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Welcome

A very warm welcome to West Lancashire College.

We deliver education and training to thousands of students and businesses each year, providing a wide range of courses to suit everyone.

We offer A Levels, including our unique School of Medicine programme, BTEC, Technical and Apprenticeship Programmes, and from September 2023 a range of brand-new T Level qualifications in Building Services Engineering, Digital Support Services, Education and Childcare, and Health.

As a successful and dynamic college serving the communities of West Lancashire and surrounding areas, we work hard to support you to achieve the qualifications you need to help you to progress to your chosen career.

We have expert teachers and great connections with employers and universities to help you take the next step into your dream career, whether you progress straight into work after college or choose to study for a higher education qualification at university.

As well as studying for your chosen qualification, during your time with us you will also have opportunity to participate in some fabulous trips and visits to International, European and UK destinations.

Our philosophy is simple – we put our students at the heart of all that we do, ensuring that you have the best possible learning experience during your time here.

In January this year we were visited by Ofsted and were delighted to be graded 'Good'. Our Ofsted inspection outcome reflects the hard work and commitment of the fabulous team of staff at the college, as well as the valued contributions made by our partners.

I am sure you will find a course to suit you at West Lancashire College, and we look forward to supporting you to achieve your future goals.

Best wishes

Denise Williamson

Principal



Choosing your course

We offer a wide range of academic and technical programmes that lead to university, employment or Apprenticeship. Whatever your career ambition you can find your next step here.

A Level programmes

Our A Level programmes offer much more than standard A Levels, and have been designed in partnership with leading employers and universities to give you a distinct competitive edge for progression to University.

As well as traditional A Levels, if you are an aspiring medic, you can choose to study our unique School of Medicine programme.

T Level Programmes

T Levels are two-year courses designed with businesses and combine college learning with a substantial work placement. These qualifications are for students who want to develop knowledge and skills which helps get straight into employment, an Apprenticeship or higher education, and are equivalent to three A Levels.

Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships offer nationally recognised qualifications whilst gaining skills with an employer.

Learn on the job, building up knowledge and skills and earn money at the same time.

Vocational Courses

Our vocational courses include BTEC and NCFE CACHE qualifications.

A BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma is equivalent to three A Levels A* - C. BTECs are nationally recognised, work related qualifications that give you the knowledge, understanding and skills that you will need to progress to University, an Apprenticeship or employment.

Technical Courses

Technical courses are industry-specific and offer training at a variety of levels. They provide knowledge and practical skills needed to progress into further study, skilled employment or Apprenticeships.

University Progression

Whether you study A Levels, T Level, or a BTEC/ CACHE NCFE Level 3, you can progress to university. Please see UCAS Tariff tables below:

UCAS Tariff Tables

Vocational (BTEC & T Levels)	Grade	Tariff points
Grade	D*D*D*	168
Grade	D*D*D	160
Grade	D*DD	152
Grade	DDD	144
Grade	DDM	128
Grade	DMM	112

Vocational CACHE	Grade	Tariff points
Grade	A*	168
Grade	A	144
Grade	B	120
Grade	C	96
Grade	D	72

A Levels	Grade	Tariff points
Grade	A*A*A*	168
Grade	A*A*A	160
Grade	A*AA	152
Grade	AAA	144
Grade	AAB	136
Grade	ABB	128



Our Campus

Set in the town centre, our impressive campus features a light, open atrium area with high quality student facilities including; The Diner, Café West, The Imagery Hair & Beauty Academy, Dance Studio, Hope Theatre, Art & Photography studios, Student Hub, Learner Zone, Sports Hall, Sports Physio Laboratory and Massage Clinics, The Works Restaurant, A Level study area, purpose built Construction, Engineering & Logistics Centre plus our brand new high-tech STEM Centre The School of Science.



Open Events

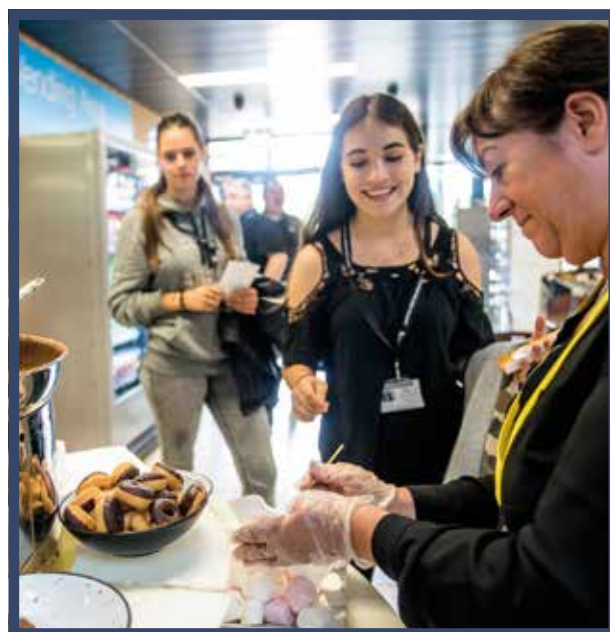
We are proud of our college and fabulous facilities, however the best way for you to find out more about life at West Lancashire College is to come along to one of our Open Events. These events are a great opportunity for you to speak to our expert tutors and also the employers and universities that we work with closely to ensure we help you meet your career aspirations.

Monday 17 October 2022 4.30pm-7pm

Thursday 24 November 2022 4.30pm-7pm

Monday 6 February 2023 4.30pm-7pm

To register your place please go to **[eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk)** or **[westlancs.ac.uk](https://www.westlancs.ac.uk)**



Learner Services, Fees, Finance & Support

Learner Services are based in The Learner Zone. The Learner Services team members are trained and qualified to support you and should be your first point of contact for any query you may have.

This could be about:

- Careers and progression advice
- CV preparation
- Applying to University
- Free College Meals
- Financial Support
- Bursaries
- Travel passes
- Financial support for kit costs
- Applying to college
- Wellbeing
- Information, advice and support
- Interviews
- Study Skills
- One to one study support.

For further information please contact Learner Services on **01695 52393**
email: **ask-the-adviser@westlancs.ac.uk**



Many students benefit from extra support to help them with their studies. The additional learning support team can help you with any support needs you may have whilst in college. A range of support is available, including support for students with:

- Dyslexia
- Dyspraxia
- Asperger's Syndrome
- Physical Disabilities
- ADD/ADHD
- Hearing/Visual Impairment
- Mental Health Concerns
- Learning Difficulties
- Personal Care Needs
- Exam Support.

ESOL support is available for students for whom English is not the main language. You will complete an initial assessment in maths and English. This helps us to identify the right level of course for you. The assessment also identifies if you would benefit from extra support with English and/or maths during your studies. Throughout your programme of study, you are encouraged to ask for additional assistance if you feel this would help you.

If you need advice on the range of facilities and equipment available, or if you have an EHC Plan, please contact the ALS Team on **01695 52300**.

Travel to College

Learner Services are located on the ground floor of the Learner Zone and can help you with travel to college. We offer a designated college coach service from the following locations:

Liverpool – Kirkby, Aintree, Maghull, Aughton, Ormskirk, Westhead, Old Skelmersdale

Southport – Formby, Birkdale, Southport, Scarisbrick, Burscough, Parbold, Newburgh, Ashurst

Wigan – Hawkley, Winstanley, Goose Green, Marus Bridge, Pemberton, Orrell, Upholland, Digmaor, Tanhouse

Please ask in Learner Services for further details: **01695 52393 / ask-the-adviser@westlancs.ac.uk**
**subject to eligibility and availability*

Better Connected

Whether it's a work placement you need, an industry mentor, or advice on how to enter a particular field of work, we've got the industry contacts you need. We work with 100s of employers, including Peel Ports, HCRG Care Group, Open Reach, West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group, Edge Hill University and the NHS to ensure that you have access to the best advice and opportunities.

Careers

Our qualified Careers Advisers and Learner Service Assistants will support you with Careers Information, Advice and Guidance throughout your learner journey. There is a Careers Library and Careers Hub packed with information in Learner Services and the career resources gives you full access to:

- Career drop-in workshops
- Computer packages including Careers Coach
- Career specific literature
- Higher education prospectuses
- Company literature
- Job hunting information

For more details about careers resources just contact Learner Services.

How to Apply

Choosing a career and a college can be a difficult decision but here at West Lancashire College we want to ensure you are making the right choice for your future career.

STEP 1 Apply online www.westlancls.ac.uk

STEP 2 Book a college interview appointment online

STEP 3 Attend a college interview event

STEP 4 After you have finished your exams take some time to relax and enjoy your summer break - you've earned it!

STEP 5 In July you will be invited to attend a welcome to college event, and you will receive an appointment to enrol on GCSE Results day in August.



Parents & Carers



We always welcome support from parents/carers. We have an excellent advice and guidance team to take young people through all their options, focusing wholly on their needs and finding the best route to fulfil their potential and achieve their ambitions.

We value parents/carers support and want to work in partnership with you to maximise success on their course.

You can help us by:

- Encouraging students to be on time for class.
- Ensuring students attend all elements of their study programme including their main course, Maths and or English if appropriate, Tutorial, Work Experience placement and enrichment.
- Ensuring that we have your correct contact details.
- Attending the parents/carers evenings during the year – these give you the opportunity to meet staff and check on progress.

- Encouraging students to tell us about any concerns they have regarding their studies and life at college.
- Not taking students out of college for family holidays or non-essential medical or dental appointments during term time.
- Completing our Parent Survey to give us feedback on how we can improve.

We believe that working together with parents/carers is key to our students' success.

We welcome you to all the events and review meetings the college hosts and especially value your feedback and input on what more we can do to ensure your child achieves their full potential.



A Level Subjects

Biology



OVERVIEW

A Level Biology gives you the opportunity to study a range of topics such as populations and environmental biology and mechanisms used to control processes in cells and organisms. Many students who enjoy and successfully complete this subject typically progress onto a range of degree courses including: Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Science, Biochemistry and Biological Sciences.

COURSE CONTENT

Students will cover the following topics: biological molecules, cells, organisms exchange substances with their environment, genetic information, variation and relationships between organisms, energy transfers in and between organisms, organisms respond to changes in their internal and external environments, genetics, populations, evolution and ecosystems, the control of gene expression.

LEARNING & ASSESSMENT

You will be taught in small class sizes, an average of 15 students, alongside like minded individuals by experienced A Level teachers. You will have regular assessments, small topic tests, larger progress tests and homework all comprising of past exam questions. You will sit 3 exams at the end of the 2 year programme. You will also be assessed on laboratory skills.

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

A Level Biology allows progression to many science degrees and a wide range of future careers including: Academic Researcher, Biotechnologist, Doctor, Marine Biologist, Microbiologist, Nanotechnologist, Pharmacologist, Research scientist (life sciences), Surgeon and Laboratory Technician. Biology graduates are well placed to succeed in any job where data handling or research skills are important. These jobs would not necessarily have to be restricted to science-based employers. Biology is a fundamental subject for careers in the science and health sectors but there are many other routes you can take.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants require 5 GCSEs at grade 5 or above including English & Maths. In addition, for applicants taking Double Award GCSE Science, you will need at least grade 6/6. For applicants taking Triple Award GCSE Science, you will need at least grade 6 in Biology.

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The support I get from my teachers is amazing. The unique small class sizes allows me to easily get extra help on the topics I am struggling with, which has been extra valuable when learning from home.”

Chemistry

OVERVIEW

Studying Chemistry can open doors that you didn't even know existed. It is a highly respected A Level and combines theoretical understanding with practical and analytical skills. If you like to ask 'why?' Chemistry is for you. The food we eat, the air we breathe, the clothes we wear and the mobile phone in your pocket all depend on Chemistry. Chemistry holds the answer to our biggest global challenges. From stable food supplies to changes in the environment and delivery of essential medicines, a chemist will be at the heart of the solution.

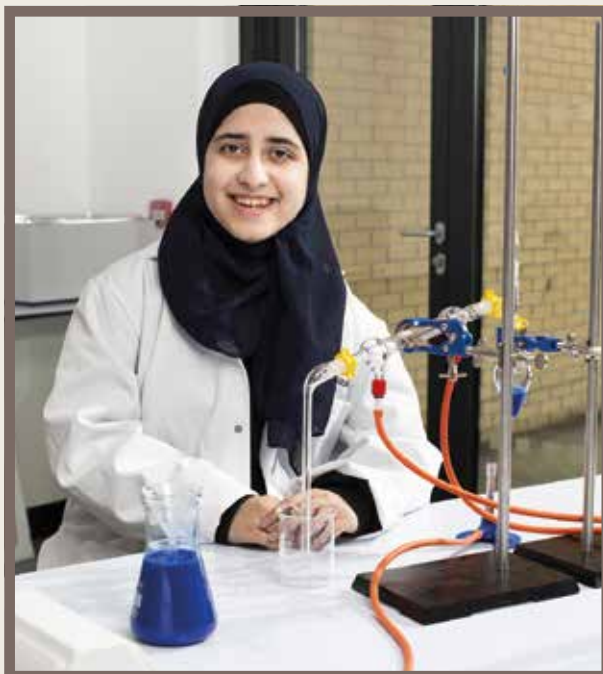
COURSE CONTENT

Physical Chemistry; atomic structure, amount of substance, bonding, energetics, kinetics, chemical equilibria and Le Chatelier's principle.

- **Inorganic Chemistry**; periodicity, Group 2 the alkaline earth metals, Group 7 (17) the Halogens.
- **Organic Chemistry**; introduction to organic chemistry, alkanes, halogenoalkanes, alkenes, alcohols and organic analysis.
- **Physical Chemistry**; thermodynamics, rate equations, the equilibrium constant, electrode potentials and electrochemical cells.
- **Inorganic Chemistry**; Period 3 elements and their oxides, transition metals, reactions of ions in aqueous solution.
- **Organic Chemistry**; optimal isomerism, aldehydes and ketones, carboxylic acids and derivatives, aromatic chemistry, amines, polymers, amino acids, proteins and DNA, organic synthesis, NMR spectroscopy and chromatography.

LEARNING & ASSESSMENT

Continuous assessment for learning takes place with a focus on helping you to identify areas of strength and opportunities to improve. From knowledge based problems to analysis and practical skills, each area will be developed over the two year course helping you to achieve your best. All will be examined at the end of 2 years in 3 exams with no coursework. You will also be assessed on laboratory skills.



PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

A Level Chemistry allows progression to many science degrees, many of which Chemistry is an essential entry requirement including for degrees in; Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Science, Chemistry, Chemical Engineering, Biochemistry, Pharmacy and Pharmacology. A Level Chemistry can lead to a range of future careers including Academic researcher, Analytical Chemist, Biotechnologist, Chemical Engineer, Clinical scientist, Biochemistry, Forensic Scientist, Nanotechnologist, Pharmacologist, Research Scientist (physical sciences), Scientific Laboratory Technician and Toxicologist.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants require 5 GCSEs at grade 5 or above including English & Maths. In addition, for applicants taking Double Award GCSE Science, you will need at least grade 6/6. For applicants taking Triple Award GCSE Science, you will need at least grade 6 in Chemistry.

Maths

OVERVIEW

Maths is an exciting and challenging subject that will help to develop your understanding of maths and mathematical process in a way that will help your confidence and will be thoroughly enjoyable. You will extend your maths skills and techniques building upon your GCSE, and in particular you will rely on your algebraic skills. You will be able to recognise how a real-life situation may be represented mathematically.

COURSE CONTENT

Pure Mathematics Content

- Algebra and functions
- Co-ordinate geometry in the plane
- Sequences and series
- Trigonometry
- Exponentials and logarithms
- Differentiation
- Integration
- Differential equations and modelling
- Numerical methods
- Vectors

Applied Mathematics Content

- Statistics
- Statistical sampling
- Data representation and interpretation
- Probability
- Statistical distributions
- Statistical hypothesis testing

Mechanics Content

- Quantities and units in mechanics
- Kinematics
- Forces and Newton's laws
- Moments – Statistical.

LEARNING & ASSESSMENT

You will learn in a variety of ways, being encouraged to do independent learning with the aid of technology as well as more traditional classroom teaching and learning. There will be regular internal tests to check your progress and at the end of the two years you will sit three papers with the examining board AQA.

Paper 1: Synoptic Pure content from Year 1 and Year 2.

Paper 2: Synoptic Pure and Mechanics content from Year 1 and Year 2.

Paper 3: Synoptic Pure and Statistics content from Year 1 and Year 2.

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Maths graduates have one of the highest rates of graduate employment. Mathematicians enter a very wide range of career areas ranging from aerospace and defence to finance. Studying Maths provides you with valuable skills and a firm base for life-long learning. Maths is highly regarded within higher education and is frequently considered as a 'required subject' for entry onto certain degree courses such as Engineering, Economics, Finance, Sciences and many more.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants require 5 GCSEs at grade 5 or above, including at least grade 5 in GCSE Maths and English.

Physics

OVERVIEW

Physics allows you to appreciate how fundamental science works. It is problem solving on both the largest and the smallest scale imaginable. Physicists use the laws they uncover to develop new materials, machinery, and technology to improve our lives and help us explore the universe further, from computers to telescopes and spacecraft.

COURSE CONTENT

First Year content:

- Forces and motion
- Electricity
- Waves
- Quantum Physics
- The particle world

Second year content:

- Circular motion
- Simple harmonic motion
- Gravitational fields
- Electric fields
- Magnetic fields and Induction
- Thermal Physics
- Nuclear Physics
- Radiation
- Option topic available

LEARNING & ASSESSMENT

There is no coursework, although your performance during practical work will be assessed and you will need to keep a lab book as a record of your work.

There are three exams at the end of the two years and at least 15% of the marks are based on what you learn during the practical work.

Paper 1: 2 hours 34%

Paper 2: 2 hours 34%

Paper 3: 2 hours 32%

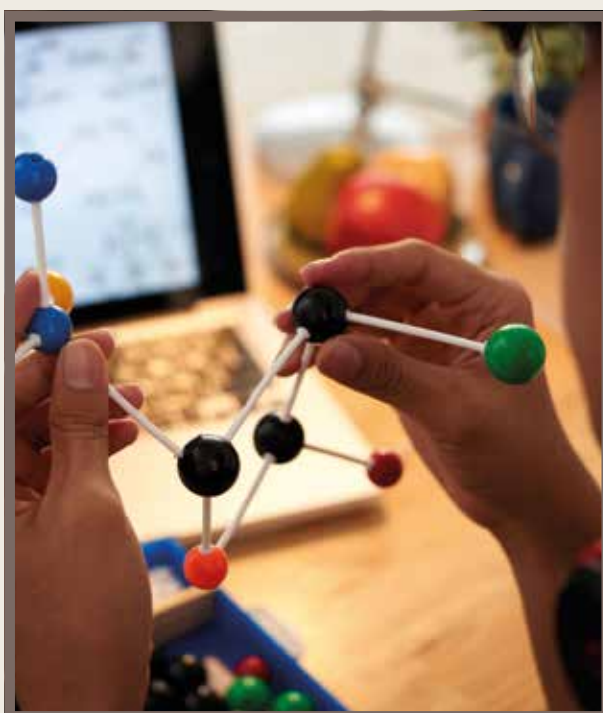
PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Physics A -Level is frequently considered as a 'required subject' for entry onto certain degree courses which means it can be useful for accessing a wide range of university courses.

Physics offers an infinite number of amazing career opportunities including geophysicist/field seismologist, healthcare scientist, medical physics, research scientist (physical sciences), scientific laboratory technician, meteorologist, operational researcher, product/process development scientist, systems developer, technical author.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants require 5 GCSEs at grade 5 or above including English & Maths. In addition, for applicants taking Double Award GCSE Science, you will need at least grade 6/6. For applicants taking Triple Award GCSE Science, you will need at least grade 6 in Physics. In addition students will also need GCSE Maths at grade 6 or above.



Psychology

OVERVIEW

Psychology is the scientific study of the mind and human behaviour. If you are interested in understanding the complexity of human nature, then Psychology will give you an insight into how and why people behave in certain ways.

COURSE CONTENT

Students will cover the following topics:

- Social Psychology
- Cognitive Psychology
- Biological Psychology
- Learning Psychology
- Child Psychology
- Clinical Psychology

During these topics you will develop an understanding of research skills and be required to conduct your own practical studies. As such it is useful for students to have sound numerical and scientific skills.

The issues and debates topic highlights these skills and requires you to critically discuss the scientific challenges when studying psychology, including ethics, individual differences and social control.

LEARNING & ASSESSMENT

There are three examination paper, all 2 hours in duration, as follows:

Paper 1: Foundations in Psychology

Paper 2: Applications in Psychology

Paper 3: Psychological Skills



PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

For any career involving interactions with others, psychology will be a useful underlying skill. This includes careers such as police, nursing, human resources, advertising, law, politics, teaching, research and many more. Careers directly related to psychology are broad and include working in traditional roles as clinical, educational, forensic or occupational psychologists as well as the more progressive areas such as health and sports psychology.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants require 5 GCSEs at grade 5 or above including English & Maths, plus at least a Grade 5 Maths, (and ideally a Grade 5 in Psychology, if taken), or a similar essay-based subject at GCSE.

Sociology

OVERVIEW

Sociology is a social science concerned with the study of human social relationships and the various ways these relationships are patterned in terms of social groups, organisations and societies. You will look at the diversity of family types in our society today, whether childhood still exists, which gender performs better within education and why this is. You will research patterns in criminal behaviour and the impact of the mass media upon individuals by assessing issues such as whether exposure to violent media can make us act in a violent way. You will take part in discussions and debates in relating to controversial topics and will develop and apply knowledge of research methods.

COURSE CONTENT

Students will study the following topics:

- Families and Households
- Education
- Mass Media
- Crime and Deviance
- Theory and Methods

LEARNING & ASSESSMENT

A Level Sociology is 100% exam based, all exams are 2 hours as follows:

Paper 1: Education with Theory and Methods

Paper 2: Families and Households and Mass Media

Paper 3: Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Many students study Sociology at degree level, many choosing to focus on specific elements, such as criminology.

Sociologists tend to progress into careers within the caring profession in occupations such as mental health nursing, social work, teaching and jobs within human resources.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants require 5 GCSEs at grade 5 or above, including English & Maths, plus at least grade 5 in Sociology, if taken, or a similar essay-based subject at GCSE.



The School of Medicine Programme



The School of Medicine is truly unique and much more than just classroom teaching, it offers an extensive wrap around programme designed to give students a distinct competitive edge.

Our programme offers extensive extra-curricular activities that are designed to give exposure to a wide range of research and academia which enable students to gain a broader understanding of potential career opportunities available within the medical sector, and includes:

THE PROGRAMME

You will study a combination of A Levels including:

- A Level Biology
- A Level Chemistry

Plus one or two of the following:

- A Level Maths
- A Level Psychology
- A Level Sociology

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants require 44 points from their best 8 GCSE's at Grade 7 or above including English, Maths and Science.

WORK PLACEMENT

All medicine students attend a guaranteed work placement. Students shadow Doctors, Nurse Practitioners, Pharmacists and other roles within GP surgeries and medical centres.

The placement programme allows students to explore the various roles with the medical sector first hand, plus provides an understanding of how the different members of the team work together for the best care of the patient, students also have the opportunity to follow a single patient whilst investigating the patient journey.

Within the timetable there are opportunities for students to volunteer within the local community and gain experience working with the general public.



A LEVELS IN A MEDICAL CONTEXT

A Levels within The School of Medicine are taught in a medical context, enabling students to be fully immersed in their chosen career path from day one. In addition, our A Level timetable provides 33% more contact time than other A Level programmes giving students additional tuition to ensure their success. Students benefit from small class sizes, with on average 15 learners per class, which enables extensive support and guidance.

MENTORING

The School of Medicine work closely with Doctors and health care practitioners who support our students as they apply for Medicine. They help provide extra tuition for UCAT and BMAT entrance exams, mentor students through A Levels and help with interview techniques. Our mentoring programme provides an invaluable and highly successful service to our medical students.

FULL PREPARATION FOR UNIVERSITY INCLUDING UCAT & BMAT TUITION

Students are fully prepared for the university application process and follow a structured preparation journey from personal statement to entrance exam and university interview.

Students are tutored on common medical interview themes such as the four pillars of medical ethics, data analysis and the qualities of being a doctor. All students are prepared on common questions, techniques and the unique qualities each specific medical school looks for, and receive tailored tuition for UCAT, BMAT and aptitude tests. Our extensive preparation programme culminates in simulated mock interviews with multiple stations, just like the real thing.

Preparation is enhanced by our guest seminars where students gain tips for their personal statement and interview advice. In addition, students develop a wider understanding of NHS Hot topics and medical ethics, all required at interview.

The School of Medicine students have progressed to study Medicine and medical related degree programmes at universities across the UK including Oxford, Leicester, Glasgow, and Lancaster amongst others.

EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION (EPQ)

Our Medicine students also have the opportunity to complete an Extended Project Qualification, allowing opportunity for students to extend their abilities beyond their A Level study, stand out and prepare for university or their future career.



STUDENT PROFILE - ELIZABETH

Former Standish High School pupil

Currently studying:

The School of Medicine A Level Programme

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My experience at West Lancashire College has been very positive, especially with helping me gain my work experience placement in a dental practice. I shadowed both the Dentist and the Hygienist, I was taught to chart and also made my own impressions and fillings.”



THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE TRIP TO GHANA 2022

GUEST SEMINARS, TRIPS & VISITS

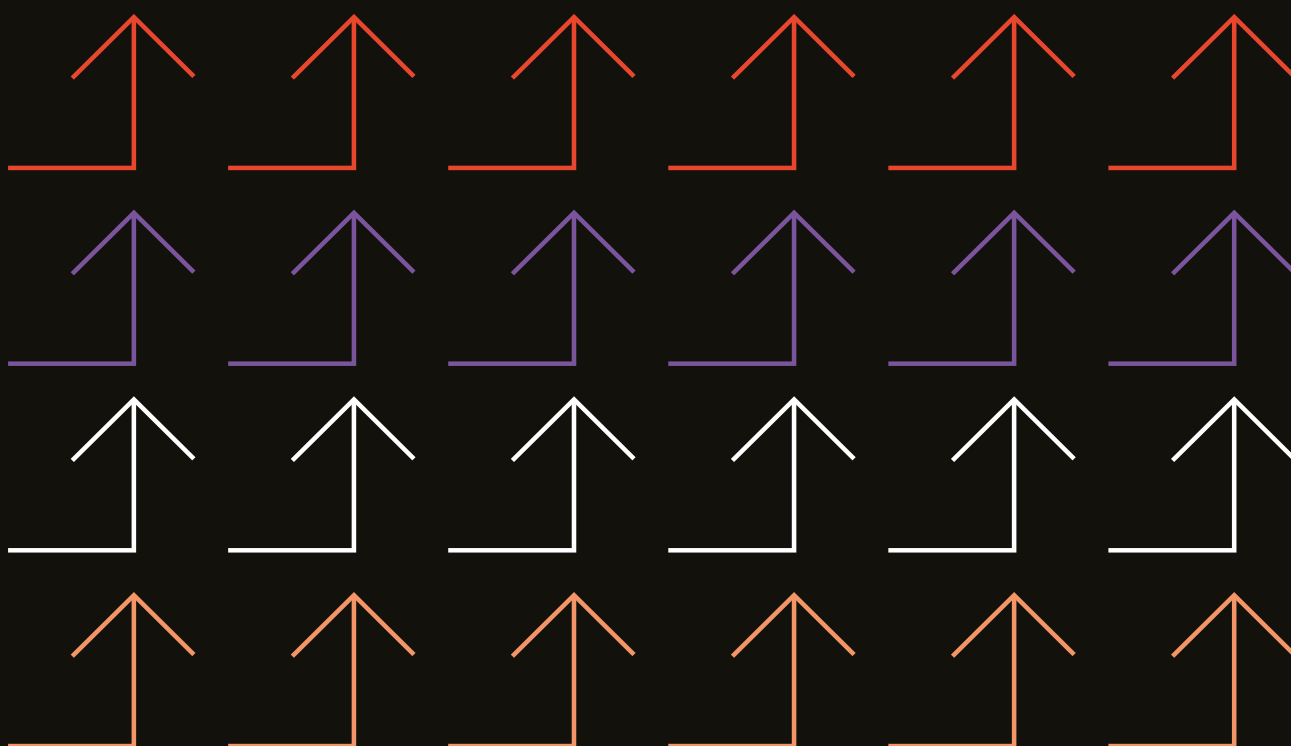
The School of Medicine students are able to explore their understanding of different careers in Medicine through a vast number of guest seminars either in college with invited guest speakers, or by attending external events.

All of our extra-curricular wrap around has been designed to give students diverse exposure to the range of medical careers available. Students are able to gain tips for their personal statement, medical exams and interviews, as well as receive expert careers advice.



Guest speakers have ranged from experts in cutting edge Cancer research and progressive brain diseases such as Alzheimer's to specialist in end-of-life care. These guest lectures give students a detailed insight into the ever-evolving medical profession and the research that underpins it. Lecturers visit from a wide variety of Universities with close links to the top 5 medical schools in the North West. In addition to these eye-opening lectures, as a student of The School of Medicine you will have the opportunity to visit the medical schools of your choice.

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The best thing about studying in The School of Medicine is the tailored work experience which will allow me to have the competitive edge when applying to Universities.”



T-LEVEL COURSES



T-LEVELS

THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION

WEST LANCASHIRE COLLEGE NOW OFFERS NEW AND EXCITING T LEVEL QUALIFICATIONS* IN CONSTRUCTION, DIGITAL, EDUCATION & CHILDCARE AND HEALTH, AND YOU CAN APPLY NOW TO STUDY A T LEVEL WITH US IN SEPTEMBER 2023.

WHAT ARE T LEVELS?

T Levels are two-year courses that combine college learning with a work placement. These qualifications are for students who have just finished GCSEs and want to develop the knowledge and skills that will help you go straight into employment, an Apprenticeship or higher education.

T Levels are the equivalent to three A Levels and you will spend 80% of your time in college and 20% on a 45 - day placement with an employer.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF T LEVELS?

- Created with businesses - more than 250 businesses have helped design T Levels meaning they give you the skills that employers are really looking for
- Combine work and study - you spend most of your time learning in college, but the other 20% you will spend on work placement with an employer, where you will gain real work experience.
- Progression opportunities - whether you want to go into higher education, an Apprenticeship or straight into work, a T Level will give you a nationally recognised qualification to help you do just that.
- UCAS points - T Levels are worth UCAS points and a T Level Distinction* is worth the same as 3 A levels at A.



HOW ARE T LEVELS DIFFERENT TO A LEVELS, APPRENTICESHIPS OR OTHER COURSES I CAN STUDY AT COLLEGE?

T Levels are vocational courses. This means they focus on teaching you the practical skills and knowledge you will need for your future career.

A Levels focus on theory, and you spend all your time in the classroom, studying three or four subjects of your choice.

T Levels focus on the practical side of learning, so you will spend 80% of your time in the classroom learning both theory and hands-on skills, and the remaining 20% of your time you will spend gaining work experience with a real employer putting those skills into practice. With a T Level, you study one subject with different pathways, in order to gain in depth knowledge and skills in your chosen area.

This is different from an Apprenticeship, where the focus is more on workplace training.

On an Apprenticeship, you spend 80% of your time in a real, full-time job, with 20% of the time spent in a classroom being supported.

We offer a wide range of other vocational courses across our different subject areas, and all of them are designed to give you the hands-on skills you need. They differ to T Levels in the amount of time you spend with an employer.

One T Level is equivalent to three A Levels, just like many of our other vocational courses are. Whether you choose an A Level, a T Level, or another Level 3 vocational course, you will still be awarded UCAS points which you will need if you wish to progress to degree level study.



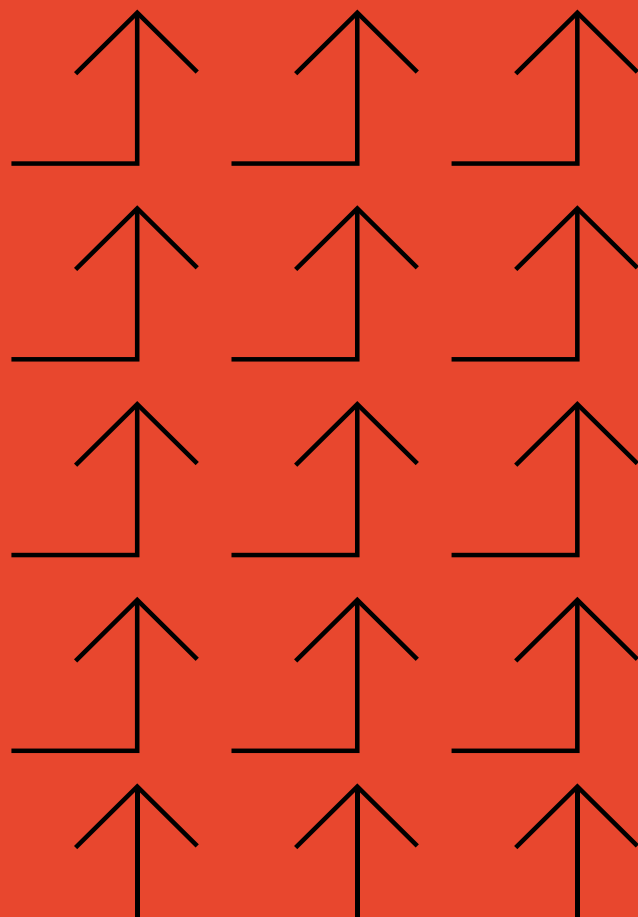
VISIT [TLEVELS.GOV.UK](https://www.tlevels.gov.uk)

80%

CLASSROOM

20%

WORKPLACE



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

For each T Level pathway, you will generally require a minimum of Grade 4 in at least 5 GCSEs and there may be a requirement that these include a subject-related GCSE and English and/or maths.

Students may also need to participate in an assessment to ensure suitability ahead of enrolment. Please see individual courses within this guide for further details.

*T Level courses are currently pending approval and West Lancashire College will take all reasonable steps to provide the courses as described in this guide. In the event that we are unable to deliver specific T Level pathways, we will communicate to applicants and work to find alternative and suitable programmes

CONSTRUCTION: DESIGN, SURVEYING AND PLANNING

BUILDING SERVICES DESIGN – LEVEL 3*

LENGTH: 2 YEARS



QUALIFICATION GAINED:

CITY & GUILDS LEVEL 3 T-LEVEL IN CONSTRUCTION: DESIGN, SURVEYING AND PLANNING – BUILDING SERVICES DESIGN

On this two-year course you will spend most of your time in college learning the theoretical and practical skills you will need and develop an understanding of a broad range of issues relevant to the sector.

You will be taught by tutors who have years of experience working in the industry and undertake an industry placement with an employer for a minimum of 45 days throughout your course, giving you the chance to put your new skills into practice and be prepared to thrive in the workplace.

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WHAT WILL I LEARN?

YOU WILL STUDY THE FOLLOWING CORE MODULES:

- health and safety
- the science behind building design, surveying and planning
- making accurate and appropriate measurements
- construction methods
- building regulations and standards
- data management and information standards in construction
- relationship management and customer service
- how the Internet of Things (IoT) impacts construction
- digital engineering techniques
- mathematical techniques to solve construction problems
- construction design principles and processes
- the construction industry and its role in the economy
- sustainability and the environmental impact of construction
- business, commerce and corporate social responsibility

YOU WILL ALSO LEARN ABOUT TOPICS SPECIFIC TO DESIGN, SURVEYING AND PLANNING, INCLUDING: MACHINING AND TOOLMAKING TECHNOLOGIES

- project management
- budgeting and resource allocation
- procurement
- risk management

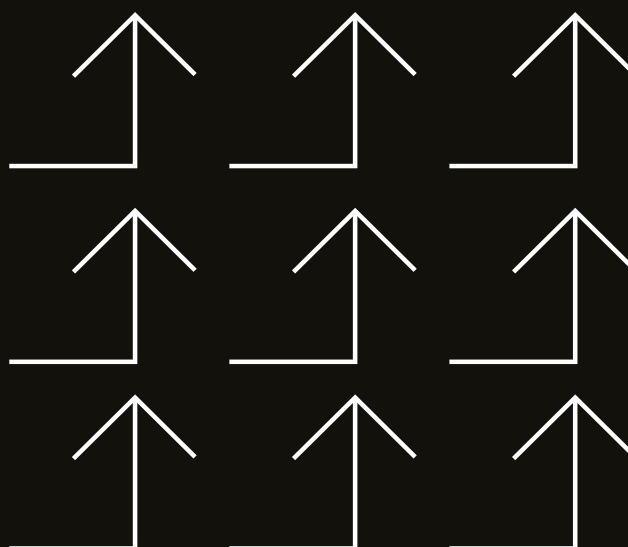
WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES

Work experience is an important part of your T-Level. You will undertake a substantial industry placement with an employer for a minimum of 45 days during your course to help you prepare for your next steps. You will also undertake an employer-set project as part of the course.

45 DAYS PLACEMENT

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Students will ordinarily require a minimum of Grade 4/5 in at least 5 GCSEs including English and Maths. Students may also need to participate in an assessment to ensure suitability ahead of enrolment.



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ENGINEERING & MANUFACTURING

DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT FOR ENGINEERING AND MANUFACTURING – LEVEL 3*

LENGTH: 2 YEARS



QUALIFICATION GAINED:

CITY & GUILDS LEVEL 3 T LEVEL IN ENGINEERING & MANUFACTURING - DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT FOR ENGINEERING AND MANUFACTURING

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WHAT WILL I LEARN

YOU WILL STUDY THE FOLLOWING CORE MODULES:

- working within the Engineering and Manufacturing Sectors - an understanding of how materials, conditions and context influence design processes and products
- essential mathematics for engineering and manufacturing - a knowledge and understanding of mathematics including standard matrices and determinants and standard trigonometry
- materials and their properties - understanding material processing techniques and their effects on materials and material quality, the condition of materials, how these are managed, and materials testing methods and techniques
- business, commercial, and financial awareness - basic commercial principles including commercial priorities and markets, customers/clients/partners, and resource allocation

YOU WILL ALSO TAKE THE FOLLOWING SPECIALIST UNITS:

- fitting and assembly technologies
- machining and toolmaking technologies
- composites manufacturing technologies

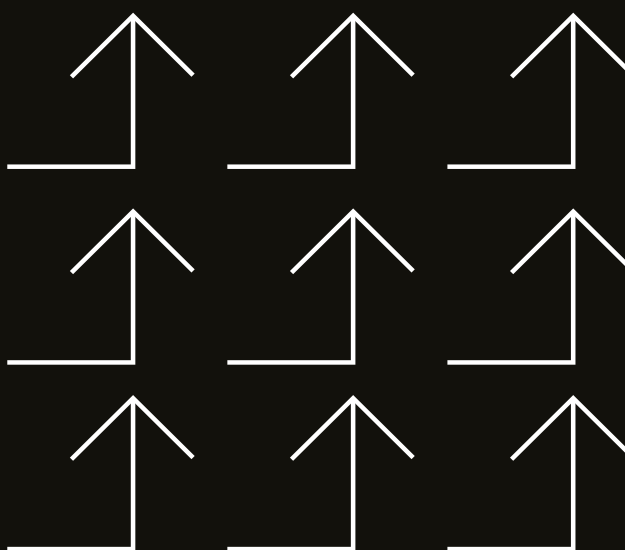
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45 DAYS PLACEMENT

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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DIGITAL PRODUCTION, DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT

***DIGITAL PRODUCTION, DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT
– LEVEL 3****

LENGTH: 2 YEARS



QUALIFICATION GAINED:

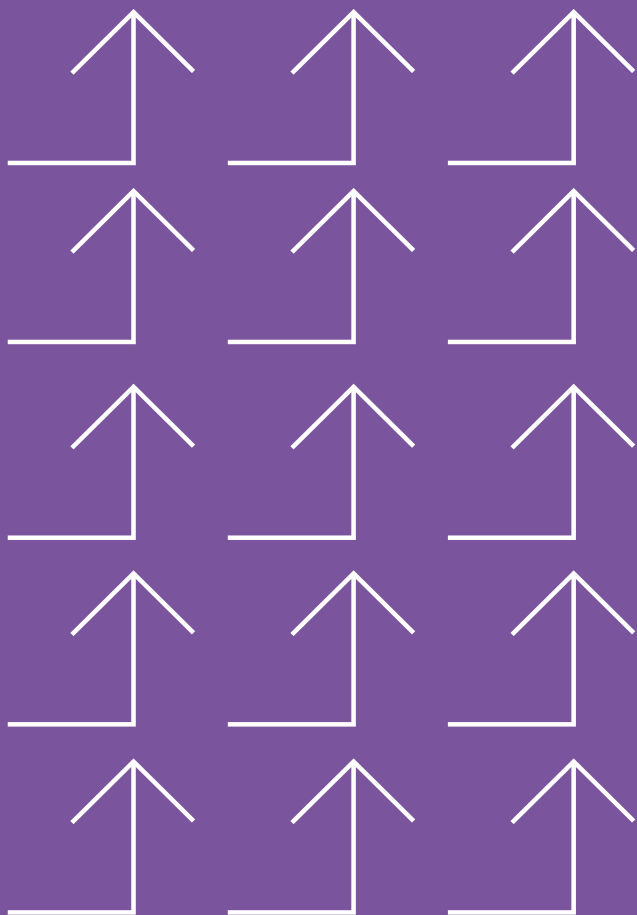
PEARSON LEVEL 3 T-LEVEL QUALIFICATION IN DIGITAL PRODUCTION, DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT

This two-year full-time T-Level course will provide you with all the skills and industry-experience you need to kick-start your career. Learning from industry-experienced tutors whilst gaining invaluable experience through a work placement, you will learn digital skills such as programming and emerging issues and impact of digital as well as legislation and regulatory requirements and security.

You will undertake an employer industry placement for a minimum of 45 days throughout your course, giving you the opportunity to put your new skills into practice and thrive in the workplace.

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WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES

Work experience and industry placements are an important part of your T-Level. Students must complete a minimum of 45 days of work experience to achieve their overall grade for their T-Level programme.

45 DAYS

WORK EXPERIENCE

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

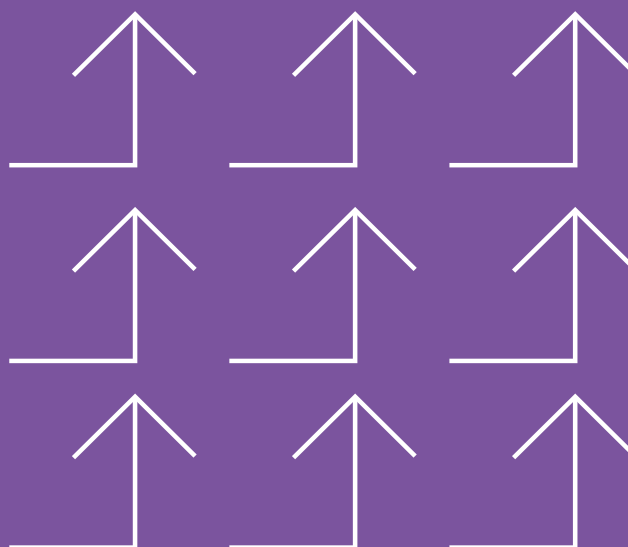
YOU WILL STUDY THE FOLLOWING CORE MODULES:

- Problem solving
- Introduction to programming
- Emerging issues and impact of digital
- Legislation and regulatory requirements
- Business context
- Data
- Digital environments
- Security.

You will also complete an occupational specialism component (Digital Production, Design and Development).

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Students will ordinarily require a minimum of Grade 4/5 in at least 5 GCSEs including English and Maths. Students may also need to participate in an assessment to ensure suitability ahead of enrolment.



T-LEVELS

THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION

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EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE

EARLY YEARS EDUCATOR – LEVEL 3*

LENGTH: 2 YEARS



QUALIFICATION GAINED:

**NCFE LEVEL 3 T-LEVEL IN EDUCATION AND
CHILDCARE – EARLY YEARS EDUCATOR**

During your studies you will build your experience in the childcare and early years sector, developing specialist knowledge and skills as you go.

You will learn theory and best practice from industry-experienced tutors in our specialist on-campus childcare facilities which simulate conditions within a working nursery.

You will study a range of vital topics, including behaviour, child development and special educational needs and disabilities. You will complete the course with the knowledge and practical skills you need to build an exciting career in education and childcare.

As part of the Early Years Educator T-Level, you will spend a minimum of 750 hours on an employer placement in a childcare setting, helping you to develop your specialist skills and experience. The time you dedicate to this placement will help you put your skills into practice in a real educational setting.

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750 HOURS

WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES

Work experience is an important part of your T-Level. You will undertake a substantial work placement with an employer for a minimum of 750 hours during your course to help you prepare for your next steps. You will also undertake an employer-set project as part of the course.



WHAT WILL I LEARN?

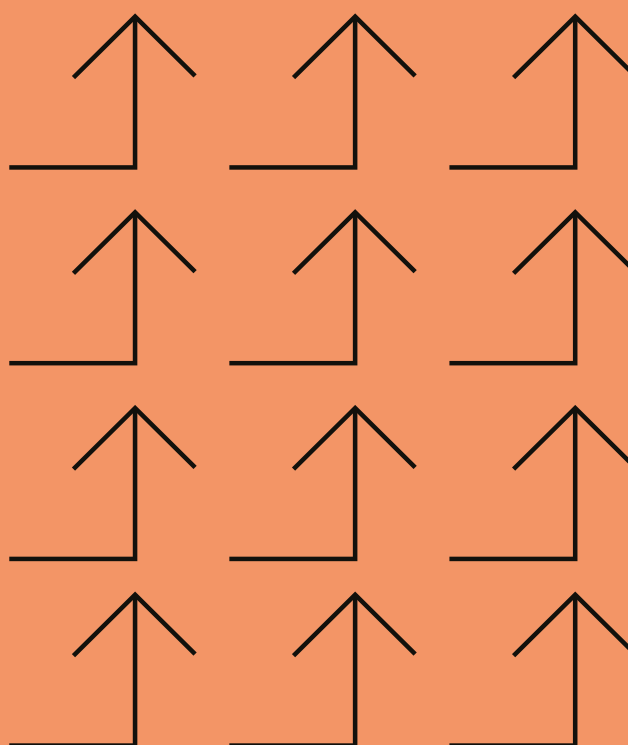
YOU WILL STUDY THE FOLLOWING CORE MODULES:

- Wider context
- Supporting education
- Safeguarding, health and safety and wellbeing
- Behaviour
- Parents, families, and carers
- Working with others
- Child development
- Observation and assessment
- Reflective practice
- Equality and diversity
- Special educational needs and disability
- English as an additional language.

You will also complete an occupational specialism component (Early Years Educator).

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Students will ordinarily require a minimum of Grade 4/5 in at least 5 GCSEs including English and Maths. Students may also need to participate in an assessment to ensure suitability ahead of enrolment.



T-LEVELS

THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION

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HEALTH

SUPPORTING THE ADULT NURSING TEAM – LEVEL 3*
LENGTH: 2 YEARS



QUALIFICATION GAINED:

**NCFE LEVEL 3 T-LEVEL QUALIFICATION IN
HEALTH – SUPPORTING THE ADULT NURSING
TEAM**

On this two-year course you will benefit from learning in our industry-standard facilities that replicate real hospital wards and health suites. Learning from industry-experienced tutors you will study a range

of important topics such as health and safety regulations, scientific and clinical practice,

and infection prevention, as well as theoretical studies of biology, chemistry, and physics. You will complete

the course with the scientific knowledge and practical experience you need to make a real difference as an important contributor to the adult health industry.

You will also undertake an employer industry placement for a minimum of 45 days throughout your course, giving you the opportunity to put your new skills into practice and thrive in the workplace.

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T-LEVELS
THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

YOU WILL STUDY THE FOLLOWING CORE MODULES:

- Working within the health and science sector
- The healthcare sector
- Health, safety and environmental regulations in the health and science sector
- Health and safety regulations applicable in the healthcare sector
- Managing information and data within the health and science sector
- Managing personal information
- Good scientific and clinical practice
- Providing person-centred care
- Health and wellbeing
- Infection prevention and control in health specific settings
- Safeguarding
- Core science concepts
- Further science concepts.

You will also complete an occupational specialism component (Supporting the Adult Nursing Team).

WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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45 DAYS

WORK EXPERIENCE

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Vocational Courses

Art & Design

The Arts and Culture Sector in the UK has an annual turnover of £100 billion, and each year tourists to the UK spend £900 million on artistic and cultural products. Would-be artists from all over the globe come to the UK to study in our colleges and universities, knowing that the Arts education available here is amongst the best in the world.



STUDENT PROFILE - NOURHAN

Lathom High School

Achieved:

Art & Design Extended Diploma Level 3

Progressed to:

University of Central Lancashire, BA (Hons) Graphic Design

OVERVIEW

Our courses provides you with the opportunity to pursue your career goal in a wide-range of Art & Design specialisms. The initial term will introduce you to working in professional art and design studios, this will include working in 2D, 3D and digitally with Apple Mac computers. You will also have the opportunity to work in a photographic darkroom and fully equipped studio. From that point forward we will tailor your course to match your career goal, enabling you to work with negotiated briefs which will develop your specialist art skills and prepare you for university study.

COURSES

Art & Design Extended Diploma Level 3

4 GCSEs Grade 4–9 including English and/or Maths

STUDENT EXPERIENCE

- Specialist facilities including two fully equipped Apple Mac suites, a large traditional Art Studio that caters for 2D and Textiles/Fashion, a 3D Art Studio, a Photographic Darkroom and Photography Studio
- Working on Arts Council England funded projects (such as the recent 'Illume' - photographic and sound art project)
- Brutalist Art Project - concrete relief sculptures
- Day trips to important UK galleries including Liverpool Tate, The Walker Gallery, The Lowry, the National Media Museum in Bradford, The Chapel Gallery and the Lady Lever Art Gallery
- Entrepreneurial and work based activities
- Extra-curricular projects and collaborations
- End of Year Creative Arts Exhibition
- Work experience opportunities with local employers in the arts industry.

OUR STUDENTS GO TO UNIVERSITY TO STUDY

- BA in Fine Art at Manchester Metropolitan University
- BA in Illustration and Graphics at Liverpool John Moores University
- BA in Games Design at the University of Falmouth
- BA in Fashion Promotion at Manchester Metropolitan
- BA in Photography at UCLan
- BA in Illustration at UCLan
- BA in Architecture at the University of Liverpool
- BA in Interior Design at UCLan
- BA in Illustration with Animation at Manchester Metropolitan University
- BA in Textiles and Fashion Design at Middlesex University
- BA in Surface Pattern Design at Staffordshire University

CAREERS

- Animator
- Architect
- Art Teacher
- Art Therapist
- Fashion Designer
- Film and Media Industry
- Fine Artist
- Gallery Curator
- Games Design
- Graphic Designer
- Illustrator
- Interior Designer
- Photographer
- Tattoo Artist
- Textile Designer
- 3D Designer

Beauty & Spa Therapy

Beauty Therapy and Spa courses aim to provide you with a range of essential technical and practical skills and knowledge. You will discover your creativity in fantastic facilities including 9 individual treatment rooms, spa facilities, nail bar, sauna and steam room. Our courses will take you through the very latest techniques in the industry with the very best products and resources.



STUDENT PROFILE – MAYA

Lathom High School

Achieved:

Beauty Therapy Level 2

Progressed to:

Beauty & Spa Therapy Level 3

Employment:

The Beauty Barn



OVERVIEW

Anatomy and physiology, principles of practice for beauty therapy, applying make-up, facial and skin analysis, hair removal treatments (waxing), lash and brow treatments, manicure and pedicure, light cured gel polish, dry spa treatments – including body brush, exfoliation and body wraps, body electrics, facial electrics, body massage – including advanced massage techniques, hot stone massage.

COURSES

Beauty Therapy Certificate Level 1

4 GCSEs Grade 2-9 including English and/or Maths

Beauty Therapy Level 2

4 GCSEs Grade 3–9 including English and/or Maths

Beauty & Spa Therapy Level 3

Progression course

STUDENT EXPERIENCE

- Spa days
- Product training with: Eve Taylor, NSI, Spa Rituals, Perron Rigot waxing, Crystal Clear
- Industry engagement with Steiner, Pierre Rene, Tropics Skin Care
- Additional Training with Lash FX
- Professional Beauty North Exhibition
- Beauty UK Birmingham Exhibition
- NHS staff health and wellbeing days
- Beauty Therapist uniform

OUR STUDENTS HAVE GONE INTO EMPLOYMENT WITH...

- Steiner Transocean (Cruise ships)
- Wrightington Country Club
- Hurlston Hall
- Formby Hall
- Cayo Coco
- Pout
- Elegance
- The Beauty Barn at Briars Hall
- Sarah Hunter Holistic Health and Wellbeing
- The Lavender Cove

CAREERS

- Spa Therapist
- Beauty Therapist
- Product Trainer
- Cruise Ship Therapist
- International Spa Therapist
- Department stores
- Brand Educator
- Mobile Therapist
- NHS Massage Therapist

Bricklaying

Bricklaying is one of the traditional trades both in the UK and around the world. Those studying bricklaying will learn a variety of skills to enable them to build, repair and maintain the country's housing stock.



OVERVIEW

Principles of building construction, interpreting work drawings to set out masonry structures, producing thin joint masonry and masonry cladding, build solid walling, isolated and attached piers, construct cavity walling forming masonry structures.

COURSES

Bricklaying Level 1

4 GCSEs Grade 2-9 including English and/or Maths

Bricklaying Level 2

Progression course

Bricklaying Level 3

Progression course

STUDENT EXPERIENCE

- CSCS Card for employment
- Live Projects – Build a House
- Community Projects
- Industry experts passionate about their subject area
- Work Experience with local and regional employers construction employers including Stackright, Keir and Keepmoat
- Trips to industry and trade shows
- Skills competitions including World Skills UK
- Links with employers such as Croftland Building and McCrory Brickwork Ltd
- Ibstock, Mechslip system

CAREERS

- Bricklayer
- Labourer
- Grounds Worker
- Self Employment



Business

The world of business has changed and today, globalisation is the new normal. Whether you are planning to enter fashion or finance, or something in between, studying business can open a world of possibilities for you. Our business courses will help you develop crucial communication skills, understand business audiences, gain an understanding of accounting, budgeting and project management and unlock the entrepreneur in you!



OVERVIEW

Management, finance, law, marketing, recruitment and selection, and business ethics.

For those who dream of being their own boss, you will also learn the skills and knowledge to start up a new business enterprise.

COURSES

Business Extended Diploma Level 3

4 GCSEs Grade 4–9 including English and/or Maths

STUDENT EXPERIENCE

- Intu Manchester (Trafford Centre)
- Liverpool – Hilton Master Class, behind the scenes access to the Echo Area
- Liverpool Crown Court – observing real life court cases
- Blackpool & Chester Zoo visits
- Manchester Airport Masterclass
- Amazon
- Crystal Maze
- NCS – Live away from home, meet incredible people and have an amazing experience
- Edge Ahead Competition at Edge Hill University
- Google Garage – workshops in developing your CV – skills training for young adults preparing for employment from the best in the business
- Take part in Mock Interview Day – Year 1 / Mock Assessment Day – Year 2
- Various Industry speakers including Chamber of Commerce
- Opportunities for European and International travel e.g. Prague, Krakow, Paris, San Francisco, Budapest



STUDENT PROFILE - CHARLIE

Former Ormskirk School Pupil

Currently studying:

BTEC Level 3 Business Extended Diploma

“

I joined West Lancs as it was my local college and offered the course I wanted. The course is great and my teachers work continuously hard to help me achieve the results I desire. The Business BTEC has given me many transferable skills, and on completion of my course I hope to go to Edge Hill University to study a BA in Film Studies. ”

OUR STUDENTS GO TO UNIVERSITY TO STUDY

- BA in Events Management
- BA in Marketing
- BSc in Criminology
- BA in Economics
- BA in Law
- BA in Facilities Management
- BA in Fashion & Retail
- BA in Accounting and Finance
- BA in Primary Early Years Education

CAREERS

- Solicitor or Barrister
- Finance and Accounting
- Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC)
- Human Resources
- Legal Executives
- Marketing and Advertising
- Running your own Business
- Transport and Logistics
- Retail Management
- Event Management
- Local Government Probation Service
- Crown Prosecution Service or Criminal Profiling

Carpentry & Joinery

Working in construction is exciting and rewarding and you will be gaining skills that can be utilised in this growing industry. You will be working on real projects that you will make and install in the workshops and also have the chance to gain work experience with local and regional employers.



OVERVIEW

Maintain and use carpentry and joinery hand tools, prepare and use carpentry and joinery portable power tools, produce woodworking joints, carry out first fix flooring and roofing, first fix frame partitions and stairs, second fixing operations, carpentry maintenance, set up and operate circular saw.

COURSES

Carpentry & Joinery Level 1

4 GCSEs Grade 2-9 including English and/or Maths

Carpentry & Joinery Level 2

Progression course

Site Carpentry & Joinery Level 3

Progression course



CAREERS

- Joiner
- Kitchen Fitter
- Foreperson
- Labourer
- Site Manager

STUDENT EXPERIENCE

- CSCS Card for employment
- Live Projects – Build a House (Improvement projects)
- Community Projects
- Trips to industry and trade shows
- Skills competitions including World Skills UK
- Links with employers including Stackright, Promart Manufacturers, Clan Contracting, Owen York Windows, CSC Home Improvements, MWB Residence Ltd, S Fletcher Design & Build, The Wood Workshop, The Kitchen Centre, BK Construction, Macay Brothers and CPM Joinery
- Progression to Apprenticeships

OUR STUDENTS HAVE GONE INTO EMPLOYMENT WITH...

- JC Construction
- Stackright Ltd
- York Windows
- Peter Roberts Ltd
- Promart Manufacturing
- Martin Boardman Ltd
- Liverpool John Moores University, BSc Construction, The Built Environment



STUDENT PROFILE - CARLA

Former Upholland High School pupil

Currently studying:

Carpentry & Joinery Level 2

“
I’ve always loved practical work and so, choosing Carpentry and Joinery was possibly one of the best decisions I’ve made. I really enjoy the course and one day, I hope to gain enough experience to run my own business.”

Digital

Our BTECs in Computing are widely accepted by universities and provide an excellent foundation for a range of IT and Computing degree courses. Success on these courses will allow students to progress into IT related careers including software & games development and technical support.



OVERVIEW

Learn all about software development, games development, web development, data analysis, software design and project management, how to set up and configure technology systems, explore current and emerging technologies, learn about security protection and risk management, experience working as an IT support technician, understand IT network features and functions, common practices in network security, and the function and features of the main network appliances.

COURSES

Information Computing & Technology Extended First Certificate Level 2

4 GCSEs Grade 3–9 including English and/or Maths

Computing Extended Diploma Level 3

4 GCSEs Grade 4–9 including English and/or Maths



STUDENT EXPERIENCE

- Games Engines – industry standard
- Networking Facility
- Virtual reality games machines
- Drone component and systems training
- Raspberry Pi – programming including Scratch and Python
- Coding Academy
- Robot Wars
- Emotion Robotics Masterclass
- Humanoid Robots including Pepper and Nao
- E-Sports League
- Discovery Computer Science Day
- Arcade Club
- Employer Partners, Work Experience including Fairbanks
- Partnership Universities including Edge Hill University
- Trips to Silicon Valley, San Francisco, Berlin Museum of Computing, Budapest, Games Expos

OUR STUDENTS GO TO UNIVERSITY TO STUDY

- BSc Web Development, Edge Hill University
- BSc Information Systems, Liverpool John Moores University
- BSc Computing, Edge Hill University
- BSc Games Programming, Edge Hill University
- MSc Computing, Edge Hill University

CAREERS

- Web Developer
- Computer Programmer
- Security Analyst
- Systems Analyst
- Systems Manager
- Systems Designers
- IT Business Analyst
- Games Developer

Early Years Education

Working in childhood education is an exciting and rewarding career where every day is stimulating and different. You will need to be creative and motivated to inspire young minds to develop through play and give them the foundations of learning for lifelong success. Our courses will give you the extensive knowledge and hands on experience to work in a nursery or progress onto higher education where you can train to become a primary school teacher.



OVERVIEW

Child development, play and learning, meeting children's physical development, physical care and health needs, collaboration with parents, colleagues and other professionals in early years, supporting children's communication and language, supporting children's personal, social, emotional development, child protection, observations, assessment and planning for play and development, diversity, equality and inclusion in the early years, reflecting on own early years practice.

COURSES

Introduction to Health & Education Level 1

4 GCSEs Grade 2–9 including English and/or Maths

Early Years Practitioner Level 2 Diploma

4 GCSEs Grade 3–9 including English and/or Maths

Childcare and Education Level 3 (Early Years Educator)

4 GCSEs Grade 4–9 including English and Maths

In addition you will be required to obtain a satisfactory DBS check.

STUDENT EXPERIENCE

- Hands on experience every week in a child care setting
- Innovative teaching from experienced staff members
- Stimulating classroom environments
- Enrichment trips
- First Aid training
- Forest School Training
- Manual Handling Training
- Food Hygiene Training
- University Educational Trips
- Fundraising for Local & National Charities throughout the year
- Sports and Fitness Activities
- Careers events
- Personal Skills Support

OUR STUDENTS GO TO UNIVERSITY TO STUDY

- Foundation Degree in Childhood Studies
- PGCE
- BA (Hons) Early Years Education with QTS
- BA (Hons) Primary Education with QTS
- BA (Hons) Primary Education with QTS (School Based Route)
- BA (Hons) Early Childhood Studies
- BA (Hons) Children and Young People's Learning and Development
- BA (Hons) Teaching, Learning and Child Development
- BA (Hons) Working and Teaching in the Early Years
- BA (Hons) Working with Children 5 - 11

CAREERS

- Early Years Assistant
- Early Years Practitioner
- Children's Holiday Representative
- Teaching Assistant
- Primary School Teacher
- Learning Support Mentor
- Play Worker



STUDENT PROFILE - JESSICA

Former Our Lady Queen of Peace High School Pupil

Achieved:

Children's Play Learning & Development Level 3

Currently Studying:

CACHE Child Care and Education (Early Years Educator) National Diploma Level 3

“

I chose this college because it offered the course I wanted to take and it is my local college. I have gained so much work experience on my programme and I am currently on placement at St Richard's Primary School which I love. My tutors are beyond amazing and have been so supportive. After I complete my course I want to go on to study a BA in Primary Education with QTS.”

Electrical Installation

We have a thriving Electrical Installations department based in the brand new School of Science building. Qualified Electricians are likely to earn more than any other trade! Once qualified you will have many job opportunities to progress to either self employment or become employed as an Electrical Engineer, Contract Designer or Electrical Design Engineer. These careers will provide you with well paid job security for life.





OVERVIEW

Electrical installation technologies, installation of wiring systems and enclosures, electrical and electronic principles, measurement methods and control engineering, electrical testing and commissioning, electrical maintenance in buildings, installation of electrical equipment, electrical power for engineering installations.

COURSES

Electrical Installations Level 2

4 GCSE Grades 3-9 including 4 or above in Maths

Electrical Installation Level 3

Progression course

STUDENT EXPERIENCE

- Guest Speakers from industry and visits to Kewtech, Denmans, Northern & Central, Port of Liverpool, Fiddlers Ferry Power Station
- Links with employers including Greenhey Industrial & Marine Engineering Ltd, AC Electrical, Frontline, AEG Electrical Group, Ormskirk Electrical Service, CW Electrical & Plumbing and Stackright
- Progression to Apprenticeships
- Skills Competitions including World Skills UK

OUR STUDENTS HAVE GONE INTO EMPLOYMENT WITH...

- Greenhey Industrial & Marine Engineering Ltd
- Andrew Fairhurst Electrical Services Ltd
- Fix 360
- Hoult Group Services
- AC Electrical
- P & R Electrical Contractors Ltd
- AEG Electrical Group

CAREERS

- Electrician in Domestic, Commercial and Industrial Installations
- Commercial and Industrial Installations
- Electrical Supervisor
- Lighting Electrician/Operative
- Telecomms Electrician
- Testing & Inspection Electrician

Engineering

Engineers make an enormous impact on society. They use maths and physics and apply it to real-life problems. They fix things and provide solutions. Engineering offers good employment prospects, often with national and international opportunities. Our courses are designed to open up the world of Engineering and develop your knowledge and skills in design, manufacturing and maintenance.



OVERVIEW

Communications for engineering technicians, engineering project, mathematics for engineering technicians, mechanical principles and applications, electrical and electronic principles, computer aided drafting in engineering, principles and applications of thermodynamics, electronic fault-finding.

COURSES

Engineering Technology First Diploma Level 2

4 GCSE Grades 3-9 including Maths and/or Science

Engineering Extended National Diploma Level 3

4 GCSE Grade 4-9, 4 or above in Science and English and 5 or above in Maths

STUDENT EXPERIENCE

- Guest Speakers from industry and trade shows
- Live projects including HS2 and Future U Project
- Trips and visits including London
- 2D and 3D Computer Aided Design
- Links with employers and progression to Apprenticeships
- Fantastic Engineering facilities onsite including 3D System Cube Printers; CNC Routers; Floor Standing, PC controlled CNC Lathe T220i and a CAD suite.

OUR STUDENTS HAVE GONE INTO EMPLOYMENT WITH...

- Greenhey Industrial & Marine Engineering Ltd.
- Fix 360
- Hoults Group Services
- Hotter
- Walker Engineering

CAREERS

- Mechanical Engineer
- Production Engineer
- Engineering Maintenance Technician
- Motor Vehicle
- Mechanic/Technician
- Marine Engineer
- Heating & Ventilation Engineer
- Gas Engineer
- Electrician
- Electrical Engineer
- Electronics Engineer

Hairdressing

Do you have a passion for hairdressing? Learn the latest hairdressing techniques, and gain experience in The Imagery Hair & Beauty Academy. Women's and Men's Hairdressing is a fast moving, fashion orientated industry, releasing your creative and artistic talents. Hairdressing is an essential part to the world of Fashion and Beauty and at West Lancashire College we have designed programmes to support you in to industry.

OVERVIEW

Principles and practices of hairdressing and barbering services; shampoo, condition the hair and scalp; cut hair using basic techniques; style, set and dress hair; colour and lighten hair; shampoo, creatively style and dress hair; hair colour correction services; creatively colour and lighten hair; cut hair using a combination of techniques; creative hair design skills.

COURSES

Hairdressing Level 1

4 GCSEs Grade 2-9 including English and/or Maths

Hairdressing Level 2

4 GCSEs Grade 3 - 9 including English and/or maths

Hairdressing Level 3

Progression course

STUDENT EXPERIENCE

- Fantastic facilities
- Imagery Hair Academy Experience
- Taught by Wella Colour Masters
- Well established links with Employers
- Extensive Work Experience
- Salon products and promotions include; Silky, Neil and Wolf, Olaplex, Keratstraight, Nouvelle, Paintbang, Reload, Pastisse, Hot tools, Ikoo



OUR STUDENTS HAVE GONE INTO EMPLOYMENT WITH...

- Stylers Hair Studio
- Trimmers
- Sillhouette Hair
- All About Hair
- Vicky's Hair Design
- Neil Joseph
- Cabello

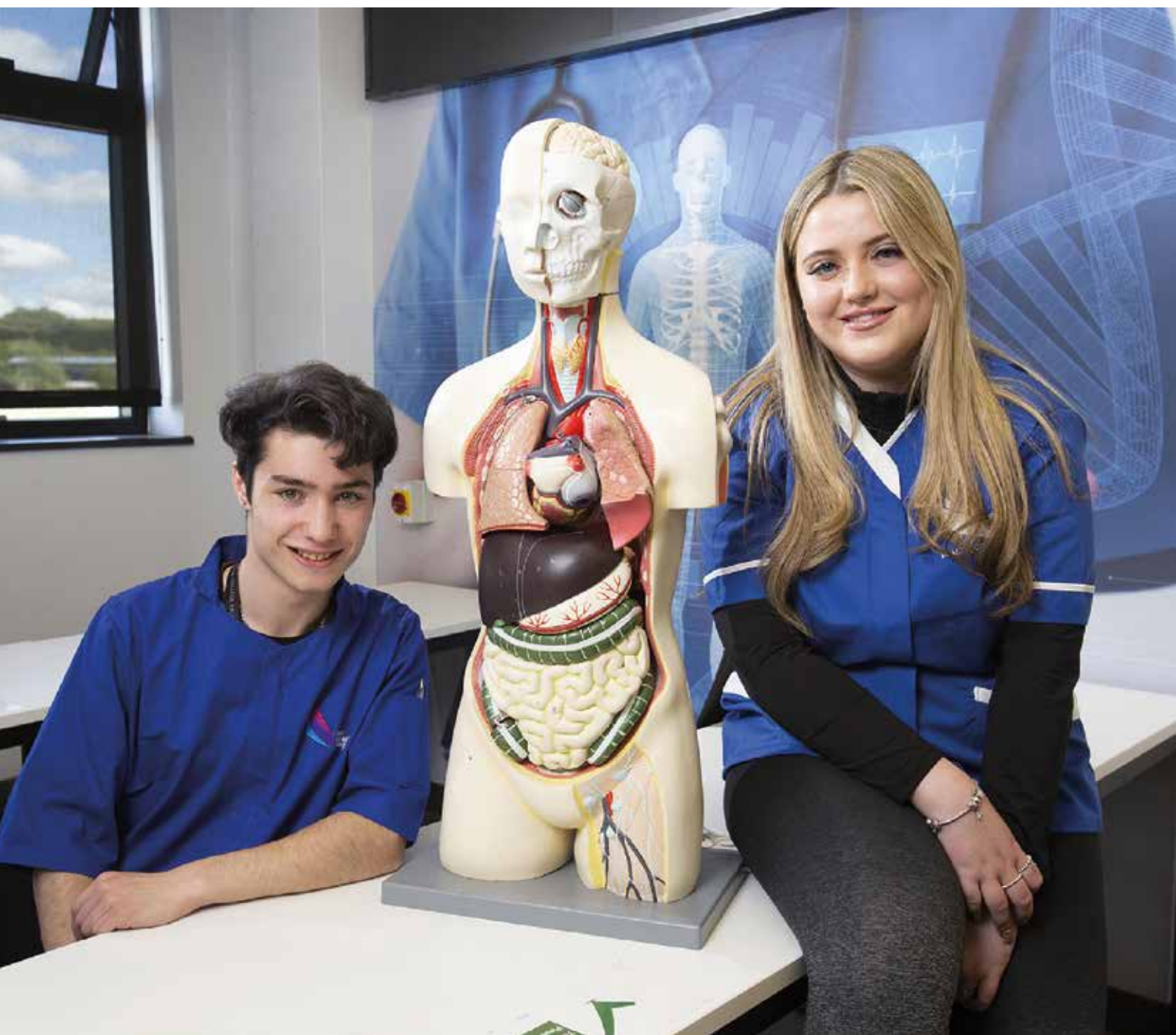
CAREERS

- Hairstylist
- Colour Specialist
- Salon Manager
- Senior Stylist
- Salon Owner
- Lecturers
- Exhibition and TV work
- Fashion Stylist

Health, Social Care & Psychology

Delivered in partnership with leading employers from the health and medical sector and Universities from the North West, our Health Careers Academy offers a wide range of course options giving you access to university and employment.

Whether you want to be a midwife, paramedic, nurse, care worker or any one of the hundreds jobs available in the Health Care sector, our Health Careers Academy has a route for you.



OVERVIEW

Social influences on health and wellbeing; promoting health and wellbeing; the impact of nutrition on health and wellbeing; creative and therapeutic activities in health and social care; human lifespan development; working in health and social care; anatomy and physiology for health and social care; nutritional health practical scientific procedures and techniques; science investigation skills; laboratory techniques and their application; contemporary issues in science; biomedical science; physiology of human body systems; psychological approaches and applications; health psychology.

COURSES

Introduction to Health & Education Level 1

4 GCSEs Grade 2–9 including English and/or Maths

Health & Social Care Extended Certificate Level 2

4 GCSEs Grade 3–9 including English and/or Maths

Health & Social Care National Extended Diploma Level 3

4 GCSEs Grade 4–9 including English and/or Maths

Psychology (Applied) National Certificate Level 3 4 GCSEs Grade 4 – 9 including English, Science and/ or Maths.

This course MUST be combined with Level 3 Health & Social Care and is equivalent to 1 A Level.

STUDENT EXPERIENCE

- Links with the Royal College of Nursing
- Links with Partner Universities – UCLan and Edge Hill University
- Industry recognised training and qualifications delivered by expert tutors with experience in the Health Care sector including a Midwife and Social Worker
- Unique industry placements in a variety of roles within the medical sector with placements being offered with leading employers including NHS, Virgin Care and West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)
- Industry visits appropriate to your chosen career including Ashworth Hospital, Thackray Medical Museum, The Mind, Body & Soul Experience and bespoke taster days at local universities.
- Guest speakers appropriate to your chosen career including Royal College of Nursing,

Southport Community Mental Health Team, Virgin Care, BEAT (Eating Disorders), Addaction Group, Lancashire NHS Team, Local Safeguarding Adult Board for Lancashire, Council for Voluntary Service and Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service, West Lancashire.

- Workshops and seminars delivered by Health Care Professionals and Professors.
- Look and feel like a Health Care professional with our Health Careers Academy Uniform.
- Bespoke University days and support with UCAS personal statements to help secure your chosen University.

OUR STUDENTS GO TO UNIVERSITY TO STUDY

Children's Nursing at UCLan, Edge Hill University and Cumbria University

Mental Health Nursing and Social Work combined degree, Edge Hill University

Psychotherapy and Counselling, UCLan
Midwifery, Salford University

Adult Nursing, John Moores University and Edge Hill University

Occupational Therapy, Salford University and University of Sheffield

Learning Disability Nursing, Lancaster University

Social Work Edge Hill University

Nutrition & Health, Edge Hill University

Paramedic Science, UCLan

CAREERS

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| • Nurse | • Radiologist |
| • Counsellor | • Physiotherapist |
| • Occupational Therapist | • Pharmacist |
| • Personal Trainer | • Science Technician |
| • Nutritionist | • Researcher |
| • Primary Carer | |
| • Graduate Mental Health Worker | |
| • Social Worker | |
| • Youth Worker | |
| • Social Work | |
| • Midwife | |
| • Paramedic | |
| • Biological Scientist or Biochemist | |
| • Forensic Scientist | |
| • Pathologist | |

Motor Vehicle

Are you interested in vehicles and how an engine works? Our motor vehicle maintenance repair courses help you get the relevant technical knowledge of motor vehicles to enable progression into the industry.

OVERVIEW

You will gain an excellent working knowledge of motor vehicles and possible faults, learn vehicle technology, be interested in cars, light commercial vehicles or motorcycles, and electronic equipment. You will also gain a broad knowledge and understanding of the workplace and develop skills associated with working in a garage.

COURSES

Automotive Maintenance Level 1

4 GCSEs Grade 2-9 including English and/or Maths

Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Level 2

Progression course

Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Principles Level 3

Progression course

STUDENT EXPERIENCE

- Guest speakers and industry specialist training, Pipewerx, D1 Ultimate driving experience, AA, VOSA
- Toyota Tour
- Cars supplied and replaced termly including – Ford, Vauxhall, Toyota, Jaguar plus Hybrid Vehicles
- Workshop experience, services cars, valeting, air conditioning refills
- Links with Lancashire Fire Service
- Halford voucher for discount tools
- Work Experience
- Excellent progression to employment
- Progression to Apprenticeships
- Formula 1 pit crew challenge

OUR STUDENTS HAVE GONE INTO EMPLOYMENT WITH...

- C&N Car Services
- Caber Mechanical Handling
- Premier Tyres
- Westgate Tyre & Service Centre Ltd
- AS Auto
- Mazda Bolton
- Premier Tyres
- A Davies Auto's Ltd
- Westgate Tyre & Service Centre Ltd
- CC Commercials

CAREERS

- Light Vehicle Maintenance Technician
- Light Vehicle Diagnostic Technician
- Race Technician



Plumbing

Construction is the UK's biggest industry, with 2 million people already at work in more than 700 different types of jobs. Develop your skills and kick start your career in Plumbing with one of our industry standard courses.



OVERVIEW

Cold water systems, hot water systems, central heating and electrical supply and earth continuity. This course combines practical and theory based work tasks.

COURSES

Plumbing Level 1

4 GCSEs Grade 2-9 including English and/or Maths

Plumbing Studies Diploma Level 2

4 GCSE Grade 3-9 including a 4 or above in Maths

Advanced Technical Diploma in Plumbing Level 3

Progression course

STUDENT EXPERIENCE

- Specialist training from industry experts and suppliers including: Sentinel Products, Mira Showers, Myson, Salamander Pumps, McAlpine, Wavin
- Trips and visits the PHEX Manchester and Go karting
- Specialist equipment including; Hydraulic steel benders, gas torches, hand banding/copper bending machines, simulated rooms for practical works
- Skills competitions including World Skills UK
- Progression to Apprenticeships

OUR STUDENTS HAVE GONE INTO EMPLOYMENT WITH...

- Huyton Plumbing and Heating Ltd
- Liquid and Gas
- Lathom Heating and Plumbing
- Karl Roberts Domestic Installations
- CLC Group

CAREERS

- Labourer
- Apprentice Plumber
- Self Employment
- Foreperson
- Plumbers Merchant
- Site Manager



Science

Do you love Science? The Applied Science sector is diverse and wide ranging and can open the doors to many careers and university courses. The sector includes biomedical, forensic, physical and chemical sciences and will help you compete in a rapidly growing global jobs market.



OVERVIEW

Principles and applications of science, practical scientific procedures and techniques, science investigation skills, laboratory techniques and their application, investigative project, contemporary issues in science, biomedical science, astronomy and space science, physiology of human body systems, forensic evidence, collection and analysis, Psychological approaches and applications, conducting psychological research, health psychology, communicating with pharmacy customers, law, regulation, health and safety in pharmacy, working in the pharmacy team.

COURSES

Science (Applied) National Extended Diploma Level 3

4 GCSEs Grade 4–9 including Science, English and/or Maths

STUDENT EXPERIENCE

- Acquire a high level of practical science skills equipping you with the skills you need for employment and/or university
- Trip to the World Heritage nominated Jodrell Bank University
- Visit the European Organisation for Nuclear Research (CERN) in Geneva and learn about the origins of the universe
- Take part in a live post mortem gaining surgical skills
or take part in one of our develop a doctor days
- Take part in University Masterclasses such as Hunting for Other Earths, Bugs 'n' Drugs and Evolution, and The Explosive Origin of Animals. All of which will enhance your learning and University application
- Attend Science Shows and Expos



OUR STUDENTS GO TO UNIVERSITY TO STUDY

- Earth and Environmental Science at Lancaster University
- Zoology and Herpetology at Bangor University
- Biology at John Moores University
- Human Biology at Edge Hill University
- Employment at Liverpool Women's Hospital

CAREERS

- Biological scientist or biochemist
- Forensic Scientist
- Chemical Engineer
- Pathologist
- Radiologist
- Physiotherapist
- Pharmacist
- Science Technician Researcher

Sports

Students joining our sports programmes will study in state-of-the-art facilities, including our rehabilitation room and sports science laboratory. With a combination of both practical and theoretical learning these courses are perfect to kick start your career!



OVERVIEW

Practical exercise and fitness activities, how the body works, plan fitness programmes, deliver sports activities as a leader, treating injuries, anatomy and physiology for sports performance and health, principles of exercise, fitness and health, delivering personal training sessions.

COURSES

Sports Level 1

4 GCSEs Grade 2–9 including English and/or Maths

Sports Leadership Level 2

4 GCSEs Grade 3–9 including English and/or Maths

Sport, Fitness and Personal Training Extended Diploma Level 3

4 GCSEs Grade 4–9 including English and/or Maths

STUDENT EXPERIENCE

- 70k rehabilitation room/sports science laboratory
- Sports therapy clinic for work experience
- Trips and visits include; Mount Snowdon, Awesome Walls, Formby Beach, St Georges Park, La Santa (Lanzarote) Body World (Amsterdam) Therapy Expo (London)
- Work experience at some fabulous high profile sporting events and clubs including; International Fitness Show in Blackpool, The Big One in Sheffield and Southport Rugby Club, More than a Marathon, Charity Events
- Sports Teams including Football, Netball, Basketball & Handball



STUDENT PROFILE – DAN

Former Lathom High School Pupil

Achieved:

Sport, Fitness and Personal Training BTEC
Extended Diploma Level 3

STUDENTS HAVE GONE ON TO UNIVERSITY OR EMPLOYMENT

- BA Journalism, Liverpool John Moores University
- BSc Sports Therapy, Salford University
- BSc Sports Science, Liverpool John Moores University
- BSc Sports Therapy, Middlesbrough University
- BSc Sports Therapy, University of Newcastle
- BSc Sports Coaching, University of Bath
- PTI Armed Forces
- Self Employment in the Sports Industry, including Sports Therapists, Nursing, Fitness Instructors, First Aid Specialists.

CAREERS

- PE Teacher/other teaching professions
- Sports Therapist
- Physiotherapist
- Fitness Instructor
- Personal Trainer
- Sports Massage Therapist
- Sports Coach
- Variety of higher level jobs within the sports and fitness industry

“

I chose to study at West Lincs as it had a course that suited me and my passion perfectly. Even the personal training aspects of the course have been transferable to my coaching skills. I am now studying Sports Coaching at Edge Hill University. ”

Uniformed Public Services

Are you interested in a career as a Police Officer, Fire Fighter, Paramedic, Customs & Revenue Officer, Prison Officer or are you set for a career in the Armed Forces? If so, our Public Services courses are perfect for you.

OVERVIEW

Government, policies and the public services, leadership and teamwork in the public services, career planning for the public services, land navigation by map and compass, employment in the uniformed public services.

COURSES

Public Services Level 1

4 GCSEs Grade 2–9 including English and/or Maths

Public Services Extended Certificate Level 2

4 GCSEs Grade 3–9 including English and/or Maths

Public Services Extended Diploma Level 3

4 GCSEs Grade 4–9 including English and/or Maths

STUDENT EXPERIENCE

- Industrial visits such as the Look at Life programme
- Police Cadetship available
- National Citizenship Service (NCS)
- 24 hour search and rescue event developing navigation and lifesaving skills
- RAF Teamwork activities at Aintree Barracks
- External Speakers from the Emergency Services and a variety of universities
- Liverpool Crown Court visits
- Fire and Rescue Service – career advice, use of equipment, visits to Fire and Rescue centres and Road Traffic Collision demonstrations
- Work Experience with BTCV and Lancashire Trust

OUR STUDENTS GO TO UNIVERSITY TO STUDY

FdSc in Policing
BA Hons Criminology
BA (Hons) Business Studies
BSc Hons Sports Science Degree
PTI Armed Forces

CAREERS

- Armed Forces
- Police, Fire and Rescue Service
- Customs and Revenue Officer
- Royal Navy and RAF
- Outdoor Activity Instructor
- Physical Training Instructor
- Professions in law and legal services
- Progression to Higher Education in areas such as law, criminology, management of outdoor activities, leadership and management in fire studies or public services management.



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Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships

Being an Apprentice gives you the opportunity to gain a nationally recognised qualification while gaining skills with an employer. Apprenticeships are growing and many more young people and employers are recognising them as a great way to start a career.

As a West Lancashire College Apprentice you will:

- Learn on the job, building up knowledge and skills and earning money at the same time.
- Receive a salary, paid holidays and opportunities to progress your career.
- Be trained in the workplace by a company mentor.
- Be visited regularly in the workplace by one of our experienced trainers and assessors.
- Attend college for off the job training.
- Improve English & maths skills.





We offer a range of Apprenticeships to choose from including:

Autocare Level 2

4 GCSEs Grade 3-9 including English and Maths

Business Administration Level 3

4 GCSEs Grade 4-9 including English & Maths

Carpentry and Joinery Level 2

4 GCSEs Grade 3-9 including English & Maths

Carpentry & Joinery Level 3

4 GCSEs Grade 4-9 including English & Maths

Electrical Installations Level 3

4 GCSEs Grade 4-9 including English & Maths

Engineering Level 3

4 GCSEs Grade 4-9 including English & Maths

Hairdressing/Barbering Level 2

4 GCSEs Grade 3-9 including English & Maths

Motor Vehicle Service and Maintenance Technician (Light Vehicle) Level 3

4 GCSEs Grade 4-9 including English & Maths



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Apprenticeships

Make Steps to start your Apprenticeship

STEP 1	CHOOSE	We offer a range of different Apprenticeship Programmes. Look out for the Apprenticeship symbol in the subject area in this prospectus to identify all our Apprenticeship opportunities.
STEP 2	APPLY	Complete an application form either via our website or by contacting Admissions on 01695 52383 to register your interest for an Apprenticeships Programme at West Lancashire College.
STEP 3	EMPLOYED	You have a job with an employer.
	UNEMPLOYED	Find a job. All of our current Apprenticeships vacancies are available and can be applied for at www.apprenticeships.org.uk or at www.westlancs.ac.uk
STEP 4	EMPLOYED	Our Apprenticeship Team will work with you and your employer to organise your training.
	UNEMPLOYED	Attend one of our monthly Get Ready for Apprenticeship sessions. Our Apprenticeship Team will work with you to secure an employer. Help is available with Job Search, Career Coach, Interview Techniques and CV Writing.
STEP 5	BEGIN	You have secured your employment and now your training will start. An assessor specialising in your chosen area will meet and assess you both on the job and in college and support you to work towards your qualifications. They will set you assignments, complete observations and guide you towards achieving your Apprenticeship.
STEP 6	FINISH	After you complete your training? A high number of Apprentices will continue working with their employer as a permanent member of staff.



Foundation & Inclusive Learning Courses

Foundation & Inclusive Learning

The Faculty of Foundation & Supported Learning offers a wide range of excellent, high-quality vocational experiences, specialist resources and accommodation, giving learners the opportunity to participate in variety of practical activities linked to their specific needs. Our classes are small, and our teachers are committed and experienced. You can be confident that learning takes place in a fun, creative and supportive environment.

WITHIN THE FACULTY WE OFFER A RANGE OF PROGRAMMES INCLUDING:

Inclusive Learning Programmes

For students who have learning difficulties or disabilities and are looking for a flexible curriculum that enhances learning experience and provides strong 'foundations' that will provide benefits for working life, independent living, or progression to other courses. The programme is fun and engaging and is packed with a variety of opportunities to meet new people and to learn new and exciting skills.

Foundation Learning

We offer a range of Entry courses for 16- 18-year-olds who are unsure of their next steps and would like to investigate their career options before progressing onto more specific programmes in college. Our programmes will help students become familiar with the world of work, provide a variety of practical experiences linked to various careers and offer a supportive, caring, and nurturing environment.

Students can choose from:

Entry to Health, Education and Digital

This covers Health & Social Care, Early Years Education, IT & Business

Entry to the Creative Industries

This covers Hairdressing, Beauty Therapy and Art & Design

Entry to Sports and Uniformed Public Services

This covers elements of both Uniformed Public Services and Sports

Entry to the Construction Trades

This covers Bricklaying, Carpentry & Joinery and Plumbing

There are no formal entry qualifications for our entry level courses, however students must be willing and motivated to attend college and learn.

STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Trips and visits:

Blackpool Pleasure Beach, Chester Zoo, NCS, Velocity, Hurlston Hall, Jab Boxing.

Employer and Community Links:

Supported Work Placements, British Heart Foundation, West Lancs, Recycling, YPS, Nye Bevan, Park Pool, Parbold Equestrian Centre, Engine Rooms, Superdrug, Brookfield Park Primary, The Woodland Animal Sanctuary, Queens Courts Hospice, Pets at Home, Pemberton Pet Shop, Aughton Town Green Primary School (After School Club), Care Afloat, Tawd Valley, Birchwood Centre.

Guest Speakers:

Choose Life (Ex-prisoners' drug related role-play talk), Fire Service – Bright Spark – Firework Safety, Barclays Bank (Money Skills Talk), and Gary Skyner (Inspirational Speaker).

Volunteering:

Duke of Edinburgh Award, Canal and River Trust, West Lancashire Rangers.

Sports:

Lancashire FA Inclusion League – Football Team

STUDENTS HAVE PROGRESSED TO

- Further college programmes
- Employment
- Supported Internships

Safeguarding

We are committed to safeguarding and ensuring all students experience a secure, safe and welcoming environment in which they can fulfil their potential. We are also committed to assisting students to develop the skills necessary to take responsibility for their own safety. Specific policies and procedures are in place to safeguard young people (students under 18 years of age) and vulnerable adults; these are robust and are reviewed regularly.

Procedures are in place to take all reasonable measures to ensure risk is minimised and appropriate action is taken to address welfare concerns of young people and vulnerable adults. Our college community includes young people aged 14 to 18 and vulnerable adults. For this reason and as part of our commitment to safeguard our students and provide a safe place to learn, we are asking all potential students to disclose if they have a violent or sexual conviction. You will be asked to complete a declaration at the point of enrolment. If you do have convictions you will not be automatically excluded from enrolling on a college course. Each case will be considered on its own merits. For further information please ask to speak to a member of the Safeguarding Team.

The Prevent Duty

West Lancashire College is committed to Prevent. The Prevent Duty forms part of the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015, and the strategy responds to the ideological challenge we face from terrorism and aspects of extremism, and the threat we face from those who promote these views. It provides practical help to prevent people from being drawn in to terrorism and ensure they are given appropriate advice and support. It covers all forms of terrorism, including far right extremism and some aspects of non-violent extremism.

If you have any concerns about radicalisation, terrorism or extremism, please ask to speak to one of the Safeguarding Team.

Equality

West Lancashire College welcomes diversity in its student population – valuing differences in race, gender, sexual orientation, disability, religion or belief, class and age. We actively oppose discrimination, aim to remove all conditions that put people at a disadvantage, strive to improve access and to provide outstanding support. We are committed to providing an inclusive learning environment. We have produced a NCG Equality Strategy which sets out our response to statutory obligations and our approach to the active promotion of equality and diversity. Please discuss your support needs with us and we will make every reasonable effort to make adjustments to help you succeed.

Respect

At West Lancashire College we emphasise the importance of respecting all other people, be they staff, students or visitors to the college and respecting their property and the facilities of the college, which exist for the benefit of all students.

Security

To ensure the security of our students we operate an identity card system where students, staff and official visitors wear lanyards and badges. We will do our best to support the various needs of all our students and to help you all to achieve your learning goals. If you are a disabled person, please ensure that we know what you need so that we can make all reasonable adjustments to help you succeed. Students are asked to help us create an environment where everyone feels safe and valued and where you can work successfully to achieve your full potential.

Disclaimer

Every effort is made to ensure that the information contained in this prospectus is correct at the time of publication. We reserve the right however, to make alterations or amendments to the details contained in this booklet. Courses will operate subject to sufficient numbers.

NCG Guarantee

West Lancashire College is proud to be part of NCG, one of the country's leading college groups.

We are one of seven colleges across the country that make up NCG, meaning we're a key part of providing education and training to learners, apprentices and employers across the UK.

Together, we share expertise, support each other to grow, help each other to innovate and accomplish real change for individuals, communities and economies across the country.

Student benefits

Students studying at any of our colleges benefit from the NCG Guarantee. This guarantee gives all our students access to a range of tools and initiatives centred around a core set of principles. Our courses, additional support services and enrichment activities will equip you with a wider set of skills, all of which aim to make you more employable.

Put simply, the NCG Guarantee gives students access to additional activities, resources and initiatives to help you achieve your ambitions and career goals.

The NCG Guarantee is centred around:

- Employability
- Community
- Enterprise
- Mental Fitness
- Digital.

Throughout your time with us you will be involved in a range of projects and initiatives focused on these principles. Coupled with excellent teaching and learning, you will complete your course with a unique set of skills which help set you up for your future.



For more information on courses, you can contact us by post, phone, or email and ask for further information on the courses that interest you. You can also access detailed course information sheets on our website **www.westlancs.ac.uk**

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