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Adult & Part-time Course Guide

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Courses starting February 2026 - September 2026

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You can also find us at Harlow College's Open Evenings. Pop by to speak to us about Adult, Part-time and Higher Education courses:





Thank you for considering Harlow College.

At Harlow College, we offer a whole range of courses for adults, with the opportunity to learn online, take classes in College, or a mixture of the two, all designed to help you with your personal or professional development.

We are Ofsted graded Good as a College and have excellent teachers who can help you develop your skills. We also have great links with industry and access to a wide range of professional resources.

Some of our courses are completely free - for example, those on offer through the Government designed Free Courses for Jobs. For others, help may be available towards the cost of your College course, as well as maintenance, with either a 19+ Advanced Learner Loan or a loan or grant from Student Finance England. If you are under 19 at the start of your course, some of these courses will be free.

We value all our learners at Harlow College and welcome applications from all ages and experience. So, whether you are 19 and taking your first steps in further education, or 66 and looking to retrain, we look forward to hearing from you.

Karen Spencer,
Principal, Harlow College

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PAYING FOR YOUR COURSE

The College offers a range of FREE courses designed to help you with your professional or personal development. There are several options of financial help available for the majority of our adult and part-time courses, ranging from 19+ Advanced Learner Loans to our College bursary scheme and financial advice and guidance is always available from our Admissions team.

e-Learning Courses:

Our Level 2 e-learning courses are free if you are aged 19 or over on 1st September 2026, you live in England and meet the residency eligibility criteria. For more information contact our Admissions team.

English & Maths:

English & Maths courses could be free if you don't already have a C/4 grade or equivalent.

Level 2 & Level 3 Courses:

If you are unemployed and looking for work, or earning a gross annual income of £25,750 or less you could be eligible to complete a Level 2 or selected Level 3 accredited course without charge.

If you are 19-23 some Level 2 and Level 3 courses may be free of charge if you do not already have a full Level 2 or 3 qualification.

DON'T LET MONEY GET IN THE WAY OF YOUR GOALS

Free Courses for Jobs Government Scheme:

The new Free Courses for Jobs Government Scheme means that adults without a full Level 3 qualification like a diploma or A Levels could undertake an accredited course that's fully funded by the UK government. If you earn below £25,750 or are unemployed and looking for work, you will also be able to access these qualifications for free.

Skills Bootcamps:

Skills Bootcamps are flexible courses designed to help adults gain in-demand skills, tailored to employer and sector needs. They're a great opportunity to train in a new industry or progress in your current career.

To be eligible to apply for a Skills Bootcamp, you must be aged 19 or over, have the right to work in the UK and live in Greater Essex.

19+ Advanced Learner Loans:

Advanced Learner Loans are available for courses at Level 3 to 5 and are only paid back once you start earning £27,295 a year (before tax and other deductions).

Harlow College 19+ Bursary:

Support with travel costs, childcare and course materials including essential course, uniform and equipment costs could be available whilst you study if you have either a household annual income (incl means-tested benefits) of less than £30,000.

Speak to an Admissions Adviser:

If you have any questions our Admissions Advisers are on hand to offer financial advice and guidance. Please email: admissions@harlow-college.ac.uk or call 01279 868100.



ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION

An Access to Higher Education course is a 1 year pre-university course that prepares adults for study at university. This course is ideal if you have been out of education for a while, are planning a career change or are looking to upskill in your current job. A typical Access course is 2-3 days a week, 9.30am-3pm and is taken by students of all ages and backgrounds.

Most Access to Higher Education students pay for their course with a 19+ Advanced Learner Loan. Any outstanding Advanced Learner Loan balances you owe for an Access to HE course will be 'written off' once you complete a higher education course. This means you do not have to repay it.

It's really easy to apply for an Advanced Learner Loan. Simply contact our friendly Admissions team who will explain everything you need to know and get you started.

Advanced Learner Loan

Find out more about Advanced Learner Loans [here](#).

Access to Higher Education

£ Financial support may be available

Study Mode	Course Name	Duration	Start	Reduced fee (with an Advanced Learner Loan)	
£ On campus	Access to Medicine	1 year	Sept 2026	£3384	Find out more
£ On campus	Access to Health Professions (Nursing and Midwifery)	1 year	Sept 2026	£3384	Find out more
£ On campus	Access to Psychology and Counselling	1 year	Sept 2026	£3384	Find out more
£ On campus	Access to Construction and the Built Environment	1 year	Sept 2026	£3928	Find out more
£ On campus	Access to Criminal Justice and Policing	1 year	Sept 2026	£3022	Find out more



"I felt empowered, like I can do anything!"

After completing her Access to Higher Education course Amy is now off to University to study Nursing.

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SKILLS BOOTCAMPS

Skills Bootcamps are flexible courses designed to help adults gain in-demand skills, tailored to employer and sector needs. They're a great opportunity to train in a new industry or progress in your current career.

These courses are part of the Government's Skills for Life programme and are proudly funded by Essex County Council and the Department for Education (DfE).

To be eligible to apply for a Skills Bootcamp, you must:

Be aged 19 or over

Have the right to work in the UK

Be a resident of Greater Essex (if you reside outside of Greater Essex but are employed within Greater Essex you may still be eligible for funding)

Our Skills Bootcamps:

Skills Bootcamp in
Electric & Hybrid
Vehicle Maintenance

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Skills Bootcamp in
Health & Social Care

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Skill Bootcamp in
Air Source Heat Pump

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funded training.**

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HIGHER EDUCATION

At Harlow College, we offer a whole range of courses for adults, with the opportunity to learn online, take classes in College, or a mixture of the two, all designed to help you with your personal or professional development.

Our Higher Education courses are flexible, allowing you to fit your study around personal commitments or a part-time job.

We offer Higher Education courses at Levels 4 and 5. These include Higher National Certificates (HNCs), Higher National Diplomas (HNDs) and Professional Diplomas.

These qualifications are designed to give you the skills to put your knowledge to practical use.

HNCs and HNDs are highly valued by employers and can also count towards membership of professional bodies and other employer organisations.

If you plan to study Higher Education at Harlow College, you may not have to pay for tuition fees upfront. Help may be available towards the cost of your college course as well as maintenance with either a 19+ Advanced Learner Loan or a loan or grant from Student Finance England.

A smiling woman with dark hair, wearing a blue hoodie and a lanyard that says "HIGHER EDUCATION", is positioned in the foreground. In the background, a computer monitor is visible. The entire image has a dark blue overlay.

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Accounting & Bookkeeping

Study Mode	Course Name	Duration	Start	Full Fee	
 On campus & Online	AAT Level 1 Bookkeeping	12 weeks	9 Sept	£311	Find out more
 On campus & Online	AAT Level 2 Accounting	10 months	8&10 Sept	£1216	Find out more
 On campus & Online	AAT Level 3 Accounting	10 months	17 Sept	£3076	Find out more
 On campus & Online	AAT Level 3 Bookkeeping	4 months	4 Sept	£1491	Find out more

Fees includes tuition, AAT membership fees and one assessment fee per unit.

Automotive

Study Mode	Course Name	Duration	Start	Full Fee	
 On campus	Level 2 Light Vehicle Maintenance & Repair	1 year	21 Sept	£870	Find out more

*Subject to eligibility  Financial support may be available.
In some cases these course could be free!



How Arzum unlocked her potential with a Teacher Training programme.

"The Teacher Training programme allowed me to be the best teacher I could be!"

[Read more](#)



Beauty Therapy & Hairdressing

Study Mode	Course Name	Duration	Start	Full Fee	
£ On campus	Level 1 Nail Treatments	6 weeks	14 Apr	£216	Find out more
£ On campus	Level 2 Gel Nails	6 weeks	3 Jun	£30	Find out more
£ On campus	Level 2 Beauty Therapy	1 year	14 Sept	£1377	Find out more
£ On campus	Level 3 Beauty Therapy	1 year	14 Sept	£2583	Find out more
£ On campus	Level 2 Hairdressing	1 year	14 Sept	£696	Find out more
£ On campus	Level 3 Hair Services	1 year	14 Sept	£2583	Find out more
£ On campus	Level 4 Salon Management	1 year	Sept	£3345	Find out more

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"The Level 5 Leadership and Management course fitted perfectly around my job. It's given me the tools and knowledge I need to be an effective manager."

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Business & Retail

Study Mode	Course Name	Duration	Start	Full Fee	
£ On campus & Online	Level 3 CMI Leadership and Management	1 year	14 Apr	£724	Find out more
£ On campus & Online	Level 5 CMI Leadership and Management	1 year	14 Oct	£724	Find out more
£ Online	Level 2 Understanding Climate Change and Environmental Awareness	8-12 weeks	Any time	Free*	Find out more
£ Online	Level 2 Mental Health First Aid & Mental Health Advocacy in the Workplace	8-12 weeks	Any time	Free*	Find out more

Computing & Software Development

Study Mode	Course Name	Duration	Start	Full Fee	
£ On campus	Level 2 App Design	5 months	24 Apr	£180	Find out more

Construction

Study Mode	Course Name	Duration	Start	Full Fee	
£ On campus	CSCS Preparing to Work in Construction (Bright Futures Training Centre, Harlow)	10 days	16 Apr 18 May	Free*	Find out more

*Subject to eligibility  Financial support may be available. In some cases these course could be free!

A young woman with long blonde hair and glasses is sitting on a grey sofa. She is wearing a blue and white plaid shirt and dark overalls. She is looking down at a laptop on a glass coffee table in front of her. Her right hand is on the laptop trackpad, and her left hand is holding a pencil over a white notepad. The background shows a green cushion and a smartphone on the sofa.

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Free online short courses for adults.

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anywhere, anytime.

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Early Years, Education & Teaching

Study Mode	Course Name	Duration	Start	Full Fee	
£ Online	Level 2 Behaviour That Challenges	8-12 weeks	Any time	Free*	Find out more
£ Online	Level 2 Understanding Autism	8-12 weeks	Any time	Free*	Find out more
£ Online	Level 3 Certificate in Understanding Autism	18-20 weeks	Any time	£1587.60	Find out more
On campus	Level 3 Teacher Training: Education & Training	30 weeks	24 Feb	£450	Find out more
£ On campus	Level 4 Teacher Training: Education & Training	30 weeks	21 Sept	£950	Find out more
Online and On campus	Level 3 TAQA (Training, Assessment & Quality Assurance)	4 weeks to 6 months	13 Apr	from £565	Find out more
Online and On campus	Level 4 TAQA (Training, Assessment & Quality Assurance)	4 weeks to 1 year	14 Apr	from £390	Find out more

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English, Maths, ESOL & Digital Skills

Study Mode	Course Name	Duration	Start	Full Fee	
£ On campus	Functional Skills English	14 weeks	14 Sept	Free*	Find out more
£ On campus	Functional Skills Maths	12-14 weeks	14 Sept	Free*	Find out more
£ On campus	GCSE English	1 year	14 Sept	Free*	Find out more
£ On campus	GCSE Maths	1 year	14 Sept	Free*	Find out more
£ On campus	ESOL (English as a Second or Other Language)	Flexible	14 Sept	from £150	Find out more
£ On campus	Introduction to Digital Skills	10 days	20 Apr	Free*	Find out more

Fitness

Study Mode	Course Name	Duration	Start	Full Fee	
£ On campus	Level 2 Gym Instructing	1 year	21 Sept	£390	Find out more



Jade achieved a Grade 5 in Maths with Harlow College and is now off to Anglia Ruskin University to pursue her dream career as a Midwife.

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*Subject to eligibility £ Financial support may be available. In some cases these course could be free!



MFA Smart
TECHNICAL SERVICES

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Green Skills

Study Mode	Course Name	Duration	Start	Full Fee	
£ On campus	Level 3 Requirements for the Design & Installation of Domestic and Small Commercial Electric Vehicle Charging Installations	2.5 days or 3 evenings	Sept	£350	Find out more
£ On campus	Level 3 Installation and Maintenance of Small Solar Photovoltaic Systems	3.5 days or 6 evenings	Sept	£750	Find out more
£ On campus	Level 3 Design, Installation and Commissioning of Small Electrical Energy Storage Systems	2.5 days or 3 evenings	Sept	£450	Find out more

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"I think of myself as a lifelong learner"

"I like to keep active and learn new things so when the opportunity came up to study a counselling course I thought, let's go for it!"

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Health, Social Care & Wellbeing

Study Mode	Course Name	Duration	Start	Full Fee	
£ On campus	Level 2 Counselling	16 weeks	21 Sept	£360	Find out more
£ On campus	Level 3 Counselling	26 weeks	21 Sept	£2225	Find out more
£ Online	Level 2 Children & Young People's Mental Health	8-12 weeks	Any time	Free*	Find out more
£ Online	Level 2 Mental Health First Aid & Mental Health Advocacy in the Workplace	8-12 weeks	Any time	Free*	Find out more
£ Online	Level 2 Nutrition & Health	8-12 weeks	Any time	Free*	Find out more
£ Online	Level 2 Understanding Climate Change and Environmental Awareness	8-12 weeks	Any time	Free*	Find out more

Security

Study Mode	Course Name	Duration	Start	Full Fee	
£ On campus	Preparing to Work in Security (SIA Licence)	20 days	15 Apr	Free*	Find out more

*Subject to eligibility  Financial support may be available. In some cases these course could be free!

Skills for Employment

Study Mode	Course Name	Duration	Start	Full Fee	
£ On campus	CSCS Preparing to Work in Construction (CSCS card)	10 days	21 Sept	Free*	Find out more
£ On campus	Preparation for Employment	5 days	16 Apr 18 May	Free*	Find out more
£ On campus	Preparing to Work in Health & Care	11 days	20 Apr	Free*	Find out more
£ On campus	Preparing to Work in Security (SIA Licence)	20 days	15 Apr	Free*	Find out more
£ On campus	Preparing to Work in Customer Service	4 days	19 Mar	Free*	Find out more
£ On campus	Supporting Older Workers into Work	11 days	20 Apr	Free*	Find out more
£ Online	Preparing to Work in the Prison Service	6 days	14 Apr	Free*	Find out more
£ On campus	Preparing to Work in Schools	10 days	5 May	Free*	Find out more
£ On campus	Warehousing & Storage	10 days	26 May	Free*	Find out more
£ On campus	Introduction to Digital Skills	10 days	20 Apr	Free*	Find out more



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Bright Futures is Harlow College's Adult Training Centre delivering training courses to upskill, retrain and support adults on their employment journey across the South East and East of England.

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Online

Visit: www.harlow-college.ac.uk/adults to browse our courses.

Alternatively, you can simply click the 'find out more' button next to the course you'd like to apply for in this Course Guide.

Fill out an application form online.

Some of our courses require a pre-assessment. If this is the case, you will be asked to submit your contact details and we will be in touch to arrange this with you.



Phone

Call 01279 868100 to speak to our friendly Admissions Team.

Our phone lines are open:
Monday to Thursday 8.45am-5pm
Fridays 8.45am-4.30pm

You can also email our Admissions team:
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