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MINI GUIDE TO UNIVERSITY LEVEL COURSES





YOU COULD JOIN A TWO-YEAR HIGHER NATIONAL PROGRAMME AT NORTHAMPTON COLLEGE THAT WILL COST LESS THAN GOING STRAIGHT TO UNIVERSITY.

Our higher education options will help you develop hands-on vocational and technical skills to help you realise your ambition of a high value career in the economy of the future.

A range of higher education courses are available at our prestigious campus in Northampton.

We have excellent facilities and teaching resources and our teaching staff have expert knowledge in the technical and professional disciplines they teach.

Study options are flexible so you will be able to manage your time to take account of family and work commitments. You will study in small groups with one-to-one support that will help you develop independent learning skills.

If you live nearby, you don't have to travel away from Northamptonshire. Our course fees are very competitive compared with the cost of going straight to university.

You can benefit from:

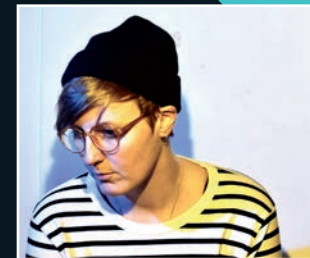
- A range of excellent facilities and resources
- Award-winning library and extensive IT equipment
- Industry-trained staff
- Individual and small group support
- Advice and guidance
- Careers advice
- Students' Union membership.

For more information on individual courses and entry requirements, visit our website northamptoncollege.ac.uk



ALEXANDRA BRAITHWAITE

HND THEATRE PRACTICE



I finished A Levels at school and took a year out before searching online for practical courses. I'm a creative person and the HND in Theatre Practice appealed to me because it is practical. I discovered what I loved and what I'm good at and this has led to some amazing experiences to date.

It all opened up for me after a show at the Castle Theatre in Wellingborough where I was given the opportunity to take care of the mics and sound. Thanks to this experience I found out what I wanted to do. My tutor informed me that I could apply to Drama School to study technical theatre and encouraged me to apply for a place at the London Academy of Performing Arts. I was accepted!

I now work as a composer and sound designer where I create the music for stage productions, radio and TV dramas. Recent projects include work for Jarvis Cocker's production at the Royal Exchange Theatre in Manchester. I would encourage everyone to consider all their options for continuing their education, the help and support I received at Northampton College has led me to a career I love.

HIGHER NATIONALS (HNC/HNDS)

We offer a growing number of higher nationals which are equivalent to the first two years of an honours degree. They provide specialist knowledge and skills based experience and are designed for specific types of jobs. Higher Nationals are offered on a full-time and part-time basis - this allows you to work in your chosen industry whilst gaining a qualification.

When you join a two-year Higher National programme at Northampton college you will achieve an HND after the second year of study.

In many cases, you can top up to convert your HND into a degree with a further year of study. In three years, you can achieve two qualifications, an HND and a degree for less than the cost of going straight to university.

If you are planning to start a full-time or part-time higher education course at a university or college, you may be able to apply for a student loan from the beginning of the calendar year in which your course starts.

For more information, go to slc.co.uk

Recent HND graduates have gone on to achieve first and upper second class honours in their top-up degrees and are building exciting careers in their chosen profession.

You will study at our Booth Lane campus in Northampton and can take advantage of our state-of-the-art facilities and resources, industry trained staff, careers advice and Students' Union membership.

You can apply online via our website.

For more information, visit;
northamptoncollege.ac.uk/university-level

We offer:

HNC/D Acting	/ BL
HND Application Design and Development*	/ BL
HNC/D Business, Finance and Marketing	/ BL
HNC Computing	/ BL
HND Cybersecurity*	/ BL
HNC/D Dance	/ BL
HNC/D Digital Film Production	/ BL
HNC/D Engineering (part time only)	/ BL
HNC/D Games Design	/ BL
HNC Music Performance	/ BL
HND Music Production*	/ BL
HNC Music Technology	/ BL
HND Session Musician**	/ BL
HNC/D Musical Theatre	/ BL
HNC/D Technical Theatre	/ BL

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*In order to enrol on this course you must first complete an HNC Music Technology course.

**In order to enrol on this course you must first complete an HNC Music Performance course.

Additional Higher Level courses:

Foundation Diploma Art and Design	/ BL
Level 4 Health and Social Care	/ BL
Professional Diploma in Creative Enterprise	/ BL

JIM DAVIES

HNC ENGINEERING



Jim studied HNC Engineering at Northampton College and has really enjoyed solving the technical challenges that were presented by his teachers.

He said "the benefits of studying a university level course are that you get to meet new people with similar interests to you and learn in an atmosphere that you sometimes take for granted at a younger age.

"I take great pride in solving problems that have been presented by my teachers and this has enabled me to use the skill I've acquired over the last 10 years of working in the industry, but in an entirely new way.

"I have learnt so much this year and my teachers have been very supportive. I'm looking forward to progressing on to the HND course and from there, I will hopefully gain a place at a good University."

HIGHER LEVEL APPRENTICESHIPS

If you're employed and want to gain a higher level qualification while you work, we offer opportunities for you to progress your career.

Higher Apprenticeships combine learning in the workplace with 'off the job' training at college.

As a paid employee, you'll gain the knowledge and skills you need to carry out specialised duties appropriate to the job standards set by industry. Fees for these qualifications are agreed with, and paid for, by the employer.

Our Higher Level Apprenticeships are:

Advanced Manufacturing Engineering	/	BL
Leadership for Health and Social Care	/	BL



TEACHING, TRAINING AND ASSESSING

Our part-time courses in education and training are for those who are interested in a career in the further education sector. The courses will develop knowledge in teaching/ learning approaches, assessment methods, session planning and professional practice.

If you're interested in becoming an educator or have just started your teaching role, you can take your first steps with our Level 3 Award programme. If you're already working in the post-16 sector and want to secure qualifications in teaching to improve your career prospects, we offer a Level 5 Diploma qualification in partnership with Pearson.

Level 3 Award in Education and Training	/	BL
Level 5 Diploma in Education and Training	/	BL

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