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UNIVERSITY LEVEL COURSES

MINI GUIDE 2024-25

A background image showing three young people (two women and one man) smiling and looking towards the camera in a bright, modern indoor setting. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

YOU COULD JOIN A TWO-YEAR HIGHER NATIONAL PROGRAMME AT NORTHAMPTON COLLEGE THAT WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH SPECIALIST KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS BASED EXPERIENCE.

We offer a growing number of higher nationals which are equivalent to the first two years of an honours degree. They will cost less than going straight to university 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.

Our University Level 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 University Level 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 can save on living costs by staying in 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 Digital and Academic Resources Centre 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



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CASE STUDY

ALEXANDRA

HND Theatre Practice

Alexandra finished A Levels at school and took a year out before searching online for practical courses. She is a creative person and the HND in Theatre Practice appealed to her because it is practical. Alexandra discovered what she loved and what she's 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."

HIGHER NATIONALS (HNC/HNDS)

Our Higher National programme is made up of a Higher National Certificate (HNC) in the first year, and a Higher National Diploma (HND) in the second year.

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 University Level course at Northampton College, you can 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
HNC/D Business, Finance and Marketing	BL
HNC/D Cybersecurity	BL
HNC/D Dance	BL
HNC/D Digital Film Production	BL
HNC General Engineering (part-time only)	BL
HNC/D Games Design	BL
HNC/D Integrated Health and Social Care	BL
HNC Music Technology	BL
HND Music Production*	BL
HNC Music Performance	BL
HND Session Musician**	BL
HNC/D Musical Theatre	BL
HNC/D Technical Theatre	BL
HND/HNC Public Services	BL

Key – BL – Booth Lane

***To enrol on this course, you must first complete HNC Music Technology**

****To enrol on this course, you must first complete HNC Music Performance**

Additional Higher Level courses:

Foundation Diploma Art and Design	BL
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Check our courses on our website as courses are updated throughout the year.

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CASE STUDY

CONOR

HNC in Games Design

Conor first joined Northampton College by enrolling onto the Supported Learning on an Accessing College and Education course after finishing at Beehive – an academy for students with learning difficulties. This course helped him to access mainstream College, where he went on to study Level 1 Media and Level 2 and 3 Games Design.

“Last year, I was delighted to complete my Higher National Certificate (HNC) in Games Design at the College. My favourite part of the HNC was learning how to mould and sculpt objects such as a human face. I am now working towards my Higher National Diploma (HND) in Games Design at Northampton College.

“The staff at Northampton College have been great. They have really helped me to develop my skills and progress. They are perfect in educating and helping. You won’t find a better experience when it comes to support. Throughout my entire time at Northampton College, I have been able to use professional equipment and software that is used in the industry.

“As for the future, I am looking to go to university to complete my final top up year in Games Design. Career wise I would love to become a games producer or games designer for a recognised company in the gaming industry.”



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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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