used including formal instruction, discussion, individual tuition, practical demonstration and experience.

## Professional or Postgraduate Certificate of Education (PGCE)

Campus: **City of Oxford, Reading**

PT

Awarding University Partner:  
Oxford Brookes University

This is a two-year, part-time programme for people who teach, or want to teach, in the post-compulsory sector (further education, higher education, the health service, adult and community education, the prison service, the armed forces or private training providers). This programme is an excellent development opportunity for a career in teaching or training in a wide range of post-compulsory institutions.

### What you'll learn:

Year 1

#### (Level 6):

Introduction to teaching in the lifelong learning sector (incorporates PTLLS outcomes). Curriculum and assessment of and for learning. Theories and principles of planning and enabling learning. Digital literacy.

Year 2

#### (Level 7):

Continuing personal and professional development. Curriculum development for inclusive practice. Wider professional practice: Personal development record (PDR). All modules in Year 2 with the exception of PDR are offered at Level 7

Successful completion may be at Level 6, earning a Professional Graduate Certificate in Education (Post Compulsory Education), or Level 7, earning a Post-Graduate Certificate in Education. Anyone who would like to continue has the opportunity to progress.

## HOW TO APPLY

See course codes in table on page 20

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Via **UCAS.com**

PT

Online at

\*FT

**www.activatelearning.ac.uk**

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»Subject to validation

# HOW TO APPLY

**STEP 1** You've made a decision to advance your learning or plan to return to education to progress a career, or make a change, if you're still not sure then we can support and advise you.

View our courses at [www.activatelearning.ac.uk/higher](http://www.activatelearning.ac.uk/higher) or use the UCAS course finder at [www.UCAS.com](http://www.UCAS.com) Or contact us directly [he@activatelearning.ac.uk](mailto:he@activatelearning.ac.uk)

**STEP 2** We suggest you attend one of our open or virtual open events to speak to tutors and students to get a feel for the college environment and discuss your options with us. Register for an open event today.

**STEP 3** If you are applying for a full-time **FT** programme you will be applying via a UCAS route (with the exception of (FdEd) Children's Development and Learning). UCAS begins to accept applications from September 2020 with the initial deadline of 15 January 2021. Please apply via [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)

If you are applying for a part-time **PT** programme you will be register your application directly with us, unless otherwise specified on page 20. You can download an application form or complete online at [www.activatelearning.ac.uk/higher](http://www.activatelearning.ac.uk/higher)

**STEP 4** HE Advice and Admissions team to discuss your application further. For some courses you may be required to undertake an assessment and/or an interview before a formal offer can be made.

**STEP 5** Your application will be reviewed and a written confirmation of your interview date and/or assessments will be sent to you and an offer made if you meet requirements on the programme you have chosen.

**STEP 6** Start to apply for funding. Student financial support information detailed on page 71. Further information detailed on page 71.

**STEP 7** If a conditional offer is made, subject to the achievement of certain grades. Activate Learning strictly adheres to UCAS regulations and final confirmation of a place will be on or shortly after results day in August.

**STEP 8** When you have secured your place, you will be invited to enrol. You will meet tutors and new friends and begin your course of study. We will continue to support you to gain the qualification you need and to get the most out of your higher education learning experience.

In light of Covid-19 we will continually review our plans for delivery based on the safety of our students, staff and the guidance from the government available at the time. Please refer to our website for the latest information across our college locations.



# ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION

Want to be at university this time next year but don't have the qualifications? Invest in yourself with an Access to Higher Education qualification.

Access to HE programmes have been specifically designed for adult learners aged 19 or over who do not currently have the relevant entry requirements. There is no upper age limit, so it doesn't matter if you've been out of education for a period time or wish to return to education to change career.

Access to HE programmes are equal to three A Levels, giving you the UCAS Points you need to apply for university-level study. Programmes will last one year (36 weeks of study), after which you will have the diploma, skills and confidence to study at degree level. Throughout the programme, you will experience a variety of teaching and learning strategies to suit all learning styles.

Although the programme is intensive, it is structured in a way that recognises the pressures on mature learners. Many students successfully

balance the programme with work, family, and childcare commitments. Our friendly team are on hand to support you through your studies as well as any funding, career and learning support you may need.

Don't let fees hold you back as paying for your course might be easier than you think. You could have your loan written off, if you progress to and complete a university-level course, with the 19+ Advanced Learner Loan meaning you will only have to pay back your university student loan.

You may choose to progress on to one of our higher education programmes including Foundation Degrees, BA Honours Degrees and the PGCE. Our programmes are run in conjunction with respected institutions such as Oxford Brookes University and Pearson.

Our Access to Higher Education programmes are accredited by national awarding bodies



Each year, around  
95% of our Access to  
HE alumni progress  
to university



**“I could not recommend the Access to HE programmes more, they offer a fantastic insight into academic life. For someone that had not been in education for 15 years, it has helped me to uncover some rusty skills!”**

Gemma Allcott,  
Access to HE Nursing

## OUR PATHWAYS

We have an exciting range of pathways to choose from to help you progress to university and beyond. Go online for full programme information [www.activatelearning.ac.uk/access-he](http://www.activatelearning.ac.uk/access-he)

### > ART

If you have an interest in the creative applications of art and design, you will be able to explore your potential with our specialist programmes and develop a broad range of skills needed to progress to university.

further study or careers in a variety of allied health professions. This is the fast-track route to the healthcare profession you've always wanted.

### > SOCIAL SCIENCE

If you're looking to start a career in education, psychology, social work or counselling, our range of programmes will enable you to gain a thorough insight into these sectors and provide you with the skills needed to progress to university.

### > BUSINESS, ACCOUNTANCY AND LAW

Leading on to degrees in business, finance, law, marketing and human resources, this pathway will allow you to expand your knowledge in key disciplines.

### > ANIMAL MANAGEMENT

If you're passionate about working with animals, our range of specialist programmes will allow you to understand the behaviour and welfare of a range of species and enable you to progress to a degree level programme in the animal field.

### > SCIENCE, ENGINEERING AND IT

If you dream of a career in fields relating to science, engineering and IT then our range of programmes could be your ticket to success. You will acquire the knowledge and skills that will enable you to hit the ground running on a related higher education course.

Activate Learning also continues to offer a growing number of Access to HE online programmes throughout the year across a range of key subject areas including Allied Health Professions and Midwifery. To view the full list and find out more visit [www.activatelearning.ac.uk/study/what-to-study/access-to-he-online](http://www.activatelearning.ac.uk/study/what-to-study/access-to-he-online)

### > NURSING AND HEALTH

We offer a range of Access to HE programmes in nursing and health professions for those wishing to pursue

Go online for full programme information [www.activatelearning.ac.uk/access-he](http://www.activatelearning.ac.uk/access-he)

# MONEY MATTERS

## FUNDING YOUR FUTURE

### HIGHER EDUCATION FEES

Higher education students on a university-level programme need to pay tuition fees. Our higher education programmes offer excellent value for money. Fees are competitive, and dependent on the programme and awarding body. The latest fees published can be viewed here [www.activatelearning.ac.uk/higher-education-fees](http://www.activatelearning.ac.uk/higher-education-fees)

### TUITION FEE LOANS

These are available to cover tuition fees for HNDs, Foundation Degrees or BA (Hons) Degrees. Part-time students can apply for a tuition fee loan too.

These loans only start being repaid when you earn £25,000+ per year.

If you're studying full time, you can take out two student loans per academic year:

- › A tuition fee loan to cover your annual tuition fees in full
- › A maintenance loan to help with accommodation and other living costs (dependent on your household income)

When you are assessed for your fees, you are also assessed for a student loan.

For more information visit [www.activatelearning.ac.uk/higher-education-fees](http://www.activatelearning.ac.uk/higher-education-fees) or [visitwww.gov.uk/studentfinance](http://www.gov.uk/studentfinance).

### FEES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

If you are not a UK or EU citizen, you will pay international student fees. Call us today on **0800 612 6008** for more information.

### STUDENT BURSARIES

Help is available for anyone who is finding it hard to meet the costs of coming to college (travel, course kit, trips etc.). For more information on bursaries, eligibility criteria and how to apply, contact our Advice and Admissions team or look for 'Financial support' on our website.

### PLEASE NOTE

Tuition fees may increase in subsequent years, both for new and continuing students, in line with an inflationary amount determined by the government.

However, you are not expected to pay upfront and there are a range of options available to help you spread the financial cost. You may be able to pay in instalments, or you can apply for a loan.

Tuition fee loans are also available to cover tuition fees for HNDs, Foundation Degrees and full degrees. Part-time students can apply for a tuition fee loan too.



# SUPPORT TO SUCCEED

## LEARNING SUPPORT

We offer flexible support for students with disabilities or special educational needs studying higher education programmes at Activate Learning:

- › Remote and face-to-face support, including one-to-one meetings with the HE support team to discuss your support needs, including reasonable adjustments. For example, you could be allowed extra time in exams.
- › We work with programme coordinators to ensure that you will be supported.
- › Small study skills workshops
- › One-to-one study skills support and mentoring
- › Support and guidance for students applying for Disabled Students Allowance funding
- › Screening for or diagnosing specific learning difficulties - for example, dyslexia
- › Referral to the Sensory Impairment team, supporting students who are deaf, hard of hearing or visually impaired.

To discuss your additional support needs, please email [hestudysupport@activatelearning.ac.uk](mailto:hestudysupport@activatelearning.ac.uk)

## VIRTUAL LEARNING SUPPORT

We have a comprehensive Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) to support online and blended learning.

## COUNSELLING

Study, relationships, money worries... sometimes problems can seem hard to deal with. We offer free, confidential counselling for all students who need it.

## DEDICATED STUDY SUPPORT

We have our very own open access study support network.

## TUTORIALS

Tutorials are an integral part of all higher education courses at Activate Learning and you are encouraged to make full use of this particular learning opportunity.

## SAFEGUARDING

It is everybody's responsibility to keep our campuses safe. When on campus, we ask that you wear your lanyard at all times to identify yourself and to access buildings.

We have a team of safeguarding specialists if you are worried about your own or somebody else's health, safety or wellbeing, on or off campus.

## FAITH ROOMS

Faith rooms are available for you to use on all campuses for prayer and quiet reflection.

## CAREERS ADVICE

Our dedicated careers advisors are available for one-to-one support regarding your progression and education, employment or training. These qualified advisors are on hand to answer all your questions. They can help you to identify your skills, look at your career options, and develop your CV and interview skills. Book a careers consultation today by calling **0800 612 6008** or emailing [activatecareersteam@activatelearning.ac.uk](mailto:activatecareersteam@activatelearning.ac.uk).

## THE EMPLOYMENT SHOP

If you need help with your CV, completing your application form, or developing interview skills, pop into the Activate Learning Employment Shop.

# FACILITIES

Whatever you choose to study at an Activate Learning college, you will be surrounded by fantastic, state-of-the-art facilities that support your studies and lifestyle. We have everything you'd expect at college, and more.

## CREATIVE SPACES

Whether you're studying performing arts, music, media or art, all our colleges offer some impressive creative spaces. You will be working in open-plan workshops, virtual reality and photography studios, performance and exhibition spaces, television and radio studios, Mac suites, theatre spaces, recording studios and broadcast rooms. Certainly the perfect places for creative types to thrive!

## CATERING KITCHENS AND RESTAURANTS

Our on-site catering kitchens keep the food coming at our cafés and restaurants. Students train in these, preparing food in our industry-standard kitchens before serving paying customers.

## HEALTHCARE SUITES

These offer state-of-the-art facilities and training also used to train NHS staff.

## ANIMAL CENTRE

Our state-of-the-art Animal Management Centre is home to over 1000 animals and includes arid biome, tropical biome, nocturnal room and larger husbandry room.

We also have a fully functioning farm with rare breeds, a large indoor riding arena, floodlit outdoor arena and stables.

## FURNITURE CENTRE

Rycotewood Furniture Centre has been educating students in the design and craft of fine furniture since 1937, with many of our former students achieving great career success. Our internationally renowned workshop boasts specialist equipment and state-of-the-art facilities and a team of highly-

experienced teachers who will prepare you for industry success.

## CONSTRUCTION CENTRE

Our construction centres allow students to learn skills for life in brickwork, plastering, plumbing and carpentry workshops.

## SPORTS AND GYMS

Working out is great for your body and mental health. At City of Oxford College, we have the Oxford Lifestyle Centre, which is run by sports students and is open for all to use, with discounted membership available for students wishing to join the gym. We offer dedicated sports programmes, so we have a variety of gyms, practice spaces and sports halls. We work with local sports groups to provide industry-standard training at our colleges. You will also have access to Oxford Brookes University Sports Centre as a higher education student.

## COUNSELLING

A counselling suite, featuring rooms for group and individual practice with video recording facilities.

## ACCOMMODATION

We have a halls of residence at Merrist Wood College providing a supportive community for students living away from home. Rated 'Outstanding' by Ofsted in last inspection (2018).

Those studying on an Oxford Brookes University validated course will also have access to residential accommodation offered by Oxford Brookes University.



# WHY US?

FULL TIME  
PART TIMES  
AND COURSES

FULLY INCLUSIVE  
HE STUDY  
SUPPORT

INDIVIDUAL AND  
GROUP TUTORIALS

UNIVERSITY  
VALIDATED  
COURSES

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TUTORS WITH  
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6 HIGHER  
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EXCELLENT INDUSTRY LINKS



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GRASSLANDS

WORK  
EXPERIENCE  
OPPORTUNITIES  
IN THE UK  
AND ABROAD

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

STUDENT ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS (STEPS)

FLEXIBLE STUDY OPTIONS



# OUR LOCATIONS

Six colleges conveniently located with a range of transport links.

## BANBURY AND BICESTER COLLEGE

Broughton Road  
Banbury  
Oxfordshire  
OX16 9QA

## BRACKNELL AND WOKINGHAM COLLEGE

Church Road  
Bracknell  
Berkshire  
RG12 1DJ

## CITY OF OXFORD COLLEGE

Oxford City Centre Campus  
Oxpens Road  
OX1 1SA  
  
Blackbird Leys Technology Campus  
Cuddesdon Way  
Oxford  
OX4 6HN

## MERRIST WOOD COLLEGE

Holly Lane  
Worplesdon  
Guildford  
Surrey  
GU3 3PE

## GUILDFORD COLLEGE

Stoke Road  
Guildford  
Surrey  
GU1 1EZ

## READING COLLEGE

Kings Road  
Reading  
Berkshire  
RG1 4HJ

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View all our course information [www.activatelearning.ac.uk/higher](http://www.activatelearning.ac.uk/higher)





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