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University-level courses at NSCG

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We help adult learners
to develop professionally
to transform their futures.

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Welcome to NSCG.

Newcastle and Stafford Colleges Group (NSCG) is the largest and most successful further education provider in Staffordshire with an established reputation for delivering university-level courses. We're immensely proud to be the college of choice in Staffordshire, rated Ofsted Outstanding for our teaching programmes and student support.

Why NSCG?

Studying a higher education course close to home is a great way to further your studies to help you to climb the career ladder. Whether you're just starting out in pursuit of your dream career, or you're looking to upskill or retrain, we're here to help you every step of the way.

We offer a varied range of vocational courses including HNCs, HNDs, HTQs, Foundation Degrees and degree-level apprenticeships. Many of our learners then choose to progress to 'top-up' to full Bachelors degrees to accelerate their careers and enhance their employability.

NSCG boasts modern and innovative learning spaces, providing learners with access to state-of-the-art technology. With first-class facilities, affordable tuition fees and enviable links with industry, there are many reasons why you should choose to study a professional qualification at your local college.

Tuition fee and living cost loans are available to cover your course fees. You'll pay nothing back until you've finished and you're earning over £25,000 per year with a repayment period of 40 years.



Coming soon...

Construction is now well underway on the new £22.5m Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire Institute of Technology (SoTSIoT) due for completion in 2025.

Specialising in higher level technical qualifications, the new employer led SoTSIoT brings together the training offer of Newcastle and Stafford Colleges Group in collaboration with Keele University, Burton and South Derbyshire College and Axia Solutions, with curriculum influenced by key employer partners including; Dell, Hitachi, MOOG, Siemens and St Modwen Logistics.

NSCG will also be collaborating with Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire Institute of Technology (SoTSIoT) partner, Keele University* to offer exclusive one-year Business and Computing 'top-up' degrees to learners who complete our HNC/D Leadership and Management or HNC/D Computing courses.

These Level 6 progression pathways will give adult learners exciting opportunities to continue their studies at a local university.

*Subject to validation



Discover our HE courses

For further information, visit our website nscg.ac.uk/HE



Invest in your future

A person wearing a black graduation gown with a red sash is holding a diploma. The background is a soft, out-of-focus grey.

With so many qualifications made available to you, it can be hard to decide which option is best for you and your career aspirations.

Below you'll find the different routes we offer and where they can take you next.

Which course, which level?

Access to Higher Education Diploma (Level 3)

The perfect stepping stone to undergraduate study!

Higher National Certificate (HNC) (Level 4)

A full-time or part-time course, equivalent to the first year of a university degree.

Higher National Diploma (Level 5)

A full-time or part-time course, equivalent to the first two years of a university degree.

Foundation Degree (Level 5)

Combine academic study with workplace learning on a full-time or part-time course.

Top-Up Degree (Level 5)

This final year of undergraduate study gives you a bachelor's level qualification.

Other University-Level Courses

Study university level courses with us at NSCG.

Degree Level Higher Apprenticeships

Ranging from levels 4 - 7, these are equivalent to a foundation degree and above.



Top 10 reasons to study a university-level course with us:

1. We're rated outstanding for Adult Learning Programmes.
2. We get you ready for employment by providing you with a solid foundation to boost your potential for a higher salary.
3. Our positive environment inspires exemplary attitudes to learning.
4. Our specialist lecturers have industry experience to give you a career-focused perspective.
5. You can study full-time or part-time - whatever suits you.
6. Our learning environments are some of the best in the country.
7. Lessons are more personal because you're taught in classrooms, not lecture theatres.
8. We're the highest-performing college in Staffordshire with 100% pass rates on many university courses.
9. 93% of students walk straight into a job or onto a top-up degree.
10. You'll save £3,000 per year compared to a traditional university course. Loans are available, so don't worry about paying upfront - contribute when you earn more than £25,000

97%

of our students walk straight into a job or progress onto further study or top up degree.

Discover our full range of HE courses here

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Be supported to achieve more.

Recognised by Ofsted for our outstanding student support, we make sure that your experience with us is a positive one. You get all the support you need to ensure you have an enjoyable and productive time. Our dedicated team are here to support you with a variety of information as you begin your higher education journey.

Need help with finances, wellbeing or healthy living? We've got you covered.

Financial Support

Don't let finances get in the way of studying.

We understand that it's important to get to grips with the cost of studying a university-level course. Whether you are thinking about how you will manage to pay your tuition fee or the everyday living expenses, we're here to help.

There are two types of loans to help new students cover the costs of their higher education course in college. Tuition fee and living cost loans are available if you study a full-time course, and tuition fee loans cover course fees if you study part-time.

What will I have to pay back?

You'll have to repay anything you borrow, but it works a bit differently than you might expect. How much you repay each month depends on your income, not how much you borrowed.

You won't have to repay anything until you're earning over £25,000 per annum. Once you're earning over this threshold, we'll work out your repayments at 9% of your income.

Tuition fee loans.

Tuition fee loans are available to help full-time and part-time students to pay for the cost of tuition fees. They are paid directly to the university or college by the Government.

Living cost loans (Maintenance Loans)

Students can apply for a maintenance loan

to help with living costs as long as you and AND the course you're applying for is eligible. Maintenance Loans are paid into your bank account at the start of each term.

Here for you

We pride ourselves on offering a supportive and nurturing environment for you to learn and excel. We have a large team of specialist support staff to help you to achieve your goals.

Discover the support available to you by visiting nscg.ac.uk/support

Ready to apply?

**You've chosen the course for you. Great!
Now applying is really easy.**

1. Website

Head over to our website nscg.ac.uk

2. Select

Find the course you'd like to study by typing the course title into the search box

3. Apply

Click 'Apply Today'

4. Submit

We'll be in touch once we've received your application

Need any more information or advice?

If you need any extra information or advice on choosing the best course for you, we are here to help you every step of the way.

Contact us on 01728 254254 (Newcastle) or 01785 223800 (Stafford).

Alternatively email us at HE@nscg.ac.uk

If the course you're applying for is awarded by Staffordshire University or University of Wolverhampton, you will be directed to their website to apply. Applying via the course link on our website will take you to the correct application form. Please note, all courses will run subject to viable numbers.

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