



FULL-TIME PROSPECTUS 2026-27

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Welcome to

North Shropshire College.

Based in the lively market town of Oswestry, North Shropshire College (NSC) offers courses across a broad selection of vocational subject areas. Students are taught by industry experts in professional workshop environments, including a commercial restaurant, training kitchens and outdoor sports facilities. We invest in our facilities and 2023 saw the completion of a brand-new construction training centre, state-of-the-art commercial hair and beauty salons and science laboratories.

No matter which course you choose you will be given the opportunity to develop new skills, make new friends and be a part of a thriving and caring college community. I sincerely hope that you will choose to join us and I look forward to welcoming you in the future.

David WilliamsPrincipal & Chief Executive



Open Events.

Saturday 8th November 2025 10:00am - 12:00pm

Wednesday 11th February 2026 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Wednesday 10th June 2026 5:00pm - 7:00pm



Pre-book your place online.







Open events are not to be missed.

It's a great opportunity to see everything North Shropshire College has to offer.

- Meet the tutors and learn more about the courses
- Take a tour around our amazing facilities and buildings
- Chat to our friendly Student Services team, who can advise you on the application process and answer any questions you may have
- Get financial advice from our Student Finance team



A wide range of **enrichment** opportunities





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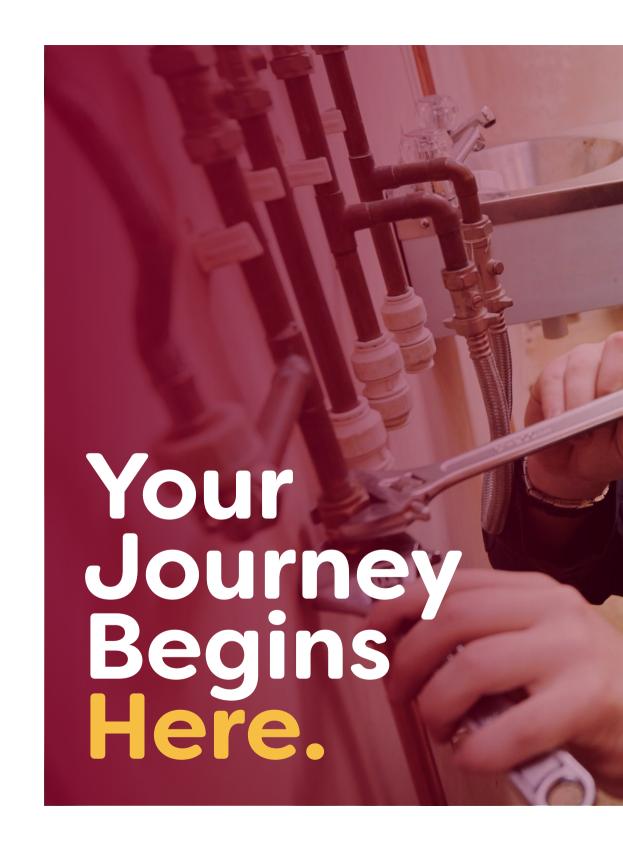




Superb wellbeing and pastoral support



State of the art facilities
with a professional teaching
restaurant, plumbing and
electrical workshops and a
dedicated hair and beauty salon.





Your Pathways After School.



Vocational

If you're aged between 16-18 years old you will have a study programme specifically tailored to meet your educational needs and career aspirations. It consists of your main chosen course as well as further development of maths, English and employability skills.

A Levels

If you're looking to study A Levels, our Ludlow Sixth Form College provides an excellent choice of A Level subjects. Students often progress on to higher education and secure places at Russell Group universities.

Apprenticeships

We currently offer a variety of different apprenticeship subjects and routes ranging from Level 2 qualifications right up to Degree Level. This route allows you to combine work and study through on the job training with classroom learning.

T Levels

These courses offer you a mixture of classroom learning with workplace experience. During the course you will put your skills and knowledge into practice during an industry placement of 315 hours.

GCSE's

This is a one-year GCSE course designed for students wishing to develop their maths and/or English skills and improve their grades. Students will require a grade 4 (grade C) in both subjects to progress to any A Level course or Level 3 Vocational course.

The course will help you to improve on the areas you find the most difficult, building your confidence as well as your understanding and skills. For students who do need to re-sit either (or both) GCSE maths or English, it will be accommodated into your programme of study, as day and evening classes are available.

Qualifications Guide

All our courses have bespoke entry requirements, please refer to our Qualifications Guide on our website for more information.



Find out more on our website.

Let's Get Started.



How do I apply?

- 1 Discover
 - Use this prospectus to find out about North Shropshire College or by visiting our website hlnsc.ac.uk
- 2 Visit an open event

Get a feel for what makes North Shropshire College a great choice. This will also be a great opportunity to meet the tutors and tour of facilities.

- 3 Apply now
 - Head to our website to complete an application form. Apply as soon as you can to secure your place.
- 4 We'll keep in touch

An acknowledgement email will be sent to you within 7 working days of receiving your application.

5 Advice and guidance session

You may be invited to attend an advice and guidance session or take part in a competency or practical test. The advice and guidance session will give you the opportunity to discuss your reasons for choosing your course and what your future plans may be. The tutor is there to help, so please ask as many questions as you need, to make sure you are happy with your choice.

6 Enrolment

You will be informed of the enrolment dates in August 2026.



Getting to College.

North Shropshire College is located in the lively market town of Oswestry, Shropshire.

Travelling by bus? North Shropshire College offers subsidised travel on all bus routes. Costs are based on how far you have to travel from your home to the College.

Travelling by car? North Shropshire College operates a free parking permit system for students and staff. Students can park in any of the allocated car parks on site. To use the car park you must apply for a parking permit, which is then displayed on your windscreen.

We also have a bike parking shelter available so you can securly lock your bike during the day.

If you qualify for help towards full cost of travel please apply for your Bursary first in order to arrange your pass.

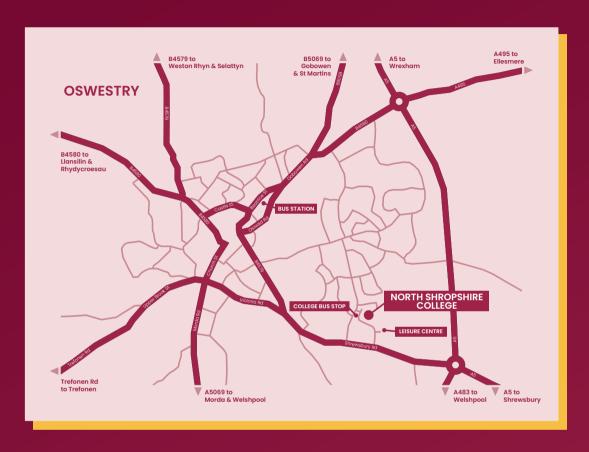
If you don't qualify for free travel please fill in the Bus Pass Application Form and submit it to North Shropshire College along with a passport photo and initial payment.



Find out more by scanning the QR code.

Map







Travel by bus

Students can apply for a college bus pass



Travel by car

Parking available on-site



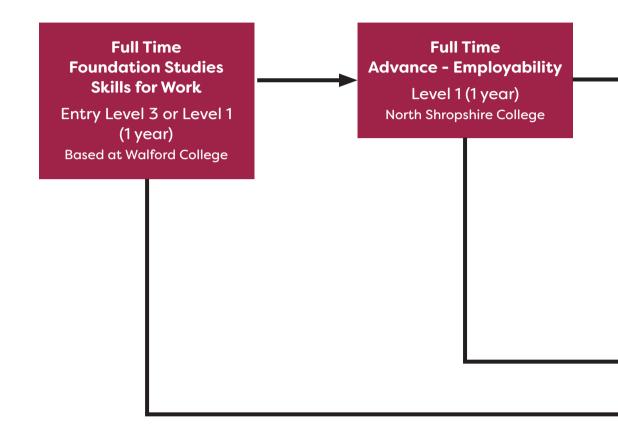
Travel by bike

On-site bike racks









Level 1 or 2 courses at College Walford College or North Shropshire College

Course Entry Requirements

The information below outlines the minimum entry requirements for the different types of courses we offer.

Entry Level 3 Course

No formal entry requirements. Applicants will be considered on aptitude and commitment, following initial advice and guidance.

Level 1 Course

A minimum of four GCSEs at grade 2, including English and maths or successful completion of a Foundation or Entry Level 3 qualification.

Employment



You may have been out of formal education for some years so our inspiring teachers will help to build your confidence and develop your study skills. We have good links with our local universities who also visit to provide guest lectures. You will have access to a personal tutor who will guide you through your UCAS application.

What you could do next

Progression to vocational degrees related to health such as nursing, midwifery, occupational therapy, paramedicine and social work. We also have students progressing to degrees in a wide range of subjects including psychology, criminology and history.



Popular modules

- · Health promotion
- Anatomy
- · Sociology of the family
- Introduction to psychology

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for your progression, looking at short and long-term goals to get you where you want to be.

Why choose us

Your personal tutor will work closely with you to help you identify progression opportunities in employment, apprenticeships or further education.

What you could do next

Progression into employment, apprenticeships or further education courses.

Popular modules

- English qualifications
- · Maths qualifications
- Work experience with a local employer
- Community projects and extra-curricular activities such as sports

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The course provides a strong foundation in criminology, preparing you for further study or careers in law, policing, and social justice. You will develop transferable skills such as analytical thinking, research, and communication. The curriculum goes beyond theory, encouraging you to investigate real-life criminal cases and understand the roles within the criminal justice system. Our experienced staff and engaging teaching methods will support your academic and personal development.

What you could do next

University degrees, including criminology, law, sociology, psychology, and policing. Employment options include: police officer, probation officer, criminal analyst, youth offending team member, and roles in the legal and justice sectors.

Popular modules

- Introduction to criminology, understanding why not all crimes are reported and the role of the media in portraying crime.
- · Criminological theories
- You will learn about the personnel involved in investigations, as well as the Crown Prosecution Service and the courts.
- Crime scene and punishment

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The course provides a strong foundation in psychology, preparing you for further study or careers in health, education, and social care. You will develop transferable skills such as critical thinking, data analysis, and effective communication. The curriculum goes beyond theory, encouraging you to investigate psychological roles and understand how psychological research impacts society. Our supportive learning environment and expert teaching will help you thrive academically and professionally.

What you could do next

University degrees, including psychology, criminology, counselling, education, nursing, and social work.
Employment options include: assistant psychologist, mental health support worker, youth worker, and roles in education, healthcare, and social services.

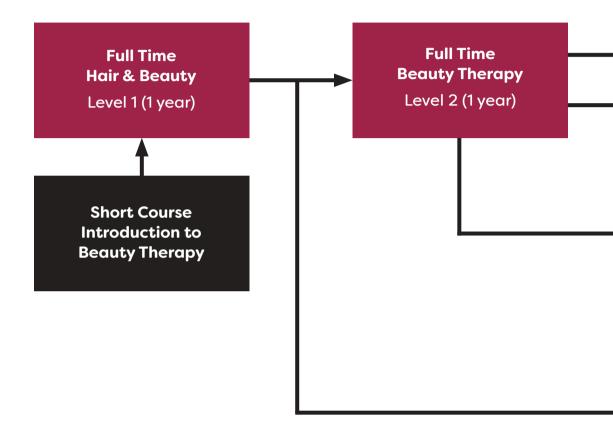
Popular modules

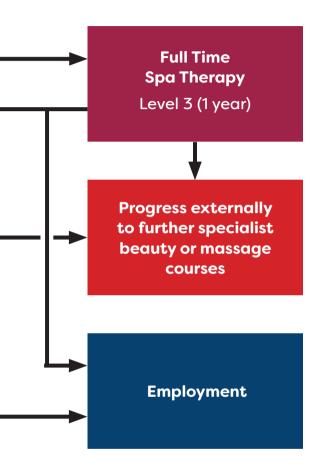
- Psychological approaches and applications
- Conducting psychological research
- Health psychology
- Criminal and forensic psychology

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Beauty Therapy

Progression Map





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Level 1 Course

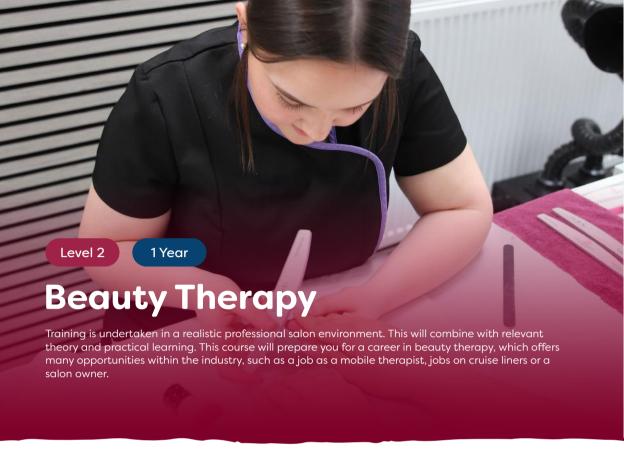
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Level 2 Course

A minimum of four GCSEs at grade 3, including English and maths or successful completion of a relevant qualification.
Applicants without suitable practical experience may be advised to commence study at Level 1. Students without grades 9-4 in GCSE English and maths must demostrate good attendance to English and maths lessons and must attend all GCSE exams.

Level 3 Course

Successful completion of a relevant Level 2 qualification at merit grade and GCSEs at grade 3 in English and maths. Students without grades 9-4 in GCSE English and maths must demostrate good attendance to English and maths lessons and must attend all GCSE exams.



We aim to give you a high-quality learning experience, to prepare you for the beauty industry or for progression to the Level 3 where other career paths can be identified. This course is a job ready qualification which requires students to demonstrate skills and knowledge required for the hairdressing and beauty therapy industry.

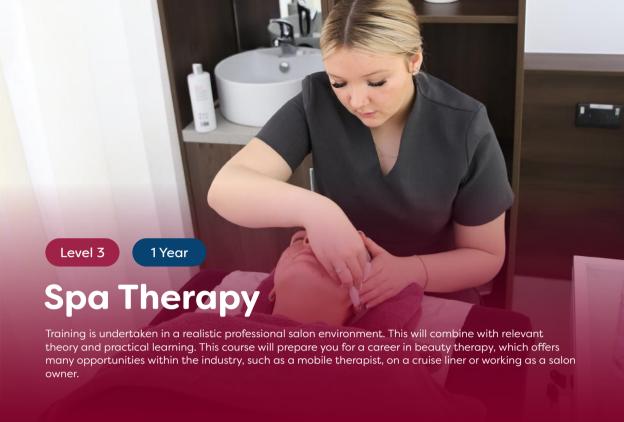
What you could do next

Progression to a Level 3 Diploma in Beauty Therapy will require a Level 2 Beauty Therapy qualification to meet entry requirements. Various routes will cover massage and holistic therapies and nail technologies. This will enable the therapist to be well qualified to specialise in their chosen career route, nationally and internationally.

Popular modules

- Facials
- Eye treatments
- Manicures
- Waxing

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We aim to give you a high-quality learning experience, to prepare you for the beauty & spa industry or for progression where other career paths can be identified.

What you could do next

Progression to Hairdressing Level 2 or higher education. Progression to self employment or roles such as a mobile therapist, working on a cruise ship, or in a salon/spa.

Popular modules

- · Body massage
- Aromatherapy with preblended oils
- Indian head massage
- Health, safety and security

This qualification is the equivalent of up to 112 UCAS Points.

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I have enjoyed being able to learn all the different areas of beauty. Once I have finished the beauty course I hope to return to study a hairdressing course, this will help me gain the skills she will need to run her own salon. The tutors have been amazing at supporting me and encouraging me to be confident in what I do.

Meet Lianne.

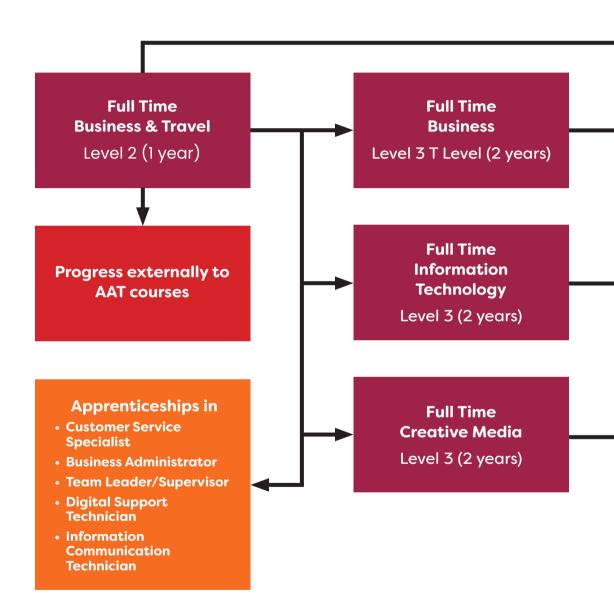
Level 2 Beauty Therapy at North Shropshire College

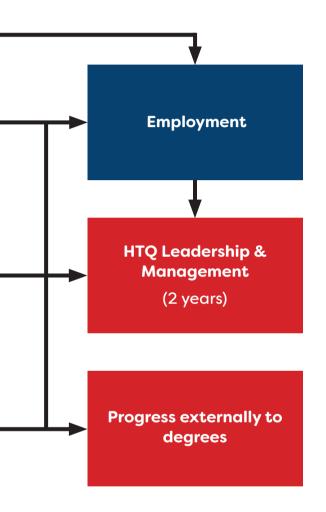




Business, Creative & IT

Progression Map





Course Entry Requirements

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Level 2 Course

A minimum of four GCSEs at grade 3, including English and maths or successful completion of a related qualification.
Students without grades 9-4 in GCSE English and maths must demostrate good attendance to English and maths lessons and must attend all GCSE exams.

Level 3 Course

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4, including English and/or maths or successful completion of a relevant Level 2 qualification at merit grade. Students without grades 9-4 in GCSE English and maths must demostrate good attendance to English and maths lessons and must attend all GCSE exams.

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Successful completion of a relevant Level 3 qualification. GCSEs including English and maths at grade 4 or above.



This course covers the key national technical outcomes to prepare you for a Level 3 T Level programme of study. You will learn industry relevant technical knowledge and skills as well as skills for successful study and the world of work. The course enables you to gain an understanding of the fundamentals of the business world as well as developing your core English, maths, digital and communication skills to be successful in your studies. You will learn about different types of businesses, how they are organised and the importance of effective communication.

Why choose us

North Shropshire College offers small group sizes, and courses are taught by industry experts with broad experience in the sector. The college offers fantastic resources and a friendly environment.

What you could do next

T Level Business Management and Administration, or progression to a wide range of business apprenticeships and employment opportunities.

This course includes a minimum of 45 days of industry placement.

Popular modules

- Communication in a business environment.
- · Marketing theory
- The UK travel and tourism industry
- Customer service in travel and tourism

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This course would suit someone who is looking to work within any industry sector in an administrative or management role. It will provide them with the opportunity to develop their ability to support business functions, through a range of techniques, including use of business tools, problem solving and project management. Employers will provide demonstrations and talks on the industry and, where possible, work placements.

Why choose us

You will gain a range of knowledge, understanding and skills across the business support sector leaving you well-placed to develop to full occupational competence with the right support and training.

What you could do next

A degree in Business, Management, Marketing, Law, Criminology, Politics, Economics, an advanced apprenticeship in business administration, or management courses from the Association of Accounting Technicians, the Chartered Institute of Marketing or other professional bodies.

This course includes a minimum of 45 days of industry placement.



This qualification is the equivalent of up to 168 UCAS Points.

Popular modules

- · Business behaviours
- · Quality and compliance
- · Finance principles
- · Policies and procedures
- Project and change management

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I have found that being able to practice my skills in a market stall as part of his course has encouraged my business skills to develop. I have found it really fun and a great learning experience to be able to negotiate business in the real world. We have been taught such an array of valuable skills from presentations to strategy planning.

Meet Cemlyn.

Level 3 Business at North Shropshire College onduct further resear

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The course is largely practical; you will learn the techniques and skills relevant to each sector before putting them into practice to create your own media products ranging from films, documentaries, publishing, games and more. During your time on the course you will be taught by knowledgeable and experienced lecturers who also work within industry as film makers and creators.

What you could do next

Many of our students go to university to continue developing their skills in media. Some have begun their own businesses in areas such as tattooing and social media/ marketing. Others have gone on to create successful YouTube channels. There are even opportunities to find an apprenticeship or a trainee role in companies such as the BBC.



This qualification is the equivalent of up to 168 UCAS Points.

Popular modules

- Film production
- Digital photography
- · Concept art for gaming
- · 2D digital graphics

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This course involves theoretical and practical study of computing and information technology. You will learn in a specialist information technology classroom with a dedicated range of hardware and

will learn in a specialist information technology classroom with a dedicated range of hardware and software. The course includes reports, exams, practical and portfolio pieces representative of the workplace, whether working as a software or hardware-based specialist.

Why choose us

We are a local college with many members of staff having worked in the industry prior to becoming teachers. The classroom morale is high; student output is engaging and challenging. In particular, previous students have noted how much they have enjoyed college over their previous studies in school.

What you could do next

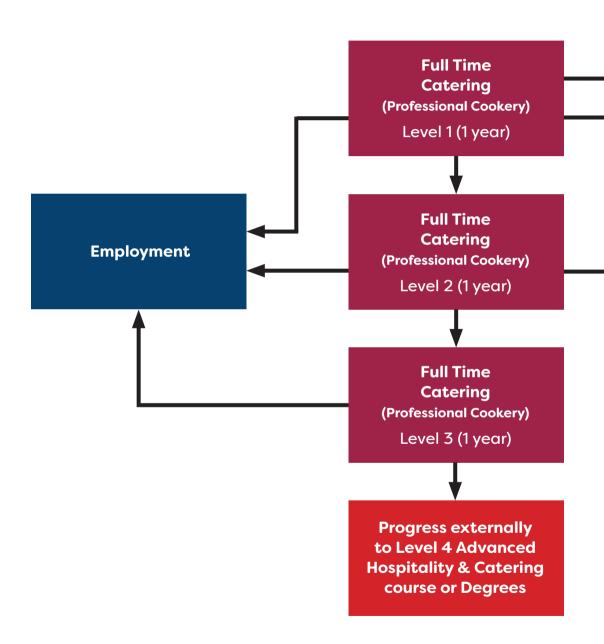
Students have gone on to university courses such as computing, cyber security, and game development. Employment options include technical support, software developers and fraud analysts. Alternatively there are apprenticeships available within the computing field.

Popular modules

- Cyber security
- Website development
- IT Technical support and management
- · Using social media in business

This qualification is the equivalent of up to 168 UCAS Points.





Apprenticeship in Chef (Production) Level 2 Apprenticeship in Hospitality Team Member Level 2 Apprenticeship in Hospitality Supervisor Level 3

Course Entry Requirements

The information below outlines the minimum entry requirements for the different types of courses we offer.

Level 1 Course

A minimum of four GCSEs at grade 2, including English and maths or successful completion of a Foundation or Entry Level 3 qualification.

Level 2 Course

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 3, including English and maths or successful completion of a relevant qualification.
Applicants without suitable practical experience may be advised to commence study at Level 1. Students without grades 9-4 in GCSE English and maths must demostrate good attendance to English and maths lessons and must attend all GCSE exams.

Level 3 Course

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4, including English and/or maths or successful completion of a relevant Level 2 qualification at merit grade. Students without grades 9-4 in GCSE English and maths must demostrate good attendance to English and maths lessons and must attend all GCSE exams.



Excellent tutor and staff support both academic and pastoral. Good links and opportunities with local employers to help gain experience and potential employment. Excellent industry-standard facilities and environment in which to develop a wide variety of skills. Opportunities to participate in a range of external activities and visits outside of the course.

What you could do next

Progression from this course could lead to a Level 2 Professional Cookery course or apprenticeship programme, or employment in a junior role within the hospitality industry, such as a commis chef.

Popular modules

- Food safety in catering
- Health and safety awareness in catering
- Introduction to professional cookery
- Introduction to employability



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What you could do next

Level 3 Professional Cookery course or apprenticeship programme, employment in a role such as commis chef or chef de partie.

Popular modules

- Craft skills
- Meat and offal
- Hot and cold desserts and puddings
- Catering operations, costs and menu planning



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What you could do next

Speciality Advanced courses such as Patisserie or a Foundation Degree in culinary arts. Employment in a role within the industry.

Popular modules

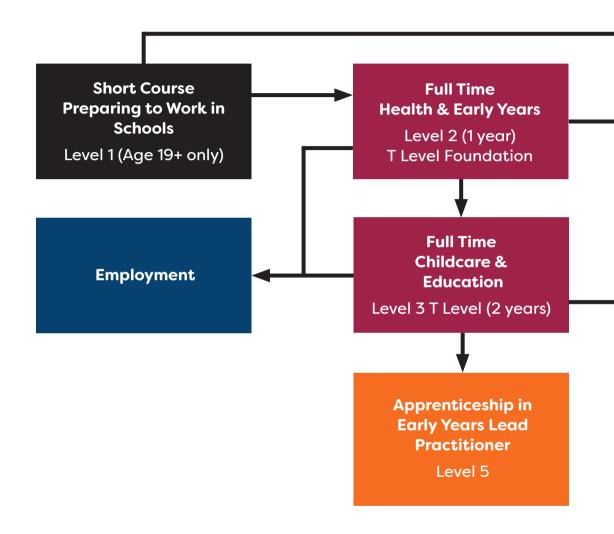
- Cook a range of complex dishes
- Health, hygiene, safety and security
- Development of recipes and menus
- Food safety when preparing, storing and cooking food



This qualification is the equivalent of up to 168 UCAS Points.



Early Years Progression Map



Course Entry Requirements

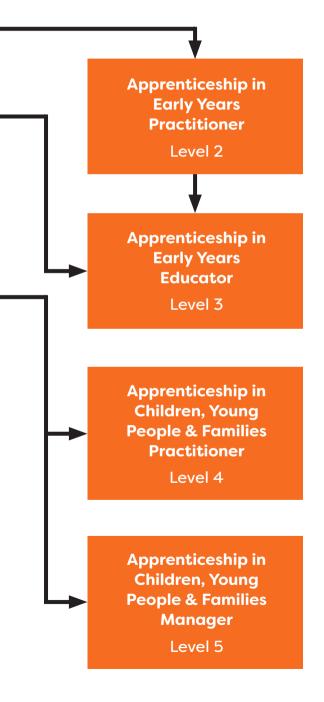
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Level 2 Course

A minimum of four GCSEs at grade 3, including English and maths or successful completion of a relevant qualification. Students without grades 9-4 in GCSE English and maths must demostrate good attendance to English and maths lessons and must attend all GCSE exams.

Level 3 Course

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4, including English and/or maths or successful completion of a relevant Level 2 qualification at merit grade. Students without grades 9-4 in GCSE English and maths must demostrate good attendance to English and maths lessons and must attend all GCSE exams.





This course is ideal for those who want to work in the early years industry or progress to university-level courses with a Level 3 qualification. Over the two-year period, you will cover fourteen core and specialist units to enhance your knowledge of the world of working with children aged 0-8 years in a variety of settings. You will be provided with the opportunity to apply your skills and knowledge within a range of work-related contexts through weekly work experience placements.

Why choose us

Excellent links with sector employers within the surrounding area; many students find further employment opportunities through these links. Specialist placement opportunities available – such as the Health Education Department of Shrewsbury Hospital.

What you could do next

The course is an ideal route for students to enter professions such as children's nursing, primary school teaching, nursery practitioner, family support worker, teaching assistant, play therapist or child minding.

Popular modules

- · Supporting education
- · Observation and assessment
- · Child development
- Special educational needs

This qualification is the equivalent of up to 168 UCAS Points.



I have valued the support I have received from my peers and tutors. It has helped me to improve my confidence throughout my studies. I really enjoy the small class sizes. You get to interact with everyone and get to know them.

Meet Katie.

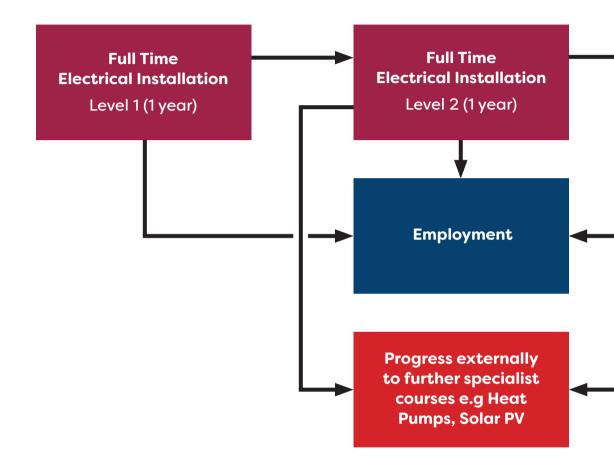
Level 3 Childcare & Education at North Shropshire College





Electrical Installation

Progression Map



Apprenticeships in • Electrical Installation Level 3

Course Entry Requirements

The information below outlines the minimum entry requirements for the different types of courses we offer.

Level 1 Course

A minimum of four GCSEs at grade 2, including English and maths or successful completion of a Foundation or Entry Level 3 qualification.

Level 2 Course

A minimum of four GCSEs at grade 3, including English and maths or successful completion of a relevant qualification. Applicants without suitable practical experience may be advised to commence study at Level 1. Students without grades 9-4 in GCSE English and maths must demostrate good attendance to English and maths lessons and must attend all GCSE exams.



Choosing to study at North Shropshire College you will benefit by being taught new skills within the area of the electrical industry. You will have the best learning experience, as you will be taught by professionally qualified and registered tradespersons, who have a wealth of knowledge and many years' experience within the electrical industry.

What you could do next

Study options may include Level 2 Diploma in Electrical Installation or Level 2 Apprenticeship in Electrical Installation. Employment options may include working towards becoming an electrical improver (electrician's mate), or employment with an electrical contractor.

Popular modules

- Structure of the construction industry
- · Wiring and terminations
- Fabrication techniques
- Electrical science and technology



This course offers a great mix of practical and theoretical learning using the latest tools and equipment.

What you could do next

Level 3 Diploma in Electrical Installation, Advanced Apprenticeship in Electrical Installation. Employment options may include electrical improver (electrician's mate), or employment with an electrical contractor.

Popular modules

- Health and safety in building services engineering
- Electrical installations technology
- Principles of electrical science
- Practical electrical workshop tasks

I have found that the tutors have been extremly knowledgable ensuring that i'm equipped with the most contemprary methods for the industry. My tutors have influenced not only my learning but who I am as a person.

Meet Harry.

Level 2 Electrical Installation at North Shropshire College





Film Studies is a dynamic and thought-provoking subject that encourages creativity, critical thinking, and cultural awareness. Our course offers a balance of academic analysis and hands-on experience, helping you understand how films are made and why they matter. You'll develop transferable skills in research, essay writing, and media production, supported by passionate teaching and access to professional-grade equipment and editing software.

What you could do next

This qualification supports progression to university degrees in: Film Studies, Media Production, Journalism, English, Cultural studies and Communication. Career opportunities include: filmmaker or screenwriter, film critic or journalist, media producer, editor or cinematographer and roles in broadcasting, marketing, and creative industries.

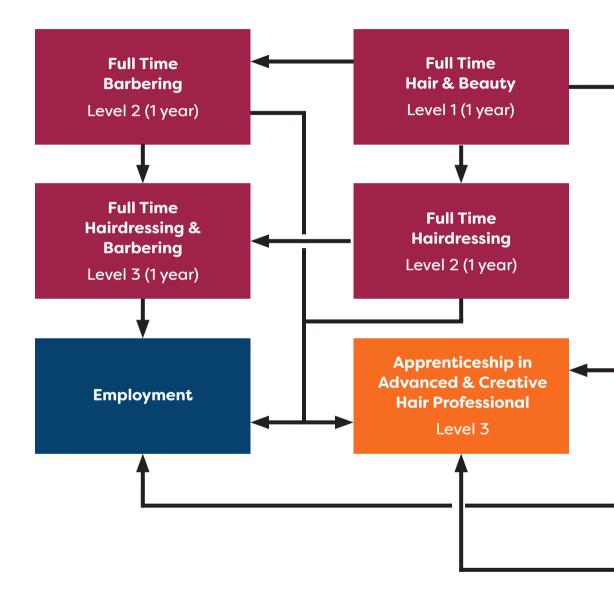
Popular modules

- · Silent film
- Experimental film
- Documentary
- · American film
- · British cinema
- Foreign language cinema



Hairdressing

Progression Map



Course Entry Requirements

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Level 1 Course

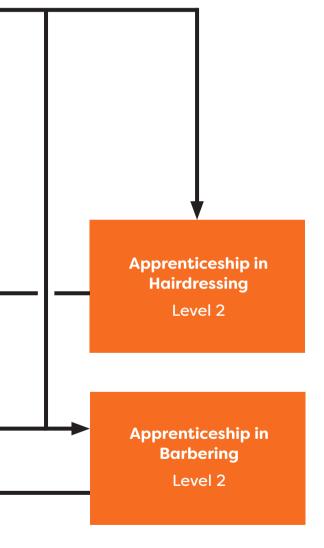
A minimum of four GCSEs at grades 1 & 2, including English and maths or successful completion of a Foundation or Entry Level 3 aualification.

Level 2 Course

A minimum of four GCSEs at grade 3, including English and maths or successful completion of a relevant qualification. Applicants without suitable practical experience may be advised to commence study at Level 1. Students without grades 9-4 in GCSE English and maths must demostrate good attendance to English and maths lessons and must attend all GCSE exams.

Level 3 Course

Successful completion of a relevant Level 2 qualification at merit grade. Students without grades 9-4 in GCSE English and maths must demostrate good attendance to English and maths lessons and must attend all GCSE exams.





All courses and treatments take place in our state-of-theart Salon QB. The department now has sauna and steam facilities. New modern nail bars allow for a range of nail treatments. The hairdressing salon is equipped with 17 individual bays with adjustable chairs, overhead driers and storage cupboards.

What you could do next

NVQ Level 2 Hairdressing, NVQ Level 2 Beauty Therapy. Employment options may include trainee beauty therapist or junior stylist.

Popular modules

- Blow drying hair using different equipment
- Manicure
- Facials
- · Basic make-up



If you enjoy meeting people and have a confident and outgoing personality, then studying hairdressing is an excellent choice. This Level 2 course will expand your practical and theoretical knowledge to include intermediate techniques, you will create highly professional looks and finishes. Working in the college's fully equipped commercial salon, you will be provided with an excellent learning environment for hairdressing.

What you could do next

We aim to give you a high-quality learning experience, to prepare you for the hairdressing industry or for progression to the Level 3 where other career paths can be identified.

Popular modules

- Basic cutting techniques
- Basic colouring techniques
- · Style and finish hair
- Shampoo, condition and treat the hair and scalp



We aim to give you a high-quality learning experience, to prepare you for the hairdressing industry or for progression to the Level 3 where other career paths can be identified. The course is based on the national Occupational standards of hairdressing and beauty therapy.

What you could do next

Study options may include Level 3 Hairdressing or a Level 2 Beauty Therapy course. Employment options may include salon stylist, mobile stylist, sales and distribution, or working on a cruise liner.

Popular modules

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- Basic colouring techniques
- · Style and finish hair
- Shampoo, condition and treat the hair and scalp



If you enjoy meeting people and have a confident and outgoing personality, then studying hairdressing is an excellent choice. This course will expand your practical and theoretical knowledge to include intermediate techniques, creating highly professional looks and finishes. Working in the College's fully equipped commercial salon, you will be provided with an excellent learning environment for hairdressing.

Why choose us

We aim to give you a high-quality learning experience, to prepare you for the hairdressing industry or for progression to Level 3 where other career paths can be identified.

What you could do next

Employment options may include salon stylist, mobile stylist, sales and distribution, or working on a cruise liner.

Popular modules

- Cutting techniques
- Colouring techniques
- · Style and finish hair
- Communication skills

This qualification is the equivalent of up to 112 UCAS Points.

I have found this course really rewarding, and seeing the transformation of my clients makes me extremely proud. I enjoy practicing in the newly referbished salon, which has enabled me to be exposed to real life salon scenarios, helping me to progress into an industry professional.

Meet Jessica.

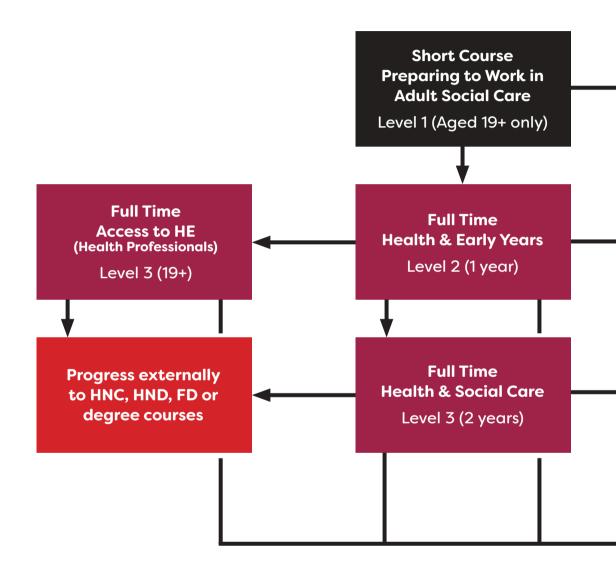
Level 2 Hairdressing at North Shropshire College

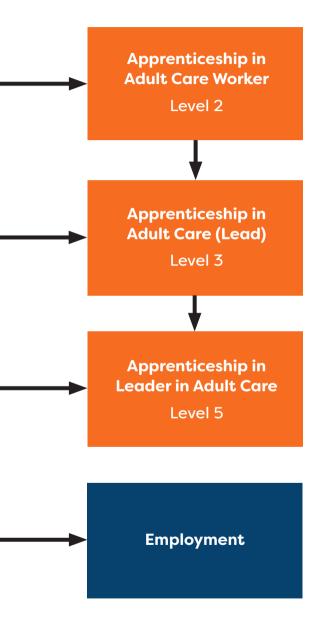




Health & Social Care

Progression Map





Course Entry Requirements

The information below outlines the minimum entry requirements for the different types of courses we offer.

Level 2 Course

A minimum of four GCSEs at grade 3, including English and maths or successful completion of a relevant Level 1 qualification. Students without grades 9-4 in GCSE English and maths must demostrate good attendance to English and maths lessons and must attend all GCSE exams.

Level 3 Course

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4, including English and/or maths or successful completion of a relevant Level 2 qualification at merit grade. Students without grades 9-4 in GCSE English and maths must demostrate good attendance to English and maths lessons and must attend all GCSE exams.



Small groups sizes, taught by industry experts with broad experience in the sector. Fantastic resources and a friendly environment.

What you could do next

Study a Level 3 in your chosen vocational area, progress into paid employment or an apprenticeship.

Popular modules

- Working in health and social care
- Human growth and development
- Safeguarding the welfare of children and young people
- Importance of play for early learning



During the course you will cover a range of units which will ensure that you are prepared for employment in the health and social care sector. Alongside the theoretical and external exam units you will develop nutritional plans, conduct observations in the workplace, create public health campaigns and look to support a range of individuals with additional needs.

What you could do next

Employment opportunities such as a HCA, activities coordinator, care worker. The course also enables progression onto Higher Education degree courses in a range of subjects including social work, teaching, occupational therapy, nursing or midwifery.

Popular modules

- Human lifespan development
- Working in health and social care
- · Anatomy and physiology
- Understanding mental wellbeing



This qualification is the equivalent of up to 168 UCAS Points.



Our Human Biology course offers a hands-on and engaging approach to learning, ideal for students interested in health, medicine, and biological sciences. You'll develop analytical thinking, laboratory skills, and scientific literacy that are highly valued in both higher education and the workplace. With expert teaching and access to well-equipped labs, you'll be supported in making connections between biology and real-world health issues, preparing you for a future in science or healthcare.

helping you understand the science behind human health and medical advances.

What you could do next

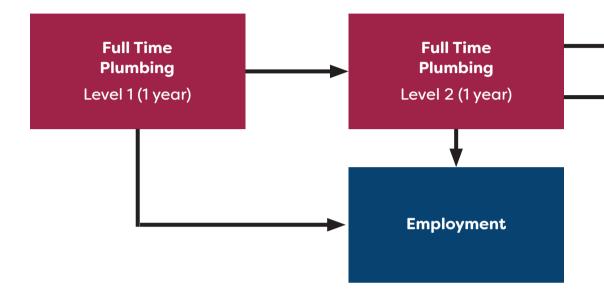
This qualification supports progression to university degrees in areas such as: Human Biology, Biomedical Sciences Nursing, Physiotherapy, Nutrition, Medicine and Public Health. Career opportunities include: Healthcare professional (e.g. nurse, paramedic, physiotherapist) biomedical scientist, laboratory technician, clinical researcher, health educator and roles in pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries.

Popular modules

- Human Biology Cells, organs, hormones, the brain, and microbiology
- Health & Disease Causes of illness, treatments, diagnostics, and the immune system
- Genetics Inheritance, genetic testing, counselling, and gene therapy
- Biomedical Techniques Lab skills, diagnostics, clinical investigations







Apprenticeships in Gas Engineering Plumbing & Domestic Heating (Environmental Pathway) Level 3 years day release Further Training e.g. Gas Safety, Water Regs, Unvented etc.

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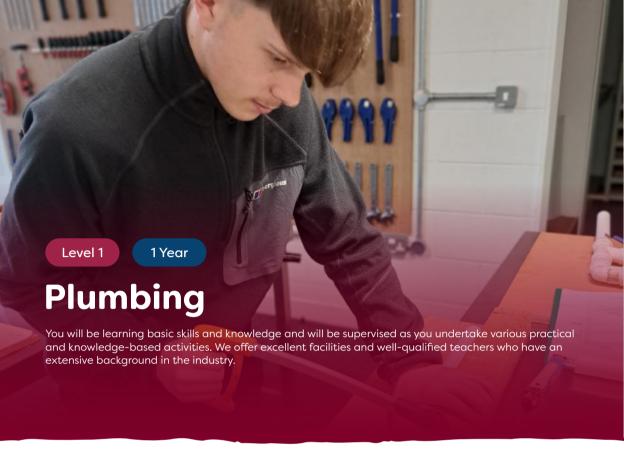
Level 1 Course

A minimum of four GCSEs at grades 1 & 2, including English and maths or successful completion of a Foundation or Entry Level 3 qualification.

Level 2 Course

A minimum of four GCSEs at grade 3, including English and maths or successful completion of a relevant qualification.

Applicants without suitable practical experience may be advised to commence study at Level 1. Students without grades 9-4 in GCSE English and maths must demostrate good attendance to English and maths lessons and must attend all GCSE exams.



Why choose us

Suitable for beginners, this introductory qualification is for those wanting to enter the plumbing industry. It gives you the opportunity to pick up core skills and knowledge to progress to our Level 2 plumbing courses.

What you could do next

You could enter industry with a good grounded knowledge of plumbing and how the industry works or achieve an apprenticeship in plumbing with an approved plumbing company. You may also like to continue full time and progress to the Level 2 City and Guilds Plumbing Diploma course.

Popular modules

- Insulation, repair and maintenance or pipework and
- fittings
- Environmental sustainability
- · Pipework and fittings
- · Above ground drainage

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Why choose us

This qualification is for those wanting to enter the plumbing industry. It gives you the opportunity to pick up core skills and knowledge to progress to Level 3 Plumbing.

What you could do next

Progress to Level 3 Diploma in Plumbing. Enter full employment as a domestic plumber or gain employment and progress under the apprenticeship scheme to Level 3.

Popular modules

- Central heating design and installation
- Hot and cold water supply
- Environmental awareness
- Sanitation
- Electrical wiring

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and households, education, crime and deviance, and social stratification. The course encourages critical thinking and analysis of how social structures and institutions influence individuals and groups.

Why choose us

The course provides a strong foundation in understanding how society functions and how social issues are addressed. You will develop transferable skills such as critical analysis, essay writing, and independent research. Our engaging teaching approach helps you connect theory to real-world events, encouraging debate and reflection. The course goes beyond textbooks, preparing you for further study and careers that require a deep understanding of people and society.

What you could do next

University degrees, including sociology, criminology, social policy, psychology, law, and education. Employment options include: social researcher, teacher, youth worker, social worker, probation officer, and roles in public services, charities, and community development.

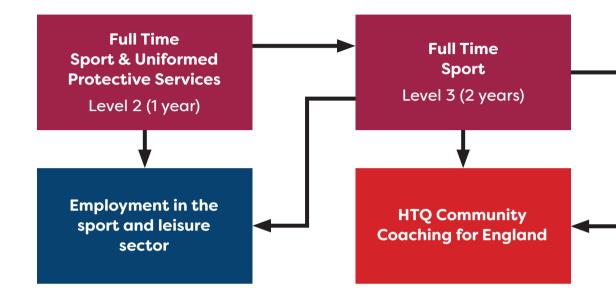
Popular modules

- · Families and households
- Education
- · Crime and deviance
- · Beliefs in society

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SportProgression Map



Course Entry Requirements

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Level 2 Course

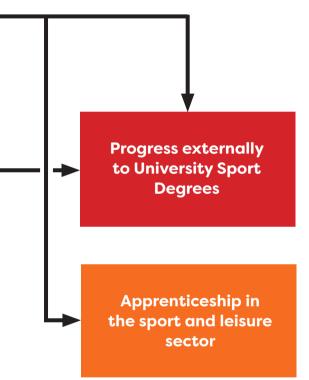
A minimum of four GCSEs at grade 3, including English and maths or successful completion of a relevant Level 1 qualification. Students without grades 9-4 in GCSE English and maths must demostrate good attendance to English and maths lessons and must attend all GCSE exams.

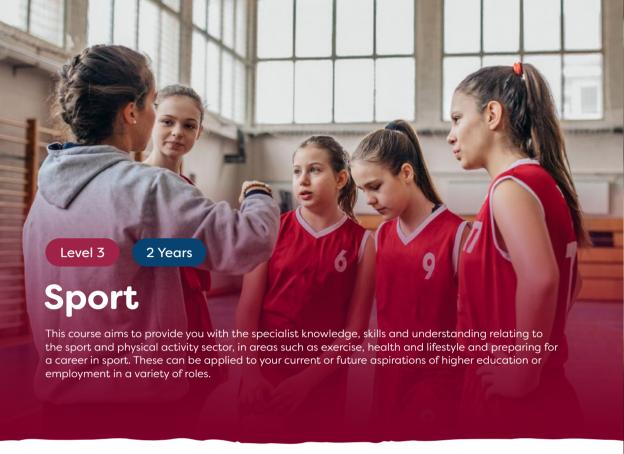
Level 3 Course

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A Levels or relevant Level 3 qualification.
GCSE English and maths at grade 4 or obove.
We will consider applications from
experienced and mature practitioners who
do not have the above qualifications.





Why choose us

Sport is a very popular course, due to its practical nature. Academically it covers a wide range and variety of units. It has excellent pass rates with high grades and a high level of progression to Level 3. Students feel that they have good tutor support.

What you could do next

Degree in Sport and Exercise Science, Sport and Leisure, Physiotherapy or Sports Therapy, Teaching. Apprenticeships or job in various sectors within sport and physical activity. NGB coaching awards.

Popular modules

- Exercise, health and lifestyle
- Preparing for a career in sport and physical activity
- · Anatomy and physiology
- · Practical sport

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I enjoy the flexible timetable at college which has allowed me to work in three different jobs outside of my studies, including football coaching. This has enabled me to put what I have learnt throughout my studies into practice. The tutors have such a broad range of knowledge and specialise in all different areas of the course.

Meet Kai.

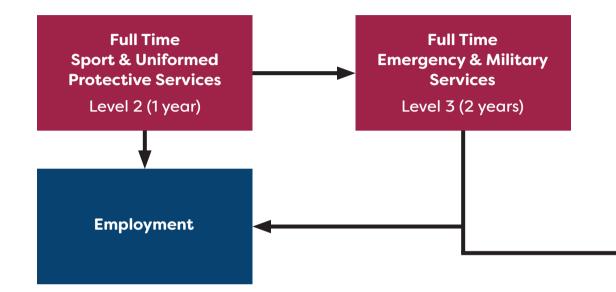
Level 3 Sport at North Shropshire College





Public & Protective Services

Progression Map



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Level 2 Course

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Level 3 Course

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4, including English and/or maths or successful completion of a relevant Level 2 qualification at merit grade. Students without grades 9-4 in GCSE English and maths must demostrate good attendance to English and maths lessons and must attend all GCSE exams.

Progress externally to a wide range of roles in the public and protective services

Progress externally to an Apprenticeship in Policing

Progress externally to University Degrees in Policing & Public Services



Why choose us

This qualification will provide you with tools to improve your sporting skills and knowledge as well as participating in a wide range of practical activities relative to the public services. You will leave with a greater understanding of key areas within sports and public services, building a comprehensive set of skills to feature on your CV.

What you could do next

Progress on to a Level 3 in your chosen vocational area, an apprenticeship or employment.

Popular modules

- Introduction to uniformed protective services skills
- Physical preparation for uniformed protective services
- · Participating in sport
- Anatomy and physiology for exercise
- · Sports coaching
- Healthy exercise and nutrition

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This course will prepare you for the mental and physical demands of life in the services, whether you decide to go straight into industry or continue to university-level study. You'll benefit from being taught by professionals with years of service in the uniformed protective services and who still work in close collaboration with the police, fire and ambulance services.

Why choose us

This course provides an excellent blend of classroom learning which is well supported by practical activities to embed understanding. You will be well supported by tutors throughout the assessment process to encourage excellent outcomes. The department creates a positive and enjoyable environment in which to learn and always provides links to future careers supported by guest speakers.

What you could do next

You will be able to progress into many areas of the public services both within the military and blue light environments. In addition, the qualification will provide direct access to a wide variety of university courses both directly and indirectly linked to the public services.



This qualification is the equivalent of up to 168 UCAS Points.

Popular modules

- Prepare for a career in uniformed service
- · Physical fitness
- Develop leadership skills
- Equality, diversity and inclusion

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I have found that both the practical and theoretical aspects of the course really interesting and I have enjoyed how the visits off of campus have been really insightful, supporting my studies. With this course it opens many doors for you in a wide range of careers.

Meet Owain.

Level 3 Uniformed Public Services at North Shropshire College





Combination Courses.

What are combination courses?

We offer a range of subjects which can be combined, tailoring your programme of study to suit you. When making your selection, remember that students who choose subjects they enjoy tend to get the most out of their studies. You can combine any 3 of these courses, however staff can support you to create a combination based on your interests and career goals.

A Level Sociology
A Level Film Studies
Applied Criminology
Applied Psychology
Creative Media
Health & Social Care
Human Biology
Sport

Pathways

We are suggesting the following pathways as a guide only:

Pathway 1 Health Professionals - Health and Social Care, Psychology and Human Biology

Pathway 2 Social Sciences - Criminology, Applied Psychology and Sociology

Pathway 3 Media - Creative Media and Film studies

Pathway 4 Sport and Exercise Science- Sport, Applied Psychology and Human Biology









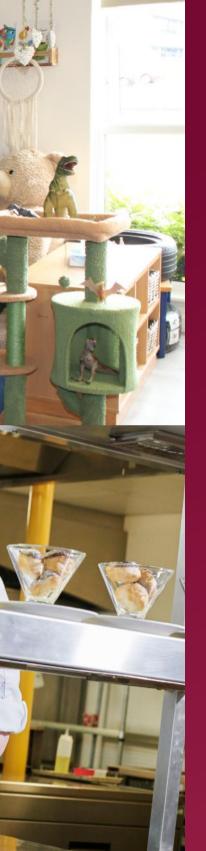
North Shropshire College boasts a new state-of-the-art commercial salon giving hair and beauty students the opportunity to try out their new skills on paying customers, under the supervision of fully qualified lecturing staff. The quality of the treatments performed is of the highest industry standards and offered at a very competitive price.

Both salons are contemporary and modern in design and include full interactive learning whiteboards that help demonstrate theory in practice through the use of video. Full barbering facilities are also available. In addition, Salon QB has two fully equipped beauty salons with 16 individual beds that make use of the latest techniques and treatments, including holistics. Steam and sauna facilities are available in one of the beauty salons for students wanting to develop skills in spa treatments. Salon QB also has nail bar salon facilities to help support and maximise the growing number of students pursuing a career within nail technology.









Footsteps Nursery

At Footsteps, we are dedicated to providing exceptional early years education and care, for children aged 12 weeks to school age. With 62 places available, our purpose built, state-of-the-art facility offers a nurturing and stimulating environment where your child can learn, play, and grow.

We are proud to have received a 'Good' rating from Ofsted, reflecting our commitment to maintaining high standards of care and education at Footsteps.

Your child's development is meticulously recorded and monitored through Tapestry, providing us with a platform to share regular and up-to-date information about their progress and learning with you. Each year, we hold Parents' Evenings where you can have indepth discussions with your child's key person about their development. We celebrate their achievements with a special Graduation Ceremony at the end of each term for those transitioning to school.

Scholars Restaurant

Our Restaurant is student led and all the food is prepared and served by the catering students.

A fully equipped professional training restaurant serving a fabulous range of culinary delights which by far exceeds what many people might expect of a training restaurant.

A mouth-watering range of seasonal dishes from fresh local produce are prepared and served to the highest standards, offering exceptional value for money. Scholars offers the perfect relaxed setting to enjoy an evening meal.

The dinner menu is changed on a regular basis to reflect the seasons.

The Restaurant is open on a Monday evening from 5.30pm. To book a table please call Scholars on 01691 688053 or 01691 688000.

Apprenticeships Earn & Learn.

Apprenticeships are a great way to earn a wage and gain a nationally recognised qualification through a mix of full-time working and training in college. HLNSC offer apprenticeships in a wide range of industries, including:

- Accountancy
- Agriculture
- Animal Care
- Business Management
- Childcare
- Construction and Building Services
- Engineering and Welding
- Equine
- Farriery
- Forestry and Aboriculture
- · Hairdressing and Barbering
- Health and Social Care
- Hospitality and Catering
- Motor Vehicle

If you would like to chat to our friendly Apprenticeships team, call 01432 365322 or email apprenticeships@hlnsc.ac.uk





The plumbing and gas industry really took a shine to me with the variation of work that you get to do. You never do the same thing two days in a row, which is really good. You get to put into practice everything you have learned at college. Herefordshire College has a really nice atomsphere and you are made to feel very welcome.

Meet Caitlin.

Level 3 Gas Engineering Apprenticeship









Find out more on our website.



Student Services is a place where you can get all the help and information you need throughout your time at the College.

The Student Services team will provide you with additional support and information to help with any worries or difficulties you have which are affecting your time at college including:

- Mental health and wellbeing
- Safeguarding
- · Financial support
- Bursary forms and student funding
- Learning support and accessibility
- Careers advice
- Transport
- Sexual health information

Student Voice

Student Voice surveys take place once a year and are an important part of the College's development. After each Student Voice Survey the College is able to make significant changes. You can get involved in a variety of ways; provide your views via a questionnaire, elect or become a Student Course Representative that will attend briefings and a focus group each year and/or become a Student Governor and be part of the College Board of Governors.





We're here for YOU.

We believe you learn the best when you are in a healthy, safe and secure environment. Our Safeguarding team offer guidance and support on various concerns encompassing physical and mental health, welfare, financial anxieties and personal matters.

Safeguarding means:

- Promotion of your health and development
- Ensuring your safety and care
- Ensuring you are offered the best life chances
- Protection from abuse and neglect
- Prevention of bullying and
 barassment
- Prevention of terrorism and extremism





Safeguarding and Support

If you have any concerns about your well-being, safety or rights, then you should contact your Tutor, Team Leader or any one of our Safeguarding Leads whose details are all shown here.





Bev Jackson

Head of Student Serivces and Designated Safeguarding Lead

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Nicola Butler

Safeguarding and Wellbeing Manager and Deputy DSL

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Find out more on our website.



Herefordshire, Ludlow & North Shropshire College is committed to providing an inclusive and supportive learning environment for all students, including those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). Our dedicated SEND Support services are designed to ensure that every student has the opportunity to succeed and thrive.

SEND support services

We offer a range of tailored support options to meet the individual needs of our students with SEND, including:

- Individualised Learning Plans:
 Personalised plans that address
 students specific learning needs and
 outline the support strategies and
 accommodation that will help them
 to succeed.
- Specialist Support Staff: Access to experienced SEND Coordinators, Student Support Assistants, and experienced tutors who are trained to provide the necessary assistance and guidance.
- Assistive Technology: Availability of assistive technologies and resources, such as text-to-speech software, adapted keyboards, and other tools to facilitate learning.
- Reasonable Adjustments:
 Implementation of reasonable
 adjustments to the learning
 environment, teaching methods, and
 assessment procedures to ensure
 equal access to education.

- Small Group and One-on-One Support: Opportunities for additional support in small groups or one-onone sessions to provide focused help and reinforce learning.
- Inclusive Learning Environment: A
 commitment to creating an inclusive
 college culture where diversity is
 celebrated, and all students feel
 valued and supported.

If you feel your young person could do with more help or support at college, please get in touch with our SEND team and we can have a chat about what we can offer. In the first instance, please contact our Head of SEND for Student Support.







Education Health Care Plan

If you have an Education Health Care Plan, please let us know so we can work with you to make sure we have the right support in place for you.

We will work with the Local Authority to make sure we can provide the right support for your needs and then secure funding so we can put this in place. Without this funding, you may not be able to access a specific level of support. Transition support will be available for all EHCP students.

Our Student Support team will then ensure you have the right support in place when you start and throughout your studies and will co-ordinate annual EHCP reviews.

Transition to college life

Preparing for adulthood and starting at North Shropshire College might be a bit of a worry, so in addition to our usual open events, you can request a guided tour to come and look around the college campus and ask any questions you may have about the college.





Bridget Snasdell

Head of SEND for Student Support

Student Funding.

North Shropshire College believes in giving everyone an equal opportunity to study further education. The College receives some funding from the Government to support student study and this varies depending on the course being studied, the student's age and their level of study. For more information on how to apply, please use the QR Code on Page 105.

Under 19?

No tuition fees! If you enrol on a further education full-time course before your 19th birthday or are continuing to attend a course before turning 19, there are no tuition or examination fees.

However, some courses may charge additional course costs to cover equipment, specialist clothing, etc.

Over 19?

Tuition fees will vary. But you may be eligable for free tuition. As everyone has individual circumstances the best way to work out the fees relevant to you is to call and speak to us.

Looking to study Level 3, 4, 5 or 6?

Advanced Learner Loans from the UK government can cover your course fees providing your course qualifies.

Transport

We offer subsidised travel on all routes for the 26/27 academic year. Costs are based on how far you have to travel from your home to the College. Visit our website for up to date costs.

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You can choose to pay in full or split the payment by term.

Travel is free on all routes where students are eligible for a travel bursary, and there are various other travel passes and discounts.

To find out more information please contact:

Bursaries Team 01432 365375 bursaries@hlnsc.ac.uk





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Find out about Careers Week.

What is Careers Week?

Each year, the College hosts 'Meet Your Futures Day'. This is held in Careers Week for all students. The event is full of employers, education providers and businesses, so you can find out more information about your future career options. It's a great way to speak to people working in different industries and will help you to think about careers you might not have considered before.



If you would like to find out more chat to our friendly Enquiries team, call 0800 032 1986 or email enquiries@hlnsc.ac.uk













Your chance to get involved in a wide range of activities.

Our Student Enrichment Team are here to help support you through your college experience. The Team organise a wide variety of interesting talks and relevant events throughout the year, as well as lunch time clubs.

To get involved please contact:

Student Services

T: 0800 032 1986

E: studentservices@hlnsc.ac.uk





Careers advice & UCAS points

Student Services is there to support and guide you on your progression. This could be about what you will study next at college or in the future. We can help you with your UCAS application process and give you tips on how to create an effective personal statement.

Higher & degree apprenticeships

Higher and degree apprenticeships involve the development and assessment of skills and knowledge at Level 4 or above (relevant to the occupational sector or job role), and as defined by the Standard. Higher apprenticeships at Level 4 and 5 can allow progression on to university degrees and degree apprenticeships are also now becoming widely available in most sectors.

If you would like to chat to our friendly Student Services team, call 01691 688000 or email info@nsc.ac.uk





Our 5 Colleges.

With more than 300 routes to choose from, including A Levels, T Levels, vocational programmes, apprenticeships and higher education courses, you will have the very best opportunity to succeed. You will be supported throughout your learning by our highly qualified and professional team of lecturers, tutors and support staff.

1 Herefordshire College

Our College is home to a wide range of facilities including:

- · Cider Orchard restaurant
- Construction workshops
- · Hair & beauty salon
- Fully equipped gym
- Music studios

2 Holme Lacy College

Our College is home to a wide range of facilities including:

- · Animal care centre
- Equestrian centre
- Hereford School of Farriery
- · Mixed organic farm
- National School of Blacksmithing

3 Ludlow Sixth Form College

Our College is home to a wide range of facilities including:

- · Art studio with gallery space
- Photography darkroom
- Drama studio
- Fully-equipped science labs
- Sports hall & gym

4 Walford College

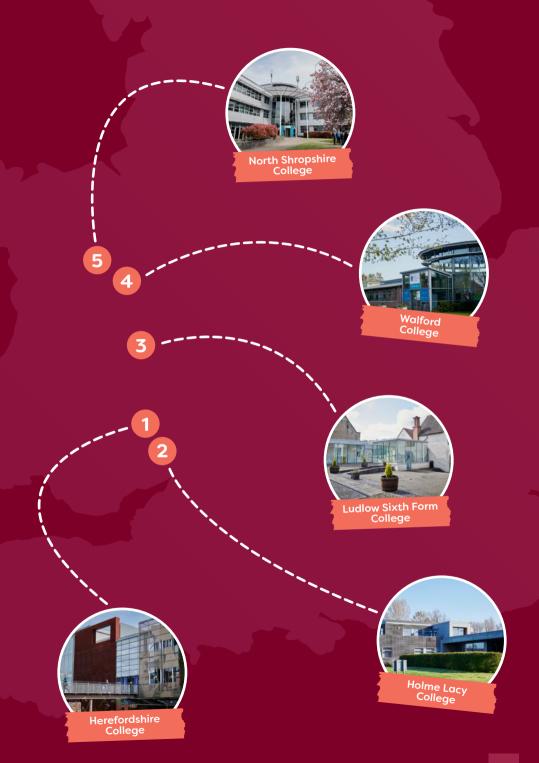
Located in Baschurch, our College is home to:

- 220 hectare training farm
- · Animal care centre
- Equestrian centre
- Motor vehicle workshops

5 North Shropshire College

Located in Oswestry, our College is home to:

- Hair & beauty salon
- Scholars restaurant
- Plumbing & electrical workshops
- Science lab











Set in its own idyllic rural estate

Walford College is home to a wide range of specialist land-based courses. The campus benefits from a large arable, dairy, beef and sheep farm as well as a fully equipped equestrian facility.

Students in our animal care centre work with a large collection of exotic and domestic species and our motor vehicle department boasts industry standard equipment, including electric and hybrid technologies.



Come along to one of our open events.



We love being Social.

Follow us on social media and take a look into life at North Shropshire College over the last 12 months.





TikTok @hlnsc_official



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last Friday. All part

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Good luck to two NSC sports students who are off to University in USA on year!



Health and Social Care s enjoyed a break from the this week when they spen afternoon on a Forest Wel

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Your future starts at:

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Open Events.

Saturday 8th November 2025 10:00am - 12:00pm

Wednesday 11th February 2026 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Wednesday 10th June 2026 5:00pm - 7:00pm

North Shropshire College Shrewsbury Road, Oswestry Shropshire, SY11 4QB

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