

HNC/D_s

HIGHER NATIONAL CERTIFICATE/DIPLOMAS

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WHAT IS A HNC/HND?

HNCs and HNDs focus on 'learning by doing' and give skills that you can use in a particular job. They are highly valued by employers and can also count towards membership of professional bodies and other employer organisations.

You join an HNC (Level 4), which takes one year to complete. You then progress to the HND (Level 5), which takes a further year to complete. Therefore, you will study for a total of two years.

You have the flexibility to study for one or two years. The course fees are only £5,500 per year - significantly lower than the cost of going to university.

Unlike many degrees, these courses are vocationally focused and therefore can lead straight on to a career. They're also a great stepping stone to a higher qualification, as you can choose to 'top up' an HND or HNC with extra studies at a later date, in order to convert it to a full bachelor's degree.

source: www.whatuni.com



STUDENT FINANCE

As a Higher Education student you can apply for a range of financial help. This includes living and study costs, loans and grants. The loans have to be repaid but you won't have to pay back the grant.

When you start your HE course, you won't have to pay any tuition fees upfront. Every new student is entitled to a Tuition Fee Loan that will cover your fees and you won't have to pay this back until you start earning over £21,000 a year.

For more information about Tuition Fee Loans, visit: www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance

WHAT'S NEXT AFTER A HNC OR HND?

While the practical skills gained from a Higher National Diploma (HND) can lead directly to the workplace, many students use the qualification as a stepping stone to an honours degree

HNCs can allow entry into the second year of a degree, while HNDs can allow entry into the second or third year.

As HND courses are designed with particular job sectors in mind, the practical, skills-focused programme will give you a level of expertise valued by employers and professional bodies.

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Business

Higher National Certificate/Diploma (HNC/D)

Full Time 2.5 days per week

Starts: September 2017

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

The HNC (Level 4) consists of these modules:

Business and the Business Environment

Marketing Essentials

Human Resource Management

Management and Operations

Management Accounting

Managing a Successful Business Project (Pearson-set)

Innovation and Commercialisation or Business Law

Entrepreneurship and Small Business Management

The HND (Level 5) consists of these modules:

(All the above units plus the following)

Research Project

Organisational Behaviour

Operations and Project Management

Change Management

Global Business Environment

Business Strategy

Brand Management

WHAT ARE THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS?

GCSE English & Maths grade C or 4/5

Relevant Level 3 qualification, e.g. BTEC, UAL, A Level,

Access to HE Diploma etc.

64 UCAS tariff points

Mature students may have commensurate work/business/industry related experience that may be considered



Computer Games Design

Higher National Certificate/Diploma (HNC/D)

Full Time 2.5 days per week
Starts: September 2017



WHAT WILL I LEARN?

The HNC (Level 4) consists of these modules:

Contextual Studies for Creative Media Production
Research Techniques for Creative Media Production
Practical Skills for Computer Game Design
Computer Games Studies
Computer Game Design Techniques
Computer Game Platform Fundamentals
Computer Game Storytelling Techniques
Ideas Generation for Computer Games

The HND (Level 5) consists of these modules:

(All the above units plus the following)

Research Project
Project Design, Implementation and Evaluation
Special Subject Investigation for Creative Media Production
Career Development for the Computer Games Industry
Production Techniques for Computer Games
Level Design for Computer Games
Scripting for Computer Game Design
Quality Assurance for Computer Games

WHAT ARE THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS?

GCSE English & Maths grade C or 4/5
Relevant Level 3 qualification, e.g. BTEC, UAL, A Level,
Access to HE Diploma etc.
64 UCAS tariff points
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dustry related experience that may be considered

Advanced Practice in Early Years Education Higher National Certificate/Diploma (HNC/D)

Full Time 3 days per week

Starts: September 2017



WHAT WILL I LEARN?

The HNC (Level 4) consists of these modules:

Professional Development Through Reflective Practice

Communication, Values and Leadership for Advanced

Early Years Practitioners

Theories of Development and Progress –

Birth to Seven Years, 11 Months

Early Years Curriculum, Play and Learning

Safeguarding, Children's Welfare and Child Protection

Creating Safe Environments in Early Years Settings

Issues Affecting Children's Behaviour

The HND (Level 5) consists of these modules:

(All the above units plus the following)

The Whole Child Approach in Early Years Practice

Developing Research Skills for Early Years Practice Fundamentals

of Early Years Longitudinal Study

Health Promotion for Advanced Early Years Practitioners

Contemporary Issues in Child Health

Effective Leadership in Advanced Early Years Practice

Diversity, Difference and Inclusions in Early Years Settings

WHAT ARE THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS?

GCSE English & Maths grade C or 4/5

Relevant Level 3 qualification, e.g. BTEC, UAL, A Level, Access to HE Diploma etc.

64 UCAS tariff points

Clear DBS check

Mature students may have commensurate work/business/industry related experience that may be considered

General Engineering Higher National Certificate/Diploma (HNC/D)

Full Time 2.5 days per week
Starts: September 2017

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

The HNC (Level 4) consists of these modules:

Engineering Design
Engineering Maths
Engineering Science
Managing a Professional Engineering Project
Machining and Processes of Engineering Materials
Materials, Properties and Testing
Computer Aided Design and Manufacture CAD/CAM
Electro, Pneumatic and Hydraulic Systems

The HND (Level 5) consists of these modules:

(All the above units plus the following)

Research Project
Professional Engineering Management
Further Mathematics
Lean Manufacturing
Advanced Mechanical Principles
Manufacturing Systems Engineering
Advanced Manufacturing Technology

WHAT ARE THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS?

GCSE English & Maths grade C or 4/5
Relevant Level 3 qualification, e.g. BTEC, UAL, A Level,
Access to HE Diploma etc.
64 UCAS tariff points
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Performing Arts Higher National Certificate/Diploma (HNC/D)

Full Time 3 days per week

Starts: September 2017

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

The HNC (Level 4) consists of these modules:

Creative Arts Professional Practice

Creative Arts Research Skills

Acting for Musical Theatre *

Dance for Musical Theatre *

Development of Acting skills

Naturalistic Acting

Singing for Musical Theatre *

Small-scale Touring in the Performing Arts

Theatre in Education

(students pick 2 from the 3 selected)*

The HND (Level 5) consists of these modules:

(All the above units plus the following)

Preparation, Process and Production in the Creative Arts

Innovative Theatre Performance Work

Musical Theatre Performance

Performing Arts Workshop Leadership

Personal and Professional Development

Research Project

Site-specific Performance

WHAT ARE THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS?

GCSE English & Maths grade C or 4/5

Relevant Level 3 qualification, e.g. BTEC, UAL, A Level,

Access to HE Diploma etc.

96 UCAS tariff points

A successful audition

Mature students may have commensurate work/business/industry related experience that may be considered



Sport

Higher National Certificate/Diploma (HNC/D)

Full Time 2.5 days per week

Starts: September 2017

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

The HNC (Level 4) consists of these modules:

Applied Sports Coaching

The Evolution of Sports Development

The Sport and Leisure Industry

Anatomy and Physiology for Sport and Exercise Nutrition

Training and Fitness for Sport and Exercise

Physical Activity, Lifestyle and Well-being

Employability Skills

Nutrition for Sport and Exercise

The HND (Level 5) consists of these modules:

(All the above units plus the following)

Research Project

Principles of Sports Coaching

Managing Sports Development

Field-based Fitness Testing for Sport and Exercise

Managing in the Health and Fitness Industry

Physical Activity, Lifestyle and Well-being

Physical Education

Small Business Enterprise

Managing Resources in Sport and Leisure Management

WHAT ARE THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS?

GCSE English & Maths grade C or 4/5

Relevant Level 3 qualification, e.g. BTEC, UAL, A Level,

Access to HE Diploma etc.

48 UCAS tariff points

Clear DBS check (where applicable)

Mature students may have commensurate work/business/industry related experience that may be considered



HIGHER APPRENTICESHIPS

A Higher Apprenticeship combines a job with study for a higher level qualification. You may also be able to progress to a degree or beyond.

Business and Professional Administration
Hospitality Management
Management
Manufacturing Engineering
Network Engineer
Operations/Departmental Manager

It's an alternative to university and, as well as your course fees being paid, you will earn a salary. We are able to help you find a job.



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10 REASONS TO STAY AND STUDY LOCALLY

1 VOCATIONAL FOCUS

Unlike many degrees, these courses are vocationally focused and therefore can lead straight on to a career.

2 LEARNING BY DOING

Employers understand that HNDs are focused on 'learning by doing' and that this hands-on approach is an excellent way to develop specific practical/technical skills that are highly sought after in employees.

3 ACCESSIBLE

Most HND courses require one A Level or an equivalent qualification, or significant professional experience.

4 THE CHOICE IS YOURS

You can decide to study for 1 year and gain an HNC, or 2 years for an HND.

5 SHORT DURATION

An HND is only 2 years in duration and you will be issued with a qualification after this period.

6 LOTS OF OPTIONS

Once the qualification has been obtained you can then re-evaluate all your options of whether you should continue with your studies, go straight into work or take a gap year.

7 FLEXIBLE

You can study part-time alongside your job.

8 FAST TRACK TO UNIVERSITY

You can top up to a degree. In fact, an HNC or HND can be a fast track to university.

9 AFFORDABLE

The recent high rise in university tuition fees to £9,000 a year has forced many College undergraduates to simply give up on their dreams of getting a degree. The tuition fee for an HND, on the other hand, is approximately £5,500.

10 STUDY LOCALLY

You can stay and study locally without the expense of moving away.



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