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**FULL-TIME  
COURSES**

2024/25



# Campus Life

If you're looking for modern, state-of-the-art campuses then you've come to the right place.

We have invested over £128 million in our campuses in recent years and we offer a range of impressive learning and teaching facilities, equipped with cutting edge technology and resources.

You will also find first class learning resource centres, food outlets, hair and beauty salons, sports facilities, and events and conference space.

Our campuses have also won a range of architectural awards for their striking design and inspirational learning environments.

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# Student Association

The Student Association is run by students for students to give you the opportunity to have your say on whatever matters you feel are important. **Forth Valley Student Association (FVSA)** are an autonomous organisation who are responsible for representing the voice of students, in order to improve the educational experience of its members and students of the College as a whole.



When you enrol at Forth Valley College, you automatically become a member of the Student Association.

Membership of the Student Association offers lots of great benefits and can help you make the most of your college experience.

To find out all you need to know about the FVSA and how you could get involved, please visit [www.forthvalley.ac.uk/FVSA](http://www.forthvalley.ac.uk/FVSA)



# Student Funding

Eligible full-time students do not pay tuition fees and in addition, you may be able to access funding to help with things such as living costs, travel costs, course materials and childcare.

Funding available for **Further Education (FE)** students includes:

- **Bursary Maintenance Allowance**
- **Educational Maintenance Allowance**
- **Travelling Expenses**
- **Study Materials**

Funding available for **Higher Education (HE)** students includes:

- **SAAS Funding**
- **Student Loans and other grants**
- **Part-time Fee Grant**

Funding available for both **FE** and **HE** students includes:

- **Housing Funding**
- **Student Assistance Fund**
- **Childcare**

For more information on the funding above, such as eligibility and how to apply, please visit our website at: [www.forthvalley.ac.uk/funding](http://www.forthvalley.ac.uk/funding)



Our Student Funding team is also available to assist students to apply for financial support and to advise on the types of funding available.

Please feel free to contact them on **01324 403000** or alternatively e-mail: [funding@forthvalley.ac.uk](mailto:funding@forthvalley.ac.uk)

# Student Support

At Forth Valley College, we work hard to support all of our students. We understand that everyone is an individual and that you may require some additional support to help you achieve your full potential. We have fantastic teams in place to support you at each stage of your learning journey.

## Learning Support

You may have an additional support need that means you may need some extra help at College. Within our Student Support Team, we have highly experienced **Learning Support Advisors (LSA)** who can meet with you to discuss your support needs and make recommendations related to your learning experience.

## Student Support

Also within our Student Support team, we have a team of empathetic **Support and Guidance Advisors (SGA)** who can provide you with support and guidance on a range of issues including course choices, support with personal issues, money issues, career advice and progressing to university. SGAs also provide support to care experienced students, carers and young adult carers and estranged students. They provide a drop-in service for any student looking for support and advice.

## Mental Health and Wellbeing

### Mental Health Mentors

Mental Health Mentors provide structured mental health support with a view to help you achieve at College. Mental Health Mentors can help with building and developing coping skills, tailored guidance, support and advice related to mental health and wellbeing, and support to create and achieve SMART goals to build resilience.

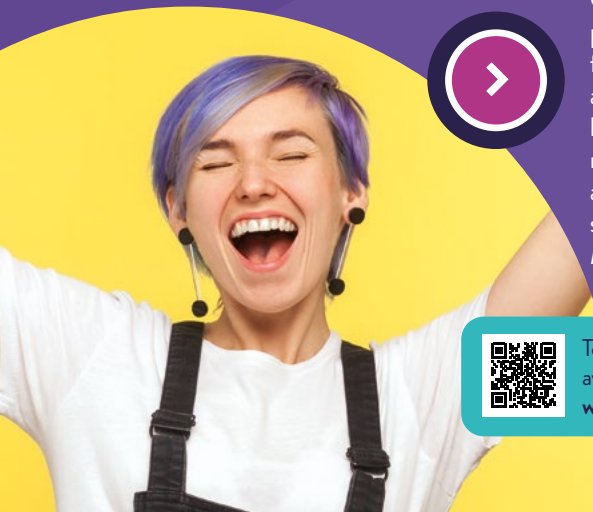
### Counsellors

The College offers a counselling service that can support you to explore your mental health. This service offers a confidential, therapeutic approach that helps you identify and explore barriers that may be preventing you from moving forward with your education, relationships, self-confidence or life in general.

## Learning Services

### Our Learning Resource Centres (LRC)

provide access to modern, well-resourced facilities at our three campuses in Alloa, Falkirk and Stirling. Our LRCs are vibrant hubs of learning activity where you can work quietly, make use of our facilities and access resources and support. We also provide much of our LRC service online. Students can access this through Moodle and Microsoft Teams.



To find out more about any of the support and advice available to you at Forth Valley College, please visit: [www.forthvalley.ac.uk/support-advice](http://www.forthvalley.ac.uk/support-advice)

# Qualifications Explained

At Forth Valley College, we are proud to offer a wide selection of courses across a range of qualifications. When applying we understand that it is important for you to know which level of course is right for you. Here is a breakdown of the levels of courses we offer across our full-time programmes:

## National Qualification (NQ/NC)

These courses are first level courses which usually require one year of study. Upon completion, you can choose to progress to a **Higher National Certificate (HNC)** or **Higher National Diploma (HND)**.

### Suggested entry requirements:

For these types of courses would be **National 4s** and **5s** in relevant subject areas.

## Higher National Qualifications

A **Higher National Certificate (HNC)** will take one year to complete. On successful completion, it's normal to go on to the second year of a **HND**, but some courses may also allow direct entry to year two of a related degree programme.

A **Higher National Diploma (HND)** offers a higher level of study than a **HNC** and will take up to two years to complete on a full-time basis. Successful completion may allow you direct entry to year three or four of a related degree programme at university.

**HNCs** and **HNDs** are designed to equip you with both practical skills and theoretical knowledge in your chosen subject. They are vocationally focused and are therefore geared towards specific careers.

### Suggested entry requirements:

For these courses could be one of the following, **two Highers**, **NC Course** and **Foundation Apprenticeship** all in relevant subject areas.

## Partnership Degree

We offer undergraduate degrees in partnership with a number of leading Scottish universities. With these programmes you complete the first two years of your degree at FVC before moving on to years three and four at the university campus.

### Suggested entry requirements:

For these courses could be **3-4 Highers** and **Foundation Apprenticeships** in relevant subject areas.



## Modern Apprenticeships (MA)

A **MA** is a qualification you gain whilst in full-time employment earning a wage.

Most of your learning will take place in the workplace with lots of hands-on practical training. You will still be required to attend college on a part-time basis – usually either one day per week or one full week every month, and the programmes are normally one to four years in duration.

To find out more about **MA**s visit [www.forthvalley.ac.uk/MA](http://www.forthvalley.ac.uk/MA)



For more information and help with finding the right level of course for you please talk to one of our Support and Guidance Advisors or visit our website at [www.forthvalley.ac.uk/support-advice](http://www.forthvalley.ac.uk/support-advice)





## How to Apply

**BEFORE YOU START** your application make sure you meet the relevant entry requirements or are working towards meeting these and/or have relevant experience.

If you are still not sure which course is right for you, please speak to one of our **Support and Guidance Advisors**. It is also worthwhile speaking to a member of the **Student Finance Team** to be fully aware of the financial support available.

**GET APPLYING!** You can apply online at [www.forthvalley.ac.uk](http://www.forthvalley.ac.uk), find your course and click on the 'apply now' button – it's as easy as that! Remember – personal email addresses are essential when creating an online account as all correspondence will go to this email. School pupils should not use their Glow e-mail when applying for a full-time course.

You can choose a maximum of two courses and if applying for a Modern Apprenticeship, we would also advise submitting a separate application for a full-time course.

**Alternatively, if you are unable to apply online, a paper application form can be completed.**

Call **01324 403000** to arrange for a paper application form to be posted out.

For more information on how to apply, please visit: [www.forthvalley.ac.uk/student-info/apply-for-a-course](http://www.forthvalley.ac.uk/student-info/apply-for-a-course)



**Please note** – Applicants who do not meet the criteria for their selected course(s), but have relevant work experience or alternative qualifications may be considered.



Starting August 2024. Some courses may offer direct entry to year 2/3 - check our website for more information.

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<b>ART &amp; DESIGN</b>			
NC Creative Industries			✓
NQ Access to Creative Industries			✓
Art & Design: Portfolio Preparation			✓
NC Creative Industries: Art & Design	✓		
NC Creative Industries: Graphic Design			✓
HND Creative Arts			✓
HND Graphic Design (Visual Communication)			✓
BA Art & Design (Year One)			✓
BA Art & Design (Year Two)			✓
BA Art & Design (Year Three)			✓
<b>BAKERY</b>			
NC Bakery		✓	✓
HNC Professional Cookery: Patisserie			✓
HND Professional Cookery with Management: Patisserie route			✓
<b>BUSINESS</b>			
NC Accounting		✓	
NQ Business Management with Digital Technologies		✓	✓
NQ Introduction to Business & Administration		✓	
HND Accounting	✓	✓	
HND Accounting (Year Two)	✓	✓	
HND Business		✓	✓
HND Business with Information Technology		✓	
<b>CARE</b>			
NC Health & Social Care	✓	✓	✓
NC Working with Communities		✓	
Pathway to Health & Social Care	✓	✓	✓
Step into Health & Social Care	✓		✓
SWAP: Access to Nursing			✓
HNC Healthcare Practice		✓	✓
HNC Healthcare Practice (NHS)*			✓
HNC Social Services		✓	
HNC Social Services (Distance Learning)		✓	
HNC Working with Communities		✓	

\* Forth Valley University College NHS Partnership

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<b>CHILDCARE</b>			
Step into Early Learning & Childcare	✓	✓	
NQ Child, Health & Social Care - Early Years	✓	✓	✓
PDA: Education Support Assistance		✓	
NC Childhood Practice	✓	✓	✓
HNC Childhood Practice	✓	✓	✓
<b>COMPUTING</b>			
Access to Computing		✓	
NC Computing with Cyber Security		✓	
HNC Cyber Security		✓	
BSc (Hons) Software Development with Cyber Security		✓	
<b>COMMUNITY LEARNING</b>			
Newstart: Care & Communities		✓	
NC Working with Communities		✓	
HNC Working with Communities		✓	
<b>CONSTRUCTION</b>			
NQ Computer Aided Design for Construction & Manufacture			
NQ Construction Multi-trade	✓	✓	
NQ Carpentry & Joinery	✓		
HNC Civil Engineering		✓	
<b>EVENTS MANAGEMENT</b>			
NQ Tourism & Events			✓
HND Events Management (Year One)			✓
HND Events Management (Year Two)			✓
<b>ENGINEERING</b>			
Access to Engineering		✓	
NQ Access to Engineering Technology		✓	
NQ Electrical Practice for Electricians	✓		
Pre-Apprenticeship Electrical Installation		✓	
ECITB Scholarship		✓	
NC Electrical Engineering		✓	
NC Engineering Systems		✓	
NC Fabrication & Welding		✓	
NC Industrial Automation (Measurement and Control)		✓	
NC Mechanical Engineering		✓	
NQ Access to Chemical Engineering		✓	



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### ENGINEERING CONTINUED

HNC Chemical Process Technology		✓	
HNC Civil Engineering		✓	
HNC Engineering: Fabrication Welding		✓	
HNC Petrochemical Operations (Chemical Engineering)		✓	
HND Chemical Process Technology (Chemical Engineering)		✓	
HND Chemistry with Sustainability		✓	
HND Electrical Engineering		✓	
HND Mechanical Engineering		✓	
Modern Apprenticeship - Engineering		✓	
MEng (Hons) Chemical Engineering (Heriot-Watt)		✓	
MEng (Hons) Electrical Engineering (Heriot-Watt)		✓	
MEng (Hons) Mechanical Engineering (Heriot-Watt)		✓	
BEng (Hons) Chemical Engineering (University of Strathclyde)		✓	

### FILM & MEDIA

NC Creative Industries			✓
NQ Access to Creative Industries			✓
NC Media			✓
NC Media: Film & Television			✓
HND Media: Production			✓
HND Media: Production (Year Two)			✓
BA (Hons) Digital Media (University of Stirling)			✓

### GRAPHIC DESIGN

NC Creative Industries			✓
NQ Access to Creative Industries			✓
NC Creative Industries: Graphic Design			✓
HND Graphic Design (Visual Communication)			✓

### HOSPITALITY & COOKERY

C&G Professional Cookery Level 1		✓	✓
C&G Professional Cookery - Prep & Cookery Level 2			✓
C&G Professional Cookery - Prep & Cookery Level 3			✓
SVQ Hospitality Services - Level 4		✓	✓
Hospitality Operations - Level 5			✓
HNC Professional Cookery (Year One)			✓
HND Hospitality Management (Year One)			✓
HND Professional Cookery (Year Two)			✓
HND Professional Cookery with Management: Patisserie route			✓

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<b>HAIR &amp; BEAUTY</b>			
VTCT Hairdressing Level 2	✓	✓	
VRQ Hairdressing Level 3		✓	
NC Beauty Care	✓	✓	
NC Beauty Care & Make-up	✓	✓	
HND Beauty Therapy		✓	
HND Make-Up Artistry (TV, Film & Theatre)		✓	

<b>LANGUAGES</b>			
NC ESOL For Employability		✓	

<b>NURSING</b>			
SWAP: Access to Nursing			✓
HNC Healthcare Practice		✓	✓
HNC Healthcare Practice (NHS)*			✓

<b>PHOTOGRAPHY</b>			
NC Creative Industries			✓
NQ Access to Creative Industries			✓
NC Creative Industries: Photography			✓
HND Photography (Year One)			✓
HND Photography (Year Two)			✓

<b>PLUMBING</b>			
Pre- Apprenticeship in Plumbing	✓		

<b>SCIENCE</b>			
NC Applied Sciences		✓	✓
NC Applied Sciences (Year Two)		✓	✓
Modern Apprenticeship - Life Sciences		✓	
HND Chemistry with Sustainability		✓	
HNC Applied Biological Sciences		✓	
HND Applied Biological Sciences (Year Two)		✓	
BSc (Hons) Applied Biological Sciences (University of Stirling)		✓	
BSc (Hons) Applied Biological Sciences (Year Two) (University of Stirling)		✓	
BSc (Hons) Brewing & Distilling (Heriot-Watt University)		✓	
BA (Hons) Professional Education (With Chemistry) (Year One) (University of Stirling)		✓	
BA (Hons) Professional Education (With Physics) (Year One) (University of Stirling)		✓	

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### SPORT & FITNESS

NQ Sport & Fitness		✓	
NQ Introduction to Sport & Fitness		✓	
Pathway to Fitness, Health & Exercise		✓	
Pathway to Sports Coaching		✓	
HNC Fitness, Health & Exercise		✓	
HNC Sports Coaching & Development		✓	
SVQ Sport & Active Leisure - Level 1		✓	

### SOUND PRODUCTION

NC Creative Industries			✓
NQ Access to Creative Industries			✓
NC Creative Industries: Sound Production			✓
HND Sound Production (Year One)			✓
HND Sound Production (Year Two)			✓

### SUPPORTED LEARNING

Centre Forward Programme		✓	
Pathfinder	✓	✓	✓
Lifestart	✓	✓	✓
Workstart	✓	✓	✓
Workstart: Rural Skills		✓	✓
Project SEARCH - Forth Valley Hospital			
Project SEARCH - Stirling Highland Hotel			✓

### TOURISM

NC Travel & Tourism			✓
NQ Tourism & Events			✓
HND Travel & Tourism			✓
BA (Hons) Heritage & Tourism (University of Stirling)			✓

### TEACHER TRAINING

BA (Hons) Professional Education (With Chemistry) (Year One) (University of Stirling)		✓	
BA (Hons) Professional Education (With Physics) (Year One) (University of Stirling)		✓	





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