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## **WELCOME!**

Congratulations on taking the next step towards building on your education and developing your future career. Choosing to study for a Higher Education qualification is a major decision and it is important to consider the currently include Engineering full range of options available to you. At Northern Regional College we offer Higher Education programmes that provide you with choice and flexibility for your career and education goals.

If you aspire to university then most of our courses are recognised pathways and can be a more affordable route to an Honours degree. Our Foundation Degrees include subjects in the Built Environment, Engineering, Applied Science, Business and Computing, Social Care, Counselling and Media. These courses are normally linked to degrees and typically offer exemption from part of the

We also have a number Higher Level Apprenticeships where you can remain in employment whilst working level qualifications. Subjects and Accountancy.

All of the courses in this guide have been designed to provide the knowledge and skills needed to enhance your employability and are valuable qualifications in their own right. Whether you choose to focus on your career, or continue to higher education each course is officially accredited and recognised and will enhance your employability.

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

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 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 2017.

Professor Terri Scott Principal/Chief Executive





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HIGHER EDUCATION AT NORTHERN REGIONAL COLLEGE





There are many benefits to studying Higher Education at Northern Regional College:

#### Affordability

You can study closer to home to save on travel and accommodation expenses. Fees are considerably less than at university.

- Lower full-time tuition fees Full-time tuition fees will be no more than £2,500 per year for Higher Education courses.
- Earn while you learn
  Foundation Degrees and
  Higher Level Apprenticeships
  let you work while you study.

#### Flexibility

We offer students excellent levels of qualifications and pathways which can lead to university.

#### • Smaller classes

You will receive more personalised teaching in smaller classes and tutorial sessions allowing for individualised learning plans and excellent pastoral support.

#### Links with industry and employers

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

## • Experience matters Students may be acce

Students may be accepted on the basis of their prior experience and education.

Applications to Higher Education courses at Northern Regional College are made directly to the College and not through UCAS. Applications to the College are in addition to your five UCAS applications.





- No formal
- Four or five GCSEs at Grade C or above normally including Maths and English • Six GCSEs Grade C
- or above normally including Maths and

• 48 UCAS points or

120 UCAS points [old tarrif] plus five

GCSEs at Grade C

or above

Level 3

#### What do you need?

- - - A Levels

#### What can you study?

- Access to Higher
- BTEC 90 Credit/ Extended Diploma
- City & Guilds
- NVQ Level 3

What can

• Employment Further Training

you do next?

Higher Education

• Level 4-5 course

Higher Level Apprenticeship

- Further Training
  - Higher Education, for example top up to a Bachelor [BA, BSc] degree or post graduate studies.
- Combined Modular Extended Degree [CMED]
- HNC/HND
- Foundation Degree
- Higher Level
   Apprenticeship

\* Although students would have to display evidence of maturity and the ability to benefit from the course. Students are advised that this course is best suited to the needs of adults and mature students. Applicants will be assessed to ensure they have sufficient literacy and numeracy skills, but we do advise checking with universities to see if GCSEs are required. Please note that every effort has been taken to ensure that this course guide was correct at the time it was printed. However, whilst every effort is made to run all of the courses in this course guide, the College reserves the right to review or cancel courses if they prove to be non-viable for any reason which lies outside its control.











Level 4 Award
Level 4 Certificate
Level 4 Diploma
Level 4 NVQ
Higher National Certificate (HNC) Diploma
Higher National Certificate (HNC)

Level 5 Diploma Higher National Diploma (HND) Foundation Degree

Level 6 Certificate
Level 6 Diploma
Degree with Honours (BSc Honours)



# BECOME AN ULSTER UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATE

Most Foundation Degrees at Northern Regional College are validated by Ulster University. If you enrol on one of these Foundation Degrees you will be a student of the College and also an Ulster University Associate Student. As an Associate Student you can access a wide range of Ulster's resources and facilities. You will be issued with an Ulster University student card which will allow you to use their services including the library and sports centre.





## **FACILITIES**

#### Libraries

Each campus has its own library. Our library service has all the resources you will need to succeed in your course including computers, 35,000 printed books, over 500 e-books and an online catalogue with access to more than 20,000 electronic journals and e-databases.

#### **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, 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 some teaching online which you can access on or off campus.

#### **Seating Areas**

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

#### 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.

#### Free Wi-Fi

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

#### Free Car Parking

Free parking is available to students at all campuses.



# STUDENTS' UNION

As a student at Northern Regional College you are automatically a member of the Students' Union. The Union represents students across all campuses and is governed by the College's Students' Counci The Council consists of elected campus officers, the Vice-President and Students' Union President. The Students' Union is affiliated to the National Union of Students in Ireland (NUS-USI).



- Membership of clubs and societies;
- All Union activities and events;
- Voting in College elections and attend meetings;
- Standing for election for any Students' Union officer post;
- The opportunity to sit on the College Board of Governors and associated subcommittees.

# SUPPORTING STUDENTS

#### **Careers Advice** and Guidance

you with career planning, job



#### **Education Support**

and/or disability to participate and progress with their studies at the College.

# Counselling Services

Beginning any new course can be a stressful time. Counsellors are available to





# HOW YOU WILL LEARN

Teaching and assessment methods vary but most courses are taught through traditional lectures and practical sessions. You may be taught on campus, by of both (blended learning).

#### Teaching methods may also include:

- Guest lectures from industry professionals or specialists
- One-to-one sessions with your tutor
- Workshops
- Case studies
- Directed learning
- Independent study
- exhibitions or into industry
- Productions
- Design studio work
- Laboratory work

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

- Coursework
- Reports
- Formal examinations
- Online examinations Essays
- Practical exercises
- Case studies
- Reports
- Real-life industry projects
  • Presentations
- Observation of skills

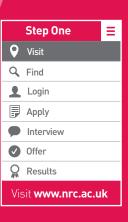
#### Industrial visits

We have excellent industrial links with local national and international students with valuable seminars, visits and placement opportunities.









Step Two Visit Q Find **L**ogin Apply Interview Offer Results Find the course you are applying to and add it to the basket.

Your online account will allow you to track the status of your application and check your interview details and course offer.

If you need any help with your online application email admissions@nrc.ac.uk





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Results

Create an account with a unique login using a personal email address and password (do not use vour school email address). You must check this email account regularly for updates and about your

#### **Step Four**

Visit

Q Find

Login

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Interview

Offer

Results

Complete and submit your receive an automatic reply by email.



## Step Six

Interview

Results

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Login Apply

Interview

Offer

Visit

Q Find

Login

Apply

Q Results

Step Seven

If a course is over-subscribed the College reserves the right to enhance the entry criteria. Details of enhanced criteria will be provided at interview.

Your application to Northern Regional College does not count as one of your UCAS applications. You can apply to Northern Regional College in addition to your other UCAS applications. With the exception of the Full-time Foundation Degree in Childhood Studies – UCAS code LX53 we do not accept applications through UCAS.







Tuition fees for full-time Higher Education courses for 2017/2018 are £2,500 per year. Part-time fees are available to view online at www.nrc.ac.uk

#### Payment options

#### Payment In Full

Fees may be paid in full. For full-time courses you may apply to the Student Loans Company for a tuition fee loan for payment of your fees. www. studentfinance.co.uk

#### Flexible Payments

To help spread the cost of your course, you can pay by direct debit instalments. You will be required to pay a 25% deposit and £10 administration fee.

For full-time students payments must be made in 3 instalments: 1 December 2017; 2 January 2018 and 1 February 2018.

For part-time students payments must be made in 3 instalments: 1 November 2017; 1 December 2017 and 2 January 2018.

Student Loans contact: Student Finance T: 028 2563 6230

Direct debit contact: Credit Control Officer T: 028 2566 4248

#### Financial Support

Our student finance team are on hand to assist you with any financial matter or to help you apply for grants or awards that are available. For further details visit www.nrc.ac.uk or T: 028 2563 6254

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



# ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

#### Foundation Degree

For all our courses there is a minimum UCAS Tariff requirement. Many courses will also ask for specific subjects at GCSE and/or A level or equivalent.

See website www.nrc.ac.uk for course specific entry requirements.

#### Higher Level Apprenticeships (HLA)

Apprenticeships (HLA)
Entry requirements may vary.
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You must have an appropriate employer. Companies may recruit directly for HLAs.

#### Level 4 - Level 6

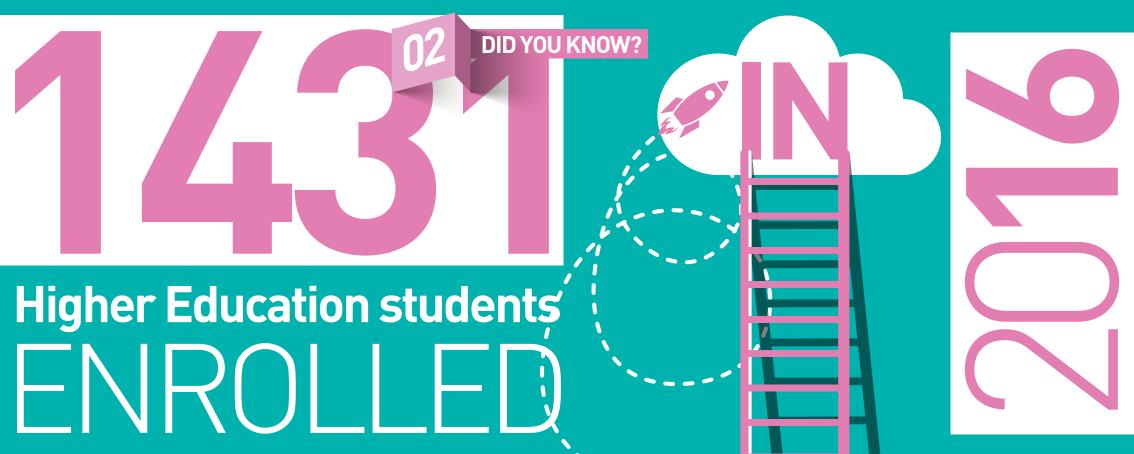
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#### **BSc Honours Degree**

HNC/D subject related qualification or equivalent.

Mature students may be considered individually based on their education and experience.









#### **Accountancy**

Level

#### Higher Level Apprenticeship

Туре	Campus	Code
Full-time	G	C01726

The Higher Level
Apprenticeship in
Accountancy provides an
alternative route to a career
in the accountancy and
finance professions. This
work-based course enables
you to earn while you learn
and gain a professional
qualification equivalent to
a Foundation Degree and
is recognised by leading

#### Accountancy

Level

**Level 4 Certificate** (Accounting Technicians Ireland)

Туре	Campus	Code
Part-time	BJ G M N	C01534

The level 4 Certificate in Accounting Technicians course is designed for those already working in an accounting environment in a private practice, industry or the public sector, and who wish to pursue a formal qualification in this field. If you are involved in cash management, payroll, credit control or budgeting then this course can enhance your career prospects.

# Advanced Practice in Work with Children and Families

Level

#### Level 5 Higher National Certificate

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Туре	Campus	Code
Part-time	N	C00125

This course provides the opportunity to gain a nationally recognised qualification for those wishing to enter employment in the early years sector or for progressing to higher education qualifications such as a full-time or partime degree in Early Years.

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# Applied and Medical Science

Level

Foundation Degree

Туре	Campus	Code
Full-time	N	C01976 NAF1A

Upon completion of this course, students will be suitable for full-time employment and/or progression to full-time and part-time degrees in related disciplines. Foundation Degree students with appropriate grades will be eligible to apply for exemption from the first year of related degree programmes at Ulster University, such as

Science

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#### **Business**

#### Level 4 HNC Diploma

Туре	Campus	Code
Part-time	BI C	C01996



#### **Business Studies**

#### **BSc Honours Degree**

Туре	Campus	Code
Part-time	BT	C00143

#### **Business and** Administration

#### Level 4 NVQ

Туре	Campus	Code
Part-time	M	C01176

#### **Business with** Digital Technology

# **Foundation Degree**

Туре	Campus	Code
Part-time	BT	C01494
Full-time	BT M N	C01494



#### **CISCO CCNA**

Туре	Campus	Code
Part-time	BF	C00334

Cisco is the leading supplier of networking equipment and network management for the internet. Cisco has developed a curriculum of courses for IT professionals to educate them on networking technologies and Cisco products. The suite of CISCO CCNA courses is designed for people looking to gain professional certification which is recognised worldwide.

### Cognitive Behavioural Therapeutic Skills and Theory

#### Level 5 Diploma [CPCAB]

Туре	Campus	Code
Part-time	BL	C01949

This course is designed for those who have completed a higher level qualification in Counselling of at least 450 hours and wish to extend their knowledge of Cognitive Behavioural Therapy. The course involves a large amount of practical role plays. As part of the course applicants will carry out client work where they can apply the theory of CBT to the counselling process. Group Supervision is also a requirement of the course.



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#### Computing

Level

#### **Foundation Degree** (Ulster University)

Туре	Campus	Code
Full-time	BF N	C01973

This course is designed to meet the needs of students and industry. It prepares students to progress directly into employment in the computing industry and provides suitably skilled employees to serve the needs of industry and the local economy. It also presents students with the knowledge and skills to progress to further study at Honours degree level at

#### Computing

Level

#### Level 4 HNC Diploma

Туре	Campus	Code
Part-time	M	C01738

This course provides a thorough grounding in the key concepts and practical skills required for successful careers in computing and offers a progression path to Computing Science, ICT. Interactive Media and other computing related degree courses at university. The course covers highly sought after skills including programming. Whether you are viewing this course as a direct route into employment or a stepping stone onto university, it will equip you with the skills you need.

#### **Counselling Studies**

Level

#### **Level 4 Certificate** (Ulster University)

Туре	Campus	Code
Part-time	A BL B M	C00295

This course offers the skills that will be useful for those who work with people in many different contexts. The course covers three modules of study which include developing an understanding of the theories involved in working with people in a range of settings. It also examines the ways in which communication and counselling skills may be developed. Personal development is a key aspect of the three modules of the

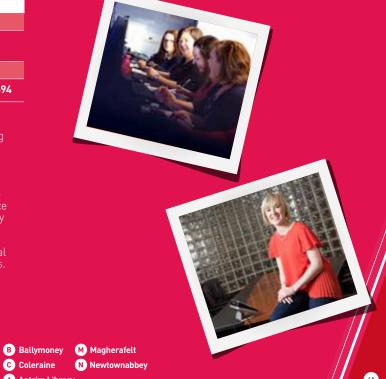
#### Counselling

Level

#### **Foundation Degree** (Ulster University)

Туре	Campus	Code
Part-time	BL	C00694

The aim of this course is to expand on your existing counselling skills and develop an insight into counselling theory. The course is designed for skills within the workplace and/or gain the necessary application to BACP/ IACP or other professional counselling organisations.





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#### **Early Childhood Studies**

Level

**Foundation Degree** (Stranmillis University)

Туре	Campus	Code (*UCAS)
Part-time	BT	C01620
Full-time	N	C01620
		*LX53

This course provides you with the opportunity to develop a thorough knowledge and understanding of early years and related issues, enabling you to become a competent and well qualified early years practitioner. It will also give you a nationally recognised qualification and evidence of your ability to work in the early years sector. Additionally, you will have the opportunity to progress to year 2 of the BA (Honours) Early Childhood Studies course at Stranmillis University College.

#### **Engineering – Advanced** Manufacturing

Level

Higher Level Apprenticeship

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Туре	Campus	Code
Full-time	BF	AENGHLA

The Higher Level Apprenticeship in Advanced Manufacturing Engineering has been designed to provide the manufacturing and engineering sector in Northern Ireland with high grade technicians and engineers who have practical skills, combined with a higher education qualification. The programme will facilitate progression from Level 3 apprenticeship and future qualifications and enable apprentices to work towards Incorporated Engineer status.

Engineering -Electrical and **Electronic Engineering** 

Level

Foundation Degree (Ulster University)

Туре	Campus	Code
Part-time Full-Time	BF	C01975

completion of this course graduates will be suitable for full-time employment and/or progression to fulltime and part-time degrees in related disciplines. Foundation Degree students with appropriate grades may be eligible for exemption from the first year of related degree programmes at Ulster University.

Engineering -Mechanical and Manufacturing **Engineering** 

Level

**Foundation Degree** (Ulster University)

Туре	Campus	Code
Part-time Full-time	BF	C01974

Students successfully completing this course will be suitable for fulltime employment and/or progession to full-time and part-time degress in related disciplines. Foundation Degree students with suitable grades may be eligible for exemption from the first year of related degree programmes at Ulster University.

#### Engineering -**Operations**

Level

Level 4 Higher National Certificate Diploma

Туре	Campus	Code
Part-time	N	C01198

This course provides engineering industry with the necessary technical, managerial, analytical and personal skills to operate effectively as team



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**Interactive Design** 

**Foundation Degree** 

N

C01972

Full-time

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#### **Health and Social Care**

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#### Level 4 Higher National Certificate

Туре	Campus	Code
Part-time	BT C	C01945

This course equips students with knowledge, understanding and skills for success in employment in the health and social care sector at supervisory or management levels or as a foundation to further study at degree level. It is delivered by experienced staff who will provide a supportive and encouraging learning environment

#### **Health and Social Care**

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# Foundation Degree (Ulster University)

	Campus	Code
Full-time	BT N	C01615

This is an innovative and contemporary course validated by Ulster Universiwhich will be attractive to both students and employers in the health and social care sector. The aim of this foundation degree is to prepare graduates with a range of knowledge and skills required to meet the current and future evolving needs of health and social care services.







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# Leadership and Management (NEW)

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#### Level 4 Award (ILM)

Туре	Campus	Code
Part-time	C	C01388

This course is designed for new and aspiring managers who want to get to grips with the role, gain comprehensive business knowledge and develop the skills you need to load at this layer



# Leadership and Management

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#### Level 5 Certificate (ILM)

Туре	Campus	Code
Part-time	BT N	C01389

The ILM Level 5 Certificate in Leadership and Management aims to equip aspiring and practicing middle managers with knowledge and skills which will enable them to more effectively carry out their role.

Leadership for Children's Care, Learning and Development (Management)

Level

# **Level 5 Diploma** (City & Guilds)

Туре	Campus	Code
Part-time	BN	C01928

This course meets the minimum standards for managing child care settings as set out in DHSSPS Childminding and Day-care (children under 12). It is designed to guide and assess the development of knowledge and skills relating to children's care, learning and development including those relating to leading teams and managing resources within children and young people's settings. This qualification will conferoccupational competence to

# Occupational Health and Safety

Level

#### Level 6 Diploma (NEBOSH)

Туре	Campus	Code
Part-time	N	C00323

This course aims to provide people from a wide range of industries with the necessary technical, managerial, analytical and personal skills to advise, develop and operate policies and procedures within organisational structures.













#### Visit www.nrc.ac.uk for full course details

#### Sport, Exercise and Fitness

Level

#### Foundation Degree (Ulster University)

Туре	Campus	Code
Full-time	C	C00121

This course provides training and qualifications to students interested in a career in sports, exercise and fitness. It is designed in collaboration with Ülster University to allow direct progression to university, subject to meeting entry

# Support Children and Young People with Autistic Spectrum **Conditions**

Level

#### Level /

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Туре	Campus	Code
Part-time	B M N	C01440

This course is suitable for those supporting children and young people in a professional capacity, such as in a school or nursery

#### Sustainable Construction (NEW)\*\* (Subject to Approval)

Level

Foundation Degree (FdSc) (Ulster University)

	Туре	Campus	Code
	Part-time	BF C	C01722

This course is ideal for those who wish to pursue technical and professional careers in the built environment such as Building Surveying, Quantity Surveying, Construction and Project Management and Building. It is also suitable for those already in related employment who wish to improve their qualifications. The course content includes Construction Technology. An introduction to Building Information Modelling (BIM), Computer-Aided Design (CAD). Building and Site Surveying, Building Design and the Development Process.



#### Level 6 Certificate [CPCAB]

Туре	Campus	Code
Part-time	BL	C01950

This course is designed for applicants who have completed a higher level qualification in Counselling of at least 450 hours plus 450 clinical hours and have at least two years' supervised clinical practice. The main aspects of the course deal with: [1] The supervisor relationship. [2] Working ethically in the role of a supervisor. (3) Culture and diversity issues that impinge on the supervisor relationship. (4) Agency settings and their role in supervision.

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# Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Principles

Level

#### Level 4 Diploma [IMIAL]

Туре	Campus	Code
Part-time	BF	C01285

to progress the skills of Automotive Technicians already competent at Level 3, to Master Technicians

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