





#### Welcome

Congratulations on taking the next step towards building on your education and developing your future career. You are joining the College at an exciting period of transformation as we progress through our Campus 21 development plans.

We have carefully selected each of the courses listed in this guide as programmes that offer real value to our students and are relevant to the needs of employers or to progression within education. Whether you are a recent school leaver, or you are returning to study after time away, this guide summarises the excellent opportunities available across our six campuses.

Whilst at the College you will most closely interact with our professional teaching staff. All of our lecturers have specialist expertise in their subject areas and many continue to work as professionals in industry. This connection with industry is important to us and as a College we work closely with businesses to ensure our provision is relevant and reflects the needs of employers. No matter what subject or qualification you choose, your course will be geared towards helping you to enhance your career prospects.

If you already know what subject you are interested in you will find more detailed information on our website, so please make sure you visit www.nrc.ac.uk to find out more.

If you are still trying to decide on what to do next please make use of the careers service we offer across our campuses. Why not come in and talk to one of our careers advisors who can discuss the options available to you? We would be delighted to see you.

I hope you find this guide useful and informative – and I look forward to welcoming you as student of Northern Regional College in September 2018.

Jeser Trott

Professor Terri Scott Principal & Chief Executive





# Study at Northern Regional College

At Northern Regional College you can shape the direction of your education and career. Our range of qualifications and wide selection of subject areas gives you choice in your learning. Whether you want to work towards a trade or progress to university you will find a course for your needs.

We offer Apprenticeships with, GCSE equivalent courses (Level 2 BTEC Diploma) and A Level equivalent courses (Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma) and Access to University courses.

#### Excellent quality of teaching and learning

Many of our lecturers continue to work as industry professionals and offer extensive knowledge and experience of their specialist

#### Practical work-based structure

All courses are designed to provide you with the skills required to meet the needs of employers.

\*For details of our Training/Apprenticeships visit our website or collect a Work-based learning course guide from any campus reception.



# Modern equipment and facilities

All subject areas are delivered with the latest equipment and facilities to meet industry standards.

### Progression

Our courses offer excellent progression routes.
Qualifications are available from Level 1 through to Level 6 (Higher Education), all within the College. You can move onto more advanced qualifications in the same subject or into new areas.

# Excellent industry links

The College has excellent links with local, national and international employers who provide students with valuable placement opportunities, guest lectures and site visits.





### Open Days

Open Days are a great opportunity to visit your local campus, speak to our friendly staff and find out more about our courses and facilities.

All Campuses Saturday 3 February 2018 10am -1pm

### Ballymena

(Farm Lodge and Trostan Avenue) Wednesday 7 February 2018 4pm – 8pm

#### Ballymoney

Thursday 8 February 2018 4pm – 8pm

#### Coleraine

Monday 5 February 2018 4pm – 8pm

### Magherafelt

Tuesday 6 February 2018 4pm – 8pm

#### Newtownabbey

Wednesday 7 February 2018 4pm - 8pm





#### Facilities

#### Libraries

Each campus has its own library with access to PCs, 35,000 printed books, over 500 e-books and 20,000 electronic journals. Dedicated library staff will support you in using the library and in finding the resources you need to succeed on your course.

#### Teaching Facilities

You will be taught with the equipment and facilities needed to provide you with a high quality learning experience in your subject area. Our campuses are equipped with everything from standard teaching rooms to a wide variety of specialist equipment including engineering, sports and fitness, car maintenance, beauty, graphic design and science laboratories.

#### Learning Online

Each campus has access to computers and printers. You will also be able to access the College off-campus though the student portal and with a College email address. Many subject areas also deliver teaching online which you can access on or off campus.

#### Canteen

Each campus has a canteen offering a selection of affordable snacks, sandwiches and meals. Meal deals, daily specials and healthy options are available throughout the week.

#### **Seating Areas**

Comfortable seating areas are available around the campuses for meeting friends and relaxing outside of class.

#### Free Wi-Fi

Free Wi-Fi is available at each campus. There are also designated Wi-Fi hotspots in each library for personal devices.







### Supporting Students

# Careers Advice and Guidance

Our professional careers advice team will work with you throughout the academic year to help with career planning, job applications, interview skills and university applications such as UCAS and Central Applications Office (CAO).



### **Education Support**

We offer comprehensive education support tailored to your specific needs in order to ensure you have the support to attend College and to succeed on your course. If you are unsure about the support we can offer, we can offer transition visits prior to starting your course which will provide a personal review of your needs.

#### Counselling Services

Beginning a new course can be a stressful time. There may be occasions where you may need to speak to someone outside of your course about issues affecting you. Our College counselling service is available 24 hours per day, 365 days per year and is staffed by professionally trained counsellors who you can talk to on the phone or in person. Group counselling is also available.





#### Teaching methods may include:

- **▶** Guest lectures from industry professionals or specialists
- ▶ One-to-one sessions with vour tutor
- ▶ Workshops
- Case studies
- Directed learning
- ▶ Independent study
- ▶ Visits e.g. to museums and exhibitions or into industry
- **▶** Productions
- Design studio work
- Laboratory work

#### **Assessment methods** may include:

- ▶ Formal examinations
- ▶ Practical exercises
- ▶ Coursework
- ▶ Online examinations
- ▶ Written assignments
- ▶ Reports
- ▶ Essays
- ▶ Case Studies
- Reports
- Observation of Skills
- ▶ Real-life industry projects
- ▶ Presentations

#### **Industrial Visits**

We have excellent industrial links with local, national and international employers who provide you with valuable seminars, visits and placement opportunities.







#### Level 3 BTEC/Cambridge Extended Diploma (A Levels equivalent)

A Levels equivalent

- Equivalent to 3 A Levels
- Studied over 2 years, full-time
- Practical work related course
- Provides progression to Higher Education courses at Colleges and/or universities.

#### e Level 3 BTEC Subsidiary Diploma

- Equivalent to 1 A Level
- Studied over 1 year, full-time
- Practical work-related course
- Successful students automatically progress to the second year of the Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma.

# Level 3 BTEC 90 Credit Diploma

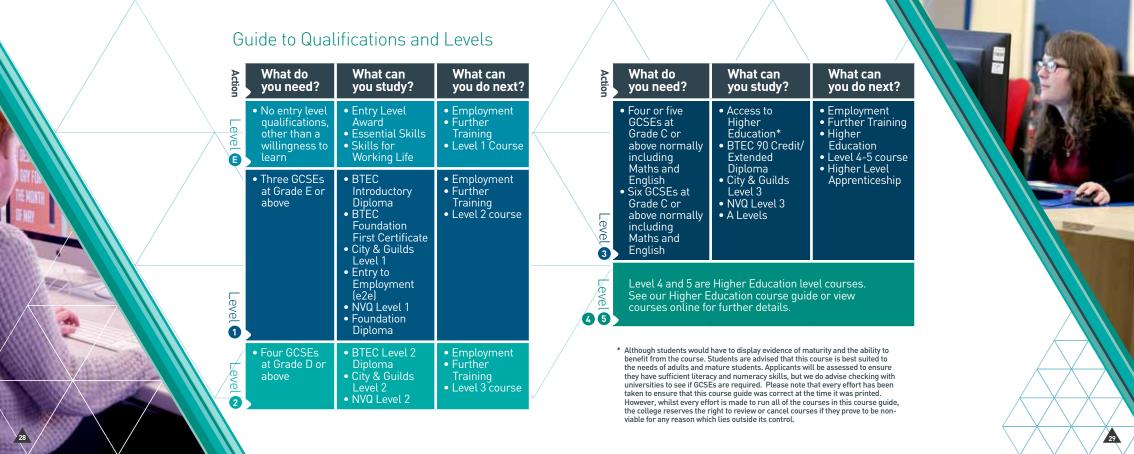
- **■** Equivalent to 1.5 A Levels
- Studied over 1 year, full-time
- Practical work-related course
- Successful students automatically progress to the second year of the Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma.

# **Level 2 BTEC Diploma** (GCSE equivalent)

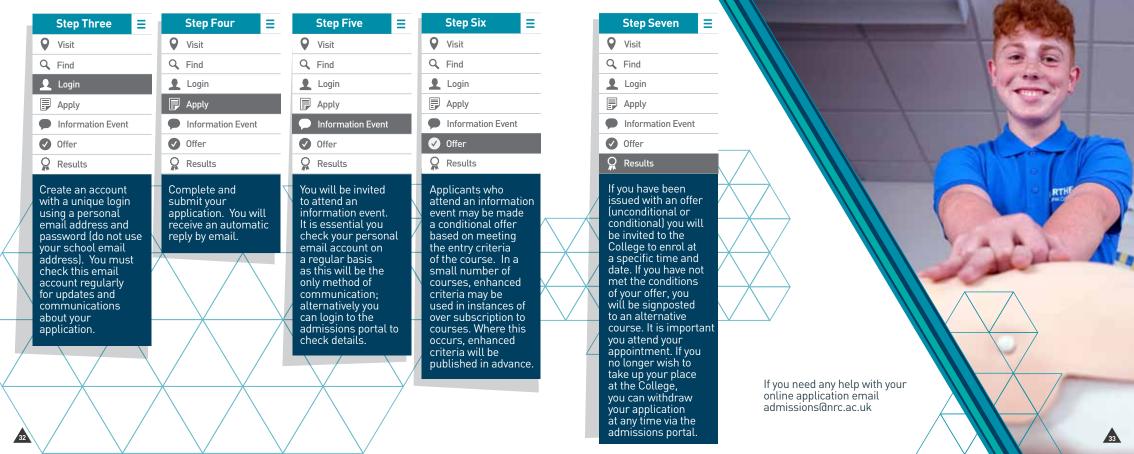
- = Equivalent to 4 GCSEs at Grade C or above
- Studied 1 year, full-time
- Provides progressions to Level 3 course.

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# Fees and Funding

The College has a dedicated Student Finance team who can provide you with support and assistance with applying for funding to support your studies and in accessing any additional College funds.

Where courses have additional mandatory expenses we make every effort to highlight them in the online prospectus. These may include uniforms, kits, IFA registration, residential visits, field trips, materials, security checks, computer equipment.

For further information contact Student Finance on 028 2563 6254.

#### **EMA**

For Further Education students aged between 16 and 19. This award is meanstested on household income and students may receive payment of £30 per week.

#### **Travel Pass**

Students must be aged 18 or younger on 1 July and on a full-time Further Education course to apply for a Travel Pass or travel allowance. Other criteria and age restrictions may apply and you should contact the Education Authority for further information.



# Further Education Award

Students must be 19 or older on 1 July. This is a means tested award for full-time students and usually has a closing date. Early application is recommended. Other criteria and age restrictions may apply and you should contact the Education Authority for further information.

#### **Hardship Grant**

Students must be 18 or older at the start of the academic year. Assistance is means tested and students must have applied to all other sources of finance that are available to them in the first instance. This fund is administered by the College. Application criteria are available upon request.

# Care to Learn Scheme

If you have care of a child then you may be able to get help with childcare and travel costs. You must be aged between 16 and 19 at the start of the course. This fund is administered by the College.

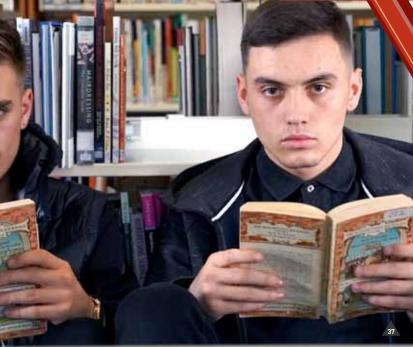
#### Childcare Assistance

Help with childcare costs may be available to both further and higher education students through Student Finance NI

# Other Sources of Help

There may be other sources of support available to you, such as free school meals, or the Disabled Student Allowance. Please refer to our website for further details.













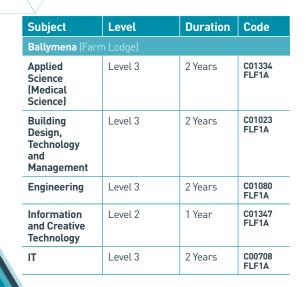


Subject	Level	Duration	Code
Ballymena (Tros			
Access Diploma in Social Sciences	Level 3	1 Year	C01665 TAF1A
Art and Design	Level 3	1 Year	C01240 TAF1A
Aspire2Work	Inclusive Learning	1 Year	C00723 TAF1A
Barbering	Level 2	1 Year	C01715 TAF1A
Barbering	Level 3	1 Year	C01814 TAF1A
Beauty Therapy	Level 2	1 Year	C01206 TAF1A
Beauty Therapy Techniques	Level 3	1 Year	C01207 TAF1A
Business with Digital Technologies	Level 2	1 Year	C01673 TAF1A
Business with IT	Level 3	2 Years	C01467 TAF1A
Children's Care, Learning and Development	Level 2	1 Year	C01920 TAF1A

Subject	Level	Duration	Code
Ballymena (Tros			
Children's Care, Learning and Development	Level 3	2 Years	C00068 TAF1A
Creative Media Production	Level 3	2 years	C01061 TAF1A
Fashion Design and Production	Level 3	2 Years	C01624 TAF1A
Hairdressing	Level 2	1 Year	C01714 TAF1A
Hairdressing	Level 3	1 Year	C01800 TAF1A
Health and Social Care	Level 2	1 Year	C01934 TAF1A
Health and Social Care	Level 3	2 Years	C01032 TAF1A
Healthy Living	Level 2	1 Year	C01710 TAF1A
Professional Cookery (Introduction)	Level 1	1 Year	C01041 TAF1A
Professional Cookery	Level 2	1 Year	C01568 TAF1A
Route2Work	Inclusive Learning	1 Year	C01243 TAF1A







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Subject	Level	Duration	Code
Ballymena (Farn	n Lodge)		
Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair	Level 3	2 Years	C01291 FLF1A
Public Services	Level 3	2 Years	C01402 FLF1A
Sport	Level 2	1 Year	C01810 FLF1A
Sport (IFA specialism option)	Level 3	2 Years	C01287 FLF1A
Travel, Tourism & Aviation Operations	Level 3	2 Years	C01807 FLF1A







Subject	Level	Duration	Code
Ballymoney			
Access to Opportunity	Level 2	1 Year	C01409 BMF1A
Animal Care	Level 2	1 Year	C01172 BMF1A
Animal Management	Level 3	2 Years	C01788 BMF1A
Animation	Level 3	2 Years	C01062 BMF1B
Aspire2Work	Inclusive Learning	1 Year	C00723 BMF1A
Barbering	Level 2	1 Year	C01715 BMF1A
Beauty Therapy	Level 2	1 Year	C01206 BMF1A
Beauty Therapy Techniques	Level 3	1 Year	C01207 BMF1A
Business with Digital Technologies	Level 2	1 Year	C01673 BMF1A

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Ballymoney				
Business with IT	Level 3	1 Year	C01735 BMF1A	
Children's Care, Learning and Development	Level 2	1 Year	C01920 BMF1A	_
Children's Care, Learning and Development	Level 3	2 Years	C00068 BMF1A	_
Creative Digital Media Production	Level 2	1 Year	C01515 BMF1A	_
Creative Media Production, Interactive Media	Level 3	2 Years	C01062 BMF1A	
Creative Media Production, TV & Film	Level 3	2 Years	C01142 BMF1A	

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Ballymoney			
Hairdressing	Level 2	1 Year	C01714 BMF1A
Hairdressing	Level 3	1 Year	C01800 BMF1A
Music Technology	Level 3	2 Years	C01586 BMF1B
Performing Arts	Level 3	2 Years	C01586 BMF1A
 Professional Cookery (Introduction)	Level 1	1 Year	C01041 BMF1A
 Professional Cookery	Level 2	1 Year	C01568 BMF1A
Professional Cookery (Preparation and Cooking)	Level 3	1 Year	C01106 BMF1A
Route2Work	Inclusive Learning	1 Year	C01243 BMF1A

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Coleraine			
Access Diploma in Social Sciences	Level 3	1 Year	C01665 CRF1A
Applied Science	Level 3	2 Years	C01334 CRF1A
Building Design, Technology and Management	Level 3	2 Years	C01023 CRF1A
Business	Level 3	2 Years	C01960 CRF1A
Digital Games Development	Level 3	2 Years	C01623 CRF1A
Engineering (Manufacturing Engineering)	Level 2	1 Year	C01472 CRF1A
Engineering	Level 3	2 years	C01080 CRF1A
Health and Social Care	Level 2	1 Year	C01934 CRF1A
Health and Social Care	Level 3	2 Years	C01032 CRF1A

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Coleraine			
Information and Creative Technology	Level 2	1 Year	C01347 CRF1A
IT	Level 3	2 Years	C00708 CRF1A
Sport	Level 2	1 Year	C01810 CRF1A
Sport and Exercise Sciences	Level 3	2 Years	C01289 CRF1A
Sport (IFA specialism option)	Level 3	2 Years	C01287 CRF1A
Tourism and Aviation	Level 2	1 Year	C01809 CRF1A
Travel and Tourism with WorldHost & Social Media	Level 3	2 Years	C00952 CRF1A











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Magherafelt			
Engineering (Manufacturing Engineering)	Level 2	1 Year	C01472 MCF1A
Engineering	Level 3	2 Years	C01080 MCF1A
Hairdressing	Level 2	1 Year	C01714 MCF1A
Hairdressing	Level 3	1 Year	C01800 MCF1A
Health and Social Care	Level 3	2 Years	C01032 MCF1A
Information and Creative Technology	Level 2	1 Year	C01347 MCF1A
IT	Level 3	2 Years	C00708 MCF1A
Route2Work	Inclusive Learning	1 Year	C01243 MCF1A
Sport (IFA/ GAA specialism option)	Level 3	2 Years	C01287 MCF1A
Tourism and Aviation	Level 2	1 Year	C01809 MCF1A

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Newtownabbey				Newtownabbey	
Access Diploma in Social Sciences	Level 3	1 Year	C01665 CRF1A	Business with Digital Technologies	Le
Access to Opportunity	Level 2	1 Year	C01409 NAF1A	Business with IT	Le
Animal Care	Level 2	1 Year	C01172 NAF1A	Childcare	Le
Animal Management	Level 3	2 Years	C01788 NAF1A	Children's Care, Learning and	Le
Animation	Level 3	2 Years	C01062 NAF1B	Development Children's Care,	Le
Applied Science	Level 2	1 Year	C01486 NAF1A	Learning and Development	LC
Applied Science (Forensics)	Level 3	2 Years	C01334 NAF1A	Children's Care, Learning and	Le
Aspire2Work	Inclusive Learning	1 Year	C00723 NAF1A	Development Creative	Le
Beauty Therapy	Level 2	1 Year	C01206 NAF1A	Digital Media Production	
Beauty Therapy Techniques	Level 3	1 Year	C01207 NAF1A	Creative Media Production, Interactive	
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	Newtownabbey			
	Business with Digital Technologies	Level 2	1 Year	C01673 NAF1A
	Business with IT	Level 3	2 Years	C01467 NAF1A
	Childcare	Level 1	1 Year	C01425 NAF1A
	Children's Care, Learning and Development	Level 2	1 Year	C01920 NAF1A
_	Children's Care, Learning and Development	Level 3	1 Year	C01921 NAF1A
	Children's Care, Learning and Development	Level 3	2 Years	C00068 NAF1A
_	Creative Digital Media Production	Level 2	1 Year	C01515 NAF1A
_	Creative Media Production, Interactive Media	Level 3	2 Years	C01062 NAF1A







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Newtownabbey			
Digital Games Development	Level 3	2 Years	C01623 NAF1A
Engineering	Level 3	2 Years	C01080 NAF1A
Hairdressing	Level 2	1 Year	C01714 NAF1A
Hairdressing	Level 3	1 Year	C01800 NAF1A
Health and Social Care	Level 2	1 Year	C01934 NAF1A
Health and Social Care	Level 3	2 Years	C01032 NAF1A
Information and Creative Technology	Level 2	1 Year	C01347 NAF1A
IT	Level 3	2 Years	C00708 NAF1A

	<b>Subject</b> (by Campus)	Level	Duration	Code	
Newtownabbey					
	Performing Arts	Level 2	1 Years	C00776 NAF1A	
	Performing Arts	Level 3	2 Years	C01072 NAFIA	
	Route2Work	Inclusive Learning	1 Year	C01243 NAF1A	
	Sport	Level 2	1 Year	C01810 NAF1A	
	Sport (IFA specialism option)	Level 3	2 Years	C01287 NAF1A	
į	Tourism and Aviation	Level 2	1 Year	C01809 NAF1A	
į	Travel, Tourism & Aviation Operations	Level 3	2 Year	C01807 NAF1A	
	Travel & Tourism	Level 3	2 Years	C00952 NAF1A	

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### **Contact Us**

#### **Enquiries**

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Please note that the College's website is the most up-to-date source of information regarding courses and fees and we strongly recommend that you always visit the website before making any commitments.

All courses are subject to minimum enrolment numbers.

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