

PART-TIME COURSES FOR ADULTS

MINI GUIDE 2024-25

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A VERY WARM WELCOME FROM THE CEO & PRINCIPAL

We want to continue to encourage adults to develop knowledge and skills and gain valuable qualifications – whether that's to develop your career, return to work, improve your Maths and English, enhance your digital skills or to take up a new interest.

Our courses are offered on a part-time basis and have been designed to fit around your lifestyle and work commitments - with most courses even offered for free or at a minimal cost. In addition, there are several short courses that can be studied online, meaning you can start them at any time throughout the year and complete them in your own time. For employers, these short courses can offer a great way of upskilling staff.

Our leisure courses will help you gain new skills in a fun way and even turn something you love doing into a new career. There are courses in hair and beauty, baking, web design, wellbeing and many more.

Anyone over the age of 19 can study one of our part-time maths, English or IT courses at The Skills Centre NC, and benefit from our relaxed and friendly environment and qualified tutors. We also offer a growing number of distance learning courses which are supported by our expert delivery team.

If you've got a clear career objective and are looking to up-skill your knowledge for your dream career, then a professional qualification could be the answer.

You may not have been inside a classroom for years, but you won't be alone if you sign up for a course with us.

I do hope that you decide to study a part-time course at our college, and that you find the experience rewarding and enjoyable.



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To find out more call

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or speak to an advisor
using the online chat
feature on our website.



¹On programme survey 2023
based on 2,170 responses.

FIND A COURSE THAT'S RIGHT FOR YOU!



We offer exciting part-time courses, short courses and distance learning in a variety of areas:

BUSINESS

- Business
- Human Resources
- Accounting
- Leadership and Management
- A range of online short courses for work

COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISE

- Hairdressing/Barbering
- Culinary Arts - Bakery, Food Preparation, Patisserie and Confectionery
- Supporting teaching and learning
- A range of online short courses for health and wellbeing
- A range of short courses for beauty therapy

CONSTRUCTION AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

- Construction Multi-skills
- Carpentry and Joinery
- Painting and Decorating
- Electrical Installations
- Brickwork & Hard Landscaping

DIGITAL SKILLS

Short courses in:

- Essential Digital Skills
- Cyber Security
- Coding

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MANUFACTURING

- General Engineering – Electrical, Electronic, Mechanical, Machining and Manufacturing
- Motor Vehicle Engineering – Light Vehicle and Electric/Hybrid Vehicle
- Fabrication and Welding – MIG, TIG, MMA and TWI Accreditation

Check our courses on our website as courses are updated throughout the year.
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MATHS AND ENGLISH

We have courses for all levels of English and maths; from entry numeracy and literacy, right up to GCSE.

We deliver lessons to small groups of adult learners, many of whom had poor experiences of education growing up. You will find the learning environment in our classes very different from those of school days. Each year exceptional numbers of adults (over 90%) pass their exams which mean they can secure skilled jobs or progress onto higher levels of study.

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IT & DIGITAL SKILLS

We deliver a large range of IT courses for adults at every level to support work-readiness or study at university-level.

Our IT short courses start from the very basics, such as accessing the internet and sending an email; but continue through to longer Level 1 and 2 courses to improve skills in Outlook, PowerPoint, Word and Excel.

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FAST-TRACK COURSES

Adult learners now have the opportunity to study a range of fast-track functional skills qualifications in English and maths at Level 1 and 2 for free.

These short intensive courses are ideal for learners who have a good level of knowledge in their chosen subject and require a qualification to progress into a new job role, a new career direction or a fully-funded Level 3 course under the Government's Lifetime Skills Guarantee.

To find out more about our fast-track courses and book an assessment please call 0300 123 2344.

ESOL

ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES

If you live in the UK and English is not your first language, enrolling onto an ESOL course at Northampton College will help you to develop your English language skills.

Our part-time courses are designed for adults aged 19+ to improve fluency and accuracy in English speaking, listening, reading and writing.

Completing a part-time ESOL course will help you to:

- Integrate into your local community
- Enhance your employment prospects
- Progress into further education and training

It's never too late to join us - we have course starts in September, January and March.



DISTANCE LEARNING

Our online and distance learning courses are ideal for adults aged 19+ who would like to gain a new qualification, but don't have the time to attend college.

You can develop your knowledge in several areas including business, customer service, logistics, and health and wellbeing. We also offer English and Maths GCSE and Level 1 Functional Skills English and maths.

Whatever you decide, all the courses are delivered in bite-sized chunks and can be started at any time throughout the year. This makes them ideal for people who are looking for flexible study options.

HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

- Children and Young People's Mental Health
- Mental Health First Aid/Advocacy in the Workplace

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

- Understanding Adverse Childhood Experiences
- Understanding Specific Learning Difficulties
- Understanding Autism
- Understanding Behaviour that Challenges

BUSINESS AND DIGITAL SKILLS

- Team Leading
- Employability
- Digital Skills for work
- Customer Service
- Lean Organisation Management Techniques
- Creating a Business Start-Up
- Warehousing and Storage
- Understanding Climate Change and Environmental Awareness in the Workplace
- Managing your money



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ACCESS COURSES

Northampton College courses aren't just for students progressing straight from school.

Perhaps you've been out of education for some time, working, raising a family or simply deciding what to do next. Maybe you're looking to change direction in your career, or achieve the degree you missed out on when you were younger.

If so, our Access to Higher Education courses could be for you.

We offer a range of Access pathways, all specifically designed for mature students, in the following subjects:

- Medical Science
- Social Science
- Applied Science
- Health Professions

Whether you need to return to a subject you struggled with at school or want to start exploring a brand-new area, you'll find our friendly, approachable staff members are experts in helping you change direction. If you are aged 19+ and have had a year out of education post 18, you may also be eligible.

Don't worry if you don't have any formal qualifications – our guidance team will be delighted to help you find the best option for you. And who knows where your Access course could lead next?

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PROFESSIONAL COURSES

Our professional programmes in Accounting, Management and Human Resources are well respected by businesses and highly sought after by employers.

We offer state-of-the-art training facilities and a team of first-class tutors to support you to achieve your career goals.

With starting points throughout the year, our flexible offer allows you to build a programme that is tailored to your needs. Lessons are taught in the evenings, but occasionally take place during the day or at weekends.

These courses are accredited by professional bodies, including the Association of Accounting Technicians (AAT), the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD) and the Institute of Leadership & Management (ILM).



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HOW DO I APPLY?

Details of all our courses running at Booth Lane, Daventry and Lower Mounts can be found on our website www.northamptoncollege.ac.uk

If you are interested in our courses, you can apply online.

For English, ESOL, Maths and IT please contact us on **0300 123 2344** or use the online chat on our website to book an advice appointment. This will allow us to assess your current skill level and requirements before you enrol.

CASE STUDY

LYNZEY

Access to Health Professions

Mother of four, Lynzey accessed the Advanced Learner Loan while studying the Access to Health Professions course at Northampton College.

"For me the Advanced Learner Loan was essential as I wouldn't have been able to begin my healthcare training and go on to study to become a midwife, which is what I am doing now at The University of Northampton. I found out about the loan through the College when I applied for the Access course and used it to pay for the college course itself, study materials, stationery and even childcare costs. I would have struggled to pay for these things without that financial help.

"I am now in my second year at university and I use the skills I learnt at college on a daily basis, like medical maths, social science, human biology and important study skills. I used to work as an office manager which I enjoyed but I had always wanted to be a midwife and kept putting off the training due to family commitments. After my fourth child was born I took the leap to retrain and I haven't looked back. Without the Advanced Learner Loan that wouldn't have been able to happen. I can't wait to begin my midwifery career when all my training is complete."



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COURSE FEE INFORMATION

Course fees are based on current funding rates and often change from year to year. Below is a guide to what you may be expected to pay for your Further Education course but there are a range of options available to help with your costs if you are permanently resident in the UK. Please contact the Enrolment Centre on 0300 123 2344 for the latest information and advice or if you have moved to the UK in the last three years.

ADULTS AGED 19 OR OVER

If you are aged 19+ at the start of a Further Education course, you may have to pay fees but there may be exemptions. There are no tuition fees for:

- Those earning up to £20,319 per annum (including the self-employed) on eligible courses.
- Unemployed students in receipt of a qualifying means-tested benefit at the start of an eligible course.
- Students aged 19-23 at the start of an eligible first full Level 3 course who do not already have a qualification at that or a higher level.
- Students aged 19-23 at the start of an eligible first full Level 2 course who do not already have a qualification at that or a higher level.
- Students aged 19-23 at the start of an eligible entry Level or Level 1 course who intend to progress to a Level 2 course.
- Qualifications in maths or English, including GCSEs and Functional Skills, for students who have not previously attained a GCSE grade A*- C or grade 4 or above.
- Full-time Level 1 and Level 2 funded courses.
- All adults are expected to pay for associated trips, materials, equipment, uniform costs and awarding body fees but concessions or financial support may be available.
- You may be entitled to claim Adult Skills Funding, known as Free Courses for Jobs funding, for some Level 3 courses - this is dependent on your prior attainment and current employment status.

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