

Making Learning Work

COURSE GUIDE 2019/20

THINKING OF YOUR

Future?

**OF COURSE YOU ARE,
LET US GUIDE YOU...**

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Making Learning Work

Attending Forth Valley College will be an exciting and rewarding experience for students accepted on to our innovative courses.

Whether studying at our state-of-the-art new campuses at Stirling and Alloa or our headquarters at Falkirk - where a new campus is due to be completed by November 2019 - we are confident students will find one of the best learning environments anywhere in Scotland.

A multiple-award winning college, FVC is a sector leader in many areas and our teaching and support staff are on hand to ensure that our ethos of 'Making Learning Work' will apply to all, both individually and collectively.

The college works closely with a wide range of partners to ensure we are delivering opportunities which meet the needs of learners, employers, local industry and national skill agendas. We welcome approximately 14,500 students per academic session with 94% of learners progressing to further studies or employment upon completion of their course.

However, we want students to know before they arrive, that they will never just be another statistic for us, but a valued part of our Forth Valley College family and we are keen to help them achieve as much as they can.



Hello & Welcome

It's great that you're thinking about your future and considering joining our vibrant learning community.

At Forth Valley College, our mission is 'Making Learning Work' and to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to reach their full potential.

We have a fantastic choice of courses, superb facilities, an award-winning creative learning approach and first class support services to help you at every step of your learning journey.

An impressive 94% of our students secure a job or progress to further study after College – so why don't you make Forth Valley your first choice.

We look forward to welcoming you in 2019.

Dr Ken Thomson, Principal



We're Making Learning Work - Here's how

Student Association - shortlisted for College Student Association of the Year and Campaign Award on Student Carers



Highly commended for Health and Well-being Services for students and staff at the 2017 College Development Network Awards



94%

of FVC students progress to a positive destination - such as employment or Higher Education



Committed to the corporate parenting pledge



1st

college in the country to commit to the Scottish Business Pledge



Dedicated Carers Charter - promoting a culture that recognises the needs of carers



We have one of the highest achievement rates for Modern Apprenticeships in Scotland

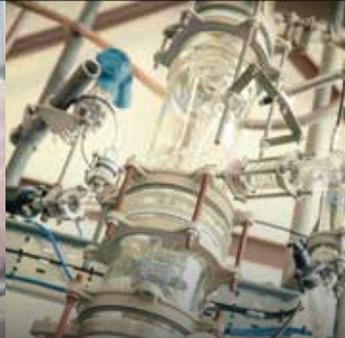


We welcome more than **3200** full-time students each year



3 CAMPUSES

Alloa
Falkirk
Stirling



Innovative integrated degree programmes with the University of Stirling, University of Strathclyde and Heriot-Watt University



Award-winning approach to learning with a dedicated Creative Learning Strategy



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"Good Practice Points" identified in our 2016 Education Scotland Review



Alloa Campus

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Fully equipped simulated nursery allowing Early Education students to **perfect their skills** in these areas

Award winning building

The campus is based in the **heart of the community** in a town centre location with parking facilities, bicycle stands and secure cycle lockers

£21 Million campus opened in October 2011

Business and communities is the curriculum **focus for the campus**

State-of-the art campus gym, packed with the latest cardiovascular and resistance machines

Construction workshops focusing on building and plumbing skills

Fantastic hair and beauty training salon which is **open to the public**

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An innovative facilities management training workshop – developed through partnership with FES FM

Excellent access to public transport links to and from the campus

New Falkirk Campus

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NEW
£78
MILLION
campus due to
open in 2019

The campus will have a **focus on** Science and Engineering with advanced level courses in Business, Computing, Construction, Sport, Hairdressing, Beauty Therapy, Healthcare and Early Years.

21st
Century
learning
environments

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World class laboratories and workshops designed to reflect industry standards

State-of-the-art classrooms that will offer exciting opportunities for both collaboration and independent study

Progressive approach to learning and teaching with **flexible spaces** throughout the campus

Benefits for the wider community through the availability of contemporary event and exhibition space and conference facilities

Unique facilities

that will include a process training rig, transmission training centre, distillation plant, virtual control room, mini rig and a biotechnology centre - all of which will offer exceptional learning experiences

Vibrant campus

that will offer first class facilities including a Learning Resource Centre, food outlets, hair and beauty salons and sports facilities

Highly advanced technology throughout the campus

Stirling Campus

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Creative Industries, Tourism, Construction and Hospitality is the curriculum

focus for the campus

A fully equipped simulated nursery and hospital ward allows Care and Health students to perfect their skills in these areas

NextBike's cycle hire

scheme station is in place at the Stirling Campus

Award winning building

£29 Million
campus opened in 2012

Stunning Gallery Training Restaurant which is open to the public - is **sector leading** in preparing the next generation of chefs and front of house staff for the Scottish Hospitality Industry

State of the art **campus gym** with the latest cardiovascular and resistance machines

Sound, film and art studios are **industry leading** and packed with the most up to date equipment

A unique partnership with Historic Environment Scotland (HES) has developed **specialised** stonemasonry workshops at the campus where HES train their apprentices

Fantastic hair and beauty training salon within the **Raploch Community Campus** which is open to the public

Campus Life

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FOOD & DRINK

Our refectories offer a range of delicious meals to keep you going all day. There are also well-stocked vending machines at all campuses.



SALONS

You can access a wide range of hair and beauty treatments at our state-of-the-art training salons located in our Alloa, Falkirk and Raploch Campuses.



LEARNING RESOURCES

Our Learning Resource Centres will provide you with access to modern facilities at our three main campuses in Alloa, Falkirk and Stirling.



PARKING

Free parking is available at all campuses however, a permit is required.



CYCLE LOCKERS

Cycle lockers are available at our campus sites.



GALLERY

If you're looking for something a bit special try the Gallery Training Restaurant at our Stirling Campus.



SPORT & FITNESS

We offer state-of-the-art fitness suites at our Alloa, Falkirk and Stirling Campus. Each one is packed with the latest cardiovascular and resistance machines to help you get fit and stay in shape.



Support & Advice

SUPPORTING YOU

Forth Valley College students will have access to a wide range of support services during their studies. This section gives a brief overview of the types of help available, for more information on each of the services, please visit our website.

LEARNER ADVISORY TEAM

Our Learner Advisers provide support in the following areas:

- Pre-Entry – Working in the community at local high schools, Young Carers, Criminal Justice and Job Centre Plus providing information on FE & HE Funding, course and career advice, transitional support, induction sessions, application support.
- On Course – Finance for study, mediation advocacy, crisis intervention, pastoral support, internal/ external referrals/ drop-in sessions. We can organise referrals for FVC students to our in-house counselling and wellbeing support services.
- Pre-EXIT – UCAS apply & track, articulation support, academic study skills tutorials, SAAS workshops, personal statements, career and progression paths - including Open University (OU) information, advice and guidance. We offer a careers advice service in partnership with Skills Development Scotland (SDS).

The team are available from Monday to Friday in Alloa, Falkirk and Stirling Campuses where we offer 'drop in' and appointment services. We also provide information advice and support by email, telephone and Skype.

To make an appointment with the Learner Advisory Team or a Careers Adviser from SDS, please contact our campus welcome receptions or email info@forthvalley.ac.uk

STUDENT FUNDING

Eligible full-time students do not pay tuition fees however students may also need to apply for funding to support them throughout their time at college.

Funding available for Further Education (FE) students include:

- Bursary Maintenance Allowance
- Educational Maintenance Allowance
- Travelling expenses
- Study materials

Funding available for Higher Education (HE) students include:

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

Funding available for both FE and HE students include:

- Housing funding
- Student Assistance Fund
- Childcare

More detailed information on the funding above, eligibility and how to apply can be found on the college website - 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



LEARNING SUPPORT

Our Learning Support team offer a range of different types of support and recommendations, including:

- Help with study skills, planning and organising and structuring workloads
- Recommendations to help lecturers support students in class
- Proofreading
- One-to-one Learning Mentor Support
- Training on a range of assistive technology, apps and equipment
- Adjustments for physical disabilities
- Exam arrangements
- Communication support
- Help with Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA) applications

For more information, get in touch with the team, prior to or after applying for a place at college, on 01324 403330 or alternatively e-mail learningsupport@forthvalley.ac.uk

LEARNING RESOURCES

Our three main campuses in Alloa, Falkirk and Stirling have their own Learner Centres equipped with all the resources students need to succeed.

Our Learning Resource Centres offer access to:

- Books, e-books, journals and online databases
- PCs and laptops
- Scanners, printers and photocopiers
- Binding and laminating services
- Stationery items for sale
- Wi-Fi and space to use personal laptops or tablets
- Help with student email accounts
- Study skills resources and workshops



Equality for All

At Forth Valley College we expect all of our staff, students and visitors to treat everyone fairly and with respect. For more information on our equalities policies and activities, please visit our website.

FUSION BLOG

Fusion is the online blog for Forth Valley College. It offers a wide range of features and articles written for FVC students.

Check out the blog at www.fvcfusion.com



Moodle is the College's Virtual Learning Environment. Access course materials, email, discussion groups, conference (chat) and more.

Visit www.moodle.forthvalley.ac.uk

Core & Essential Skills

Core and Essential Skills equips students to achieve their goals academically, personally and in their working life.

As well as providing excellent training in their chosen vocation, their core skills will also develop the following:

Core Skills

- ✓ Communication
- ✓ Information and Communication Technology
- ✓ Numeracy
- ✓ Problem Solving
- ✓ Working with Others

Essential Skills

- ✓ Career Preparation
- ✓ Financial Capability
- ✓ Health and Wellbeing
- ✓ Learning and Study Skills
- ✓ Citizenship and Diversity



The majority of FE students, will receive weekly Core Skills classes delivered by our Core Skills lecturers who support students to achieve these in line with their course. They will also have the opportunity to enhance their life and employability skills through our Essential Skills programme, delivered by our team of Learner Development Workers. Our Learner Development Workers also provide students with support and guidance throughout their studies and will help them access additional support from the other services provided by Forth Valley College.

For more information on how to develop core and essential skills at Forth Valley College, please visit www.forthvalley.ac.uk/core_skills

Student Association



Lindsay Graham
Vice President

Angela Muirhead
Student
Association Co-ordinator

Liam Williams
Student President

Elena Semple
Student Activities &
Volunteer Co-ordinator

Lynne McClelland
Administration Assistant

The Student Association is run by students for students to give them the opportunity to have their say on whatever matters students 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 students make the most of their college experience.

FVSA have a key role to play in the social aspects of college life. We offer:

- Social events and activities throughout the year including Freshers' Fairs and various fundraising activities
- Affiliation for students to the National Union of Students (NUS)
- Support for student led clubs and societies



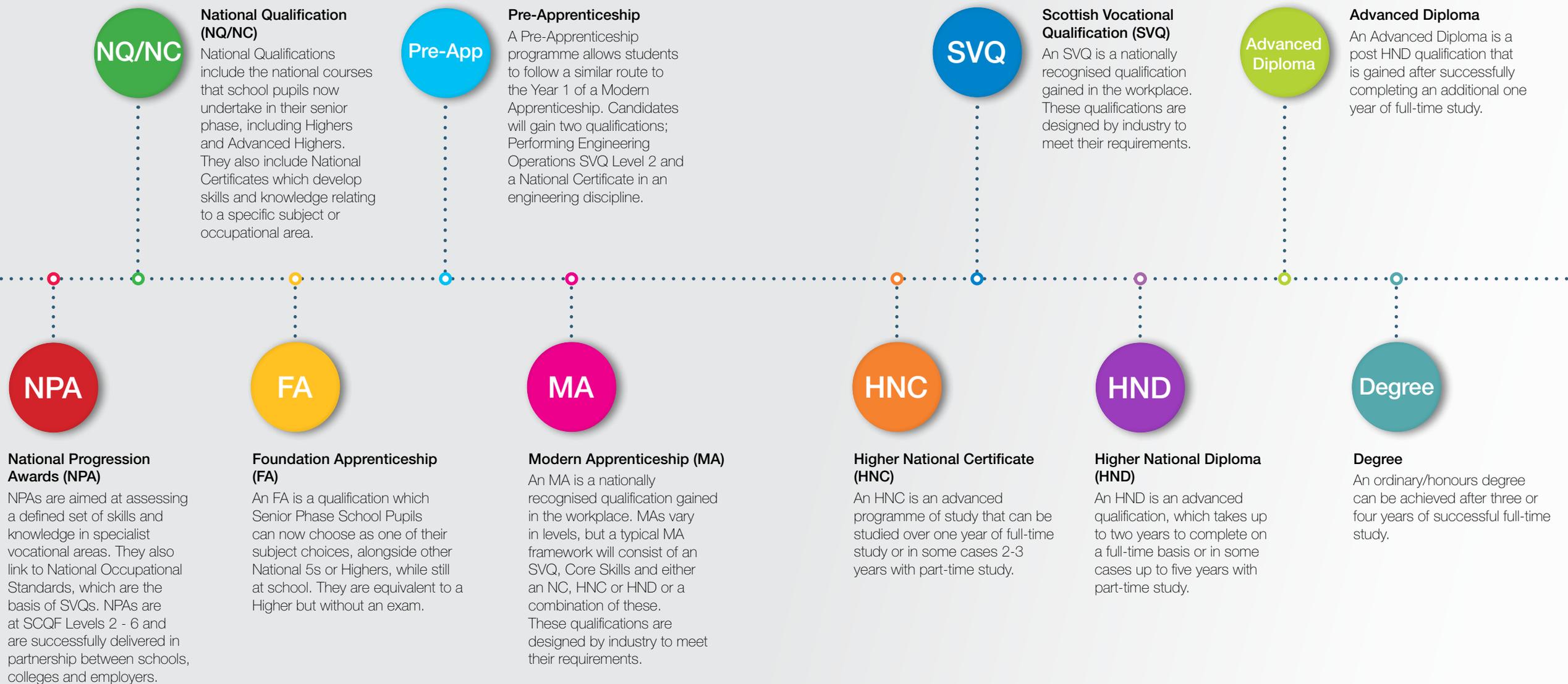
What we offer



WE OFFER A RANGE OF WAYS TO STUDY WITH SOMETHING TO SUIT EVERYONE. FIND A WAY THAT WORKS FOR YOU. LET US HELP YOU ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS.

- INTEGRATED DEGREES**
- FULL-TIME**
- EVENING**
- FOUNDATION APPRENTICESHIPS**
- PART-TIME**
- PRE-APPRENTICESHIPS**
- DISTANCE LEARNING**
- FLEXIBLE AND ONLINE TRAINING COURSES**
- SCHOOL-COLLEGE PARTNERSHIP COURSES**
- SUMMER SCHOOLS**
- MODERN APPRENTICESHIPS /SVQs**

Qualifications explained



INTEGRATED *Degrees*

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FORTH VALLEY COLLEGE OFFERS **SIX INTEGRATED DEGREE** COURSES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THREE OF SCOTLAND'S LEADING UNIVERSITIES. THIS **NOVEL, INTEGRATED APPROACH** TO LEARNING, MEETS THE NEEDS OF FUTURE EMPLOYERS BY CREATING **'WORK READY' GRADUATES**.



INTEGRATED DEGREES ON OFFER:

UNIVERSITY OF STIRLING

- **BSc (Hons) Applied Biological Sciences**
(refer to page 97 for more info)
- **BSc (Hons) Applied Computing**
(refer to page 50 for more info)
- **BA (Hons) Digital Media**
(refer to page 64 for more info)
- **BA (Hons) Heritage and Tourism**
(refer to page 105 for more info)

UNIVERSITY OF STRATHCLYDE

- **BEng (Hons) Chemical Engineering**
(refer to page 79 for more info)

HERIOT-WATT UNIVERSITY

- **MEng Chemical Engineering**
(refer to page 79 for more info)

WHY CHOOSE AN **INTEGRATED DEGREE** AT FORTH VALLEY COLLEGE?

With an integrated degree, students will spend between one and two years, depending on the course, at Forth Valley College.

Upon successful completion of these initial years, students will then automatically progress to their partner university. Successful applicants for the integrated degree courses at the University of Stirling and Strathclyde University will be recognised as a university undergraduate throughout the entire course and will have access to their resources and facilities. Heriot-Watt University applicants are regarded as Associate Students and can also access university facilities while studying at college.



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BENEFITS OF STUDYING AN INTEGRATED DEGREE:

STUDY LOCALLY, REDUCING LIVING AND TRAVEL COSTS

SMALLER CLASS SIZES WITH MORE ONE-TO-ONE TIME WITH LECTURERS

FOCUS ON PRACTICAL LAB AND TECHNICAL SKILLS

AN OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD CONFIDENCE BEFORE GOING TO UNIVERSITY

DEVELOP THE SKILLS TO BECOME INDUSTRY READY

FULL UNIVERSITY STATUS FROM DAY ONE

INTEGRATED PROGRAMME OF EMPLOYER AND INDUSTRY INVOLVEMENT

The programmes are supported by key industry partners including Historic Environment Scotland, Visit Scotland and Diageo.

WWW.FORTHVALLEY.AC.UK/DEGREES

Apprenticeships

APPRENTICESHIPS HELP YOU BUILD THE EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS THAT EMPLOYERS WANT TO SEE. NO MATTER WHAT STAGE YOU'RE AT, THEY'LL HELP YOU GET SET FOR A BRIGHT FUTURE. AND NOW, THERE ARE MORE WAYS THAN EVER TO START YOUR CAREER JOURNEY.



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1 FOUNDATION APPRENTICESHIP (SCQF LEVEL 6) - S5/S6 PUPILS

A Foundation Apprenticeship (FA) is a qualification that senior school pupils (S5/S6) can now choose as one of their subject choices, alongside studying for National 5s or Highers at school. They are equivalent to a Higher, but do not have an exam at the end of the year. To gain a FA students will be expected to attend Forth Valley College for two half days per week in S5 and S6 (most FAs are two year courses). The FA course also includes a significant period of work experience on placement with an employer, where students will be encouraged to put their new skills into practice and be assessed 'on the job'.

Successful completion of a Foundation Apprenticeship can also guarantee entry onto specific HNC programmes at Forth Valley College or may even allow advanced entry to a Modern Apprenticeship in the same subject or progression onto University.

We offer Foundation Apprenticeships in:

- ACCOUNTANCY
- BUSINESS SKILLS
- CIVIL ENGINEERING
- CREATIVE AND DIGITAL MEDIA
- ENGINEERING
- FOOD AND DRINK OPERATIONS
- IT HARDWARE AND SYSTEM SUPPORT
- SCIENTIFIC TECHNOLOGIES
- SOCIAL SERVICES AND HEALTHCARE
- SOCIAL SERVICES CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

HOW DO I APPLY?

Talk to the pupil support teacher or the SDS Career Coach at school and then apply online at www.forthvalley.ac.uk/FA

For more information, email foundation.apprenticeship@forthvalley.ac.uk

2 PRE-APPRENTICESHIP (SCQF LEVEL 6) - SCHOOL LEAVERS

A Pre-Apprenticeship programme allows candidates to follow a similar route to the Year 1 of a Modern Apprenticeship. Candidates will gain two qualifications: Performing Engineering Operations SVQ Level 2 and a National Certificate in an engineering discipline. On successful completion of a Pre-Apprenticeship, students may apply for entry onto the second year of an employed Modern Apprenticeship or progress onto a HNC in a relevant discipline.

We offer a Pre-Apprenticeship in:

- ENGINEERING

HOW DO I APPLY?

For more information and to apply visit www.forthvalley.ac.uk

3 MODERN APPRENTICESHIP (SCQF LEVEL 5-7)

A Modern Apprenticeship (MA) is a qualification gained whilst in full-time employment earning a wage. Most of the learning will take place in the workplace, with lots of hands-on practical training. However, candidates will be required to attend college on a part-time basis – either usually one day per week or one full week every month. The programmes are normally one to four years in duration.

MAs can be structured in a variety of ways depending on the subject area and the employer's requirements. However, programmes will usually include a Scottish Vocational Qualification (SVQ) at levels 2, 3 or 4, which will relate directly to the specific job or industry sector. This will be assessed on the MAs skills in the workplace. Some MAs will also complete relevant qualifications in their field at HNC or HND level.

Core skills will also form an important element of an MA programme. Core skills include Communication, Problem Solving, Information Technology and Working with Others.

We offer Modern Apprenticeships in:

- BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATION
- CHEMICALS, MANUFACTURING & PETROLEUM INDUSTRIES
- CONSTRUCTION (ALL TRADES)
- ENGINEERING
- HAIRDRESSING
- HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE
- HOSPITALITY
- IT
- LIFE SCIENCES
- MANAGEMENT

HOW DO I APPLY?

In order to train towards a Modern Apprenticeship, candidates need to be in full-time employment.

- The College recruits for Modern Apprenticeships in Engineering and Life Sciences from October
- Those already in employment, should speak to their employer to see if they would be happy to put a member of staff through an MA programme
- The most common way is to find an employer who is willing to take on an MA
- Another popular way is to apply for an MA directly through the Sector Skills Councils or Apprenticeships.scot

For more information on Modern Apprenticeships, visit www.forthvalley.ac.uk/MA

WWW.FORTHVALLEY.AC.UK

SCQF framework

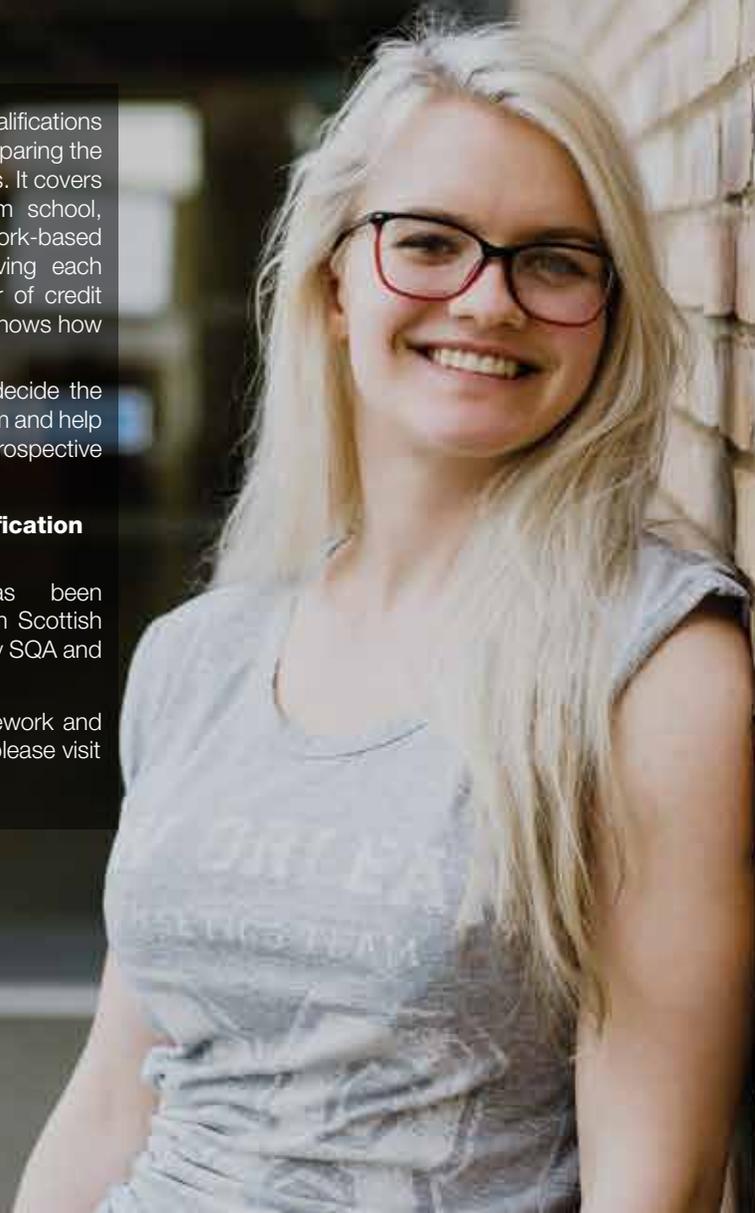
The Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF) is a way of comparing the wide range of Scottish qualifications. It covers achievements such as those from school, college, university and many work-based qualifications. It does this by giving each qualification a level and a number of credit points. The level of a qualification shows how challenging the learning is.

The SCQF can help students to decide the level of course which is right for them and help them to understand qualifications prospective students are not familiar with.

The Scottish Credit and Qualification Framework

This framework diagram has been produced to show the mainstream Scottish qualifications already credit rated by SQA and higher education institutions.

For more information on the framework and to view the full interactive version, please visit www.scaf.org.uk



SCQF Levels	SQA Qualifications		Qualifications of Higher Education Institutions	Apprenticeships & SVQs	
12		Professional Development Award	Doctoral Degree	Professional Apprenticeship	
11		Professional Development Award	Masters Degree, Integrated Masters Degree, Post Graduate Diploma, Post Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship, Professional Apprenticeship, SVQ	
10		Professional Development Award	Honours Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship, Professional Apprenticeship	
9		Professional Development Award	Bachelors / Ordinary Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship, Technical Apprenticeship, SVQ	
8		Higher National Diploma	Professional Development Award	Diploma of Higher Education	Higher Apprenticeship, Technical Apprenticeship, SVQ
7	Advanced Higher, Awards, Scottish Baccalaureate	Higher National Certificate	Professional Development Award	Certificate of Higher Education	Modern Apprenticeship, SVQ
6	Higher, Awards, Skills for Work Higher	National Certificate	Professional Development Award National Progression Award	Modern Apprenticeship, Foundation Apprenticeship, SVQ	
5	National 5, Awards, Skills for Work National 5	National Certificate	National Progression Award	Modern Apprenticeship, SVQ	
4	National 4, Awards, Skills for Work National 4	National Certificate	National Progression Award	SVQ	
3	National 3, Awards, Skills for Work National 3	National Certificate	National Progression Award		
2	National 2, Awards	National Certificate	National Progression Award		
1	National 1, Awards				

Applying



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GUIDE TO APPLYING FOR A FULL-TIME COURSE

1. BEFORE APPLYING

It may be useful to run through the checklist below before applying for a course:

- Applicants must meet the relevant entry requirements, be working towards meeting these and/or have relevant experience
- Speak to a Learner Adviser to ensure the appropriate course has been selected
- Speak to a member of the Student Finance Team to be fully aware of the financial support available
- Provide any requested documentation as soon as possible

2. APPLYING

There are two ways to apply for a course at Forth Valley College.

Online Application:

- Applying online is recommended. Go to www.forthvalley.ac.uk to find the course and click on the apply now button – it's as easy as that!
- 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
- Choose a maximum of two courses
- If you are applying for a Modern Apprenticeship, we would also advise that you submit a separate application for a mainstream course

Paper Application:

- Alternatively, a paper application form can be completed
- Call 01324 403000 to arrange for a paper application form to be posted out or pop into one of our campuses to pick one up
- All correspondence will be sent to the address detailed on the application form or by email, if an email address has

been provided. Remember to let us know of any change in e-mail address after application

- All completed application forms should be sent to: Student Admissions, Forth Valley College, Grangemouth Road, Falkirk FK2 9AD

Application Advice:

- Please provide detailed information in the Personal Statement section relating to the reasons for applying for the course, future career plans, previous employment, relevant experience, hobbies and interests
- Please ensure one reference is included in the application.
- The College assists and supports all students with their learning, so please provide any information on additional support needs on the application. This information will not affect applicants chances of being offered a place. If assistance is needed in completing the college application form there are a number of people who can help.

These include:

- A member of the College's Learner Advisory Team
- Skills Development Scotland
- School Guidance Teacher
- A Representative from relevant local authority Community Education Team

3. APPLICATION SUBMITTED

Once the application has been submitted, applicants will receive an automated email to confirm receipt of the application. If this is not received immediately, please check junk/spam folders and e-mail student.applications@forthvalley.ac.uk if no acknowledgement e-mail is received.

- All applications will be screened to verify qualifications against course criteria. Depending on the date of application, it may be a few months until applicants hear back from us to confirm the position of the application
- If applicants do not meet the course entry criteria they will be contacted to discuss re-directing the application to an alternative course, where possible

- If applicants meet the entry criteria, they will be contacted for an interview. This will give them and their chosen college department an opportunity to find out a bit more about each other and discuss their personal statement.
- Interviews for January/February start full-time courses commence in November/December.
- Interviews for August start full-time courses commence between February and May, depending on the course
- Please let us know as soon as possible if unable to attend an interview so we can re-schedule
- If applicants require any reasonable adjustments to participate in an interview, please let us know, for example sign language support
- At the interview if not already done so, inform the interviewer, or a member of the Learning Support Team, if there are any additional support needs.

Check out the College website to find out everything an applicant needs to know about our recruitment process.

4. AFTER INTERVIEW

After the interview, applicants will then be notified whether or not they have been successful. Those applicants who are unsuccessful will have the opportunity to apply for an alternative course.

If successful ...

- We will assume that applicants are accepting their offer of a course place, therefore if their circumstances change and a course place is no longer needed please let us know
- Complete all funding forms for the chosen course as soon as possible
- If necessary, applicants should make sure they have all the required equipment and resources for starting their course

GOOD LUCK!

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Forth Valley College welcomes students from across the world. For more information on our international recruitment process, fees and support available, please visit our website www.forthvalley.ac.uk/International





PORTFOLIO PREPARATION: ART & DESIGN

SCQF
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Location - Stirling

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

The primary purpose of this course is to build an appropriate portfolio for future study within art and design, the main focus being fine art and applied design. The course will also develop skills, knowledge and understanding across a broad range of art and design areas, including the critical skills necessary for advanced level study in this field. In addition to portfolio building, students will have the opportunity to develop appropriate levels of communication, creativity, interpersonal skills, independent working skills and group work skills, which can lead to advanced study. Students will study SQA Units at Level 6/7 on this course.

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- One Higher at Grade C or above in Art and Design and English at National 4 or above
- Successful completion of a relevant National Qualification, such as NC Creative Industries or NC Art and Design
- Applicants who do not meet these criteria, but have relevant experience or alternative qualifications will be considered

Please note that entry to this course is always subject to the applicant producing a suitable portfolio of artwork.

Additional Requirements:

Stage 1

- Applicants will be required to submit a digital folio of recent artwork

Stage 2

- Applicants will be expected to bring a portfolio of recent artwork to their selection interview

NC ART & DESIGN

SCQF
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Location - Alloa, Falkirk & Stirling

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

This is a foundation level portfolio course that introduces students to a broad range of art and design disciplines and helps to build a relevant and creative portfolio of work. Emphasis will be placed on building creative skills across a range of 2D and 3D subjects. Successful candidates may wish to continue to develop specialist skills in a range of HND courses including Art & Design, Contemporary Art Practice, Visual Communication or Photography.

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Four National 4 awards (or equivalent) including Art and English
- Successful completion of the Access to Creative Industries course
- Successful completion of NC Creative Industries
- Applicants who do not meet these criteria, but have relevant experience or alternative qualifications will be considered

Please note that entry to this course is always subject to the applicant producing a suitable portfolio of artwork at their selection interview.

HND ART & DESIGN

SCQF
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Location - Stirling

Duration - 2 years

Course Overview

This exciting course develops knowledge and creative skills in a variety of areas, including textiles, printmaking, fashion and costume design, 3D design, and mixed media. The course combines elements of traditional and contemporary applied design processes. Emphasis is placed on creative experimentation and students use a wide variety of materials, media and skills to develop their ideas.

The course covers concept development, design research, problem solving and presentation of design ideas. In year 1, students are introduced to a wide range of media and techniques including textiles, mixed media, photography, digital media and printmaking. Year 2, then enables students to further develop individual concepts, aesthetics and technical skills mainly through individual projects.

Entry Requirements

Mandatory Requirements:

Stage 1

- Applicants will be required to submit a digital folio of recent artwork

Stage 2

- Applicants who progress to stage 2 will be expected to bring a portfolio of recent artwork to their selection interview

Plus one of the following:

- Two Highers at Grade C or above to include Art & Design and, preferably, English. If applicants do not hold Higher English they must possess National 5 English
- Foundation Apprenticeship in Creative and Digital Media plus Higher Art at Grade C or above
- Successful completion of an NC Art & Design or an appropriate group of National Qualification Units
- Alternative qualifications and/or relevant experience will also be considered on an individual basis

Please note that entry to this course is always subject to the applicant producing a suitable portfolio of artwork.

HND CONTEMPORARY ART PRACTICE

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SCQF
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Location - Stirling

Duration - 2 years

Course Overview

Contemporary fine art encompasses a diverse range of approaches to creative expression, including drawing, painting, sculpture, printmaking, mixed media, multimedia, video, sound, installation, etc. This exciting course provides an opportunity to develop knowledge and creative skills in contemporary fine art practice.

The programme consists of a variety of projects designed to develop skills using a broad range of 2D and 3D media. Emphasis is on the development of individual ideas through creative experimentation and art and design research. The course also encourages the development of project planning, communication and entrepreneurial skills.

Entry Requirements

Mandatory Requirements:

Stage 1

- Applicants will be required to submit a digital folio of recent artwork

Stage 2

- Applicants who progress to stage 2 will be expected to bring a portfolio of recent artwork to their selection interview

Plus one of the following:

- Two Highers at Grade C or above to include Art & Design and, preferably, English. If applicants do not hold Higher English they must possess National 5 English
- Foundation Apprenticeship in Creative and Digital Media plus Higher Art at Grade C or above
- Successful completion of an NC Art & Design or an appropriate group of National Qualification units
- Alternative qualifications and/or relevant experience will also be considered on an individual basis

Please note that entry to this course is always subject to the applicant producing a suitable portfolio of artwork.



BA ART & DESIGN - YEAR 3

SCQF
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Location - Stirling

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

The well-established and highly successful BA Art and Design course at Forth Valley College is a challenging, creative and exciting programme which encourages students to develop their creative practice while embracing a wider understanding of the theories and context of the wider arts world.

Students will be expected to advance skills and specialisms established at HND level, before finally showcasing their work at the end-of-year exhibition.

Entry Requirements

Mandatory Requirements:

Stage 1

- Applicants will be required to submit a digital folio of recent artwork

Stage 2

- Applicants who progress to stage 2 will be expected to bring a portfolio of recent artwork to their selection interview

Additional Requirements:

- Full completion of an appropriate HND, including an A or B graded unit (Appropriate HNDs may include Art and Design, Contemporary Art Practice, Visual Communication/Graphic Design and Photography)
- References and other relevant information

Business

NC INTRODUCTION TO BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATION

SCQF
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Location - Alloa & Falkirk

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

This introductory course will develop a broad range of skills and understanding of business, administration and finance, which will equip students with the necessary skills to undertake employment in a variety of organisations, or to make informed decisions about the next steps for further study.

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Two National 3 awards and one National 4 award in relevant subject areas including English, IT and Numeracy (or equivalent)
- Successful completion of an access course or group of units at SCQF Level 3/4
- Applicants whose first language is not English should hold IELTS at 5 or an appropriate ESOL qualification

Additional Requirements:

- Final selection subject to successful interview



NC ADMINISTRATION & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

SCQF
5

Location - Alloa & Falkirk

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

This course will develop IT, word processing and administration skills, which will equip candidates with the necessary tools to undertake administrative roles in a wide variety of organisations. Students will spend part of their college week working in a fully equipped training office.

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Two National 4 and two at National 5 in relevant subject areas including English, IT and Numeracy (or equivalent)
- Successful completion of an access course or group of units at SCQF Level 4/5
- Applicants whose first language is not English should hold IELTS at 5.5 or an appropriate ESOL qualification
- Applicants who do not meet this criteria, but have relevant work experience or alternative qualifications may be considered

Additional Requirements:

- Final selection subject to successful interview

HND ADMINISTRATION & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

SCQF
8

Location - Alloa & Falkirk*

Duration - 2 years

Course Overview

This course is designed to equip students with the skills and knowledge necessary to manage information technology within an organisation and develop administrative, communication and management skills in order to obtain employment in the fields of office administration and information handling.

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Two Higher Grades in related subject areas
- Foundation Apprenticeship in Business Skills
- Successful completion of a relevant access programme or an appropriate group of National Qualification Units
- Applicants who do not meet this criteria, but have relevant work experience or alternative qualifications may be considered

Additional Requirements:

- Final selection subject to successful interview

*Please note year 1 of this course is available at both Alloa and Falkirk, but year 2 is delivered at Alloa only.

NC BUSINESS

SCQF
5

Location - Alloa & Falkirk

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

This course aims to provide students with a broad range of skills and an understanding of business and will prepare them for employment in a variety of organisations or further study. The course takes an active approach to developing skills that are essential when working in a business or office environment.

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Two National 4 and two National 5 awards including English, IT and Numeracy (or equivalent)
- Successful completion of an access course or group of units at SCQF Level 4/5
- Applicants whose first language is not English should hold IELTS at 5.5 or an appropriate ESOL qualification
- Applicants who do not meet this criteria, but have relevant work experience or alternative qualifications may be considered

Additional Requirements:

- Final selection subject to successful interview

HND BUSINESS

SCQF
8

Location - Alloa & Falkirk

Duration - 2 years

Course Overview

This course provides both the practical skills and theoretical knowledge that employers require students to have in order to carry out a wide range of business related jobs. The objective of the course is to provide a broad understanding of business and the business environment. In addition, it develops entrepreneurial, organisational and inter-personal skills including leadership, motivation and team working. Subjects studied provide a global understanding of business, marketing and consumer issues, whilst looking at core business issues.

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Two Higher Grades in related subject areas
- Foundation Apprenticeship in Business Skills or Foundation Apprenticeship in Accounting
- Successful completion of a relevant access course or an appropriate group of National Qualification units
- Applicants who do not meet these criteria, but have relevant work experience or alternative qualifications may be considered

Additional Requirements:

- Final selection subject to successful interview

NQ FINANCE

SCQF
5

Location - Alloa & Falkirk

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

This course introduces students to a range of skills, knowledge and understanding relating to a wide range of business and accounting activities and is an ideal first step towards a career in many different aspects of finance and business.

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Three National 4 awards in relevant subject areas (or equivalent)
- Successful completion of a relevant access course or an appropriate group of National Qualification units
- Applicants whose first language is not English should hold IELTS at 5.5 or an appropriate ESOL qualification
- Applicants who do not meet this criteria, but have relevant work experience or alternative qualifications may be considered

Additional Requirements:

- Final selection subject to successful interview

HND ACCOUNTING

SCQF
8

Location - Alloa & Falkirk

Duration - 2 years

Course Overview

This course will develop a solid awareness and understanding of accounting principles and will enhance communication, interpersonal and information technology skills.

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Two Highers in related subject areas
- Foundation Apprenticeship in Accountancy or Foundation Apprenticeship in Business Skills
- Successful completion of a relevant access programme or an appropriate group of National Qualification units
- Applicants who do not meet these criteria, but have relevant work experience or alternative qualifications will be considered

Additional Requirements:

- Final selection subject to successful interview

“IT MADE ME REALISE THAT I CAN ACHIEVE ANYTHING IF I PUT MY MIND TO IT.”

STEPHANIE SNEDDON



STEP INTO EARLY LEARNING & CHILDCARE

SCQF
4

Location - Falkirk

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

Working with children in early learning settings can provide a rewarding career choice. This course provides the student with an introduction to working within the early learning and childcare sector. Whilst studying the basics of early learning and childcare, the student will explore the job opportunities available and develop and prepare skills required for work within the early learning and childcare sector. The course will also give students an insight into how children learn and develop.

Entry Requirements

Mandatory:

- Participation at an information session
- Successful interview

Plus one of the following:

- Two National 4 awards including English (or equivalent)
- Applicants who do not meet these criteria, but have relevant paid workplace experience or alternative qualifications will be considered

NPA PLAYWORK & CHILDCARE

SCQF
5

Location - Alloa & Falkirk

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

This programme will explore and develop students' knowledge and understanding of playwork principles and theories that underpin working with children. It will develop an understanding of their roles and responsibilities in relation to working with children and young people to provide play in a variety of settings. The programme also has a strong practical element in playwork and includes the group award in playwork and childcare. Successful completion of this programme supports progression to the NC Early Education and Childcare programme which is a qualification that supports registration with the Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC).

Entry Requirements

Mandatory:

- Participation at an information session
- Successful interview
- Clear Protection of Vulnerable Groups (PVG) check required
Further information on the PVG Scheme will be issued to successful applicants prior to enrolment.

Plus one of the following:

- Three National 4 awards including English (or equivalent)
- Successful completion of all units within Step into Early Learning and Childcare (SCQF Level 4)
- Applicants who do not meet these criteria, but have relevant paid workplace experience, or alternative qualifications will be considered

NC CHILD, HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE (EARLY YEARS)

SCQF
5

Location - Alloa, Falkirk & Stirling

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

This course provides an introduction to early education and childcare values and principles, whilst providing students with an excellent foundation in playwork, childcare and education. It will give students a general introduction to child development and enhance communication, numeracy and problem solving skills. On completion of this course, students will be aware of issues relating to young children and their families in society today.

Entry Requirements

Mandatory:

- Participation at an information session
- Successful interview
- Clear Protection of Vulnerable Groups (PVG) check required
Further information on the PVG Scheme will be issued to successful applicants prior to enrolment.

Plus one of the following:

- Three National 4 awards including English (or equivalent)
- Successful completion of all units within Step into Early Learning and Childcare (SCQF Level 4)
- Applicants who do not meet these criteria, but have relevant paid workplace experience or alternative qualifications will be considered

NC EARLY LEARNING & CHILDCARE

SCQF
6

Location - Alloa, Falkirk & Stirling

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

This course will develop awareness and understanding of all aspects of children's growth and development from birth to 12 years. It provides the practical skills needed to recognise and meet the needs of the developing child. It will also enhance communication and interpersonal skills and there is a two day placement per week at an approved establishment selected by the College.

Entry Requirements

Mandatory:

- Participation at an information session
 - Successful interview
 - Clear Protection of Vulnerable Groups (PVG) check required
- Further information on PVG Scheme will be issued to successful applicant prior to enrolment.

Plus one of the following:

- Four National 5 awards including English (or equivalent)
- Successful completion of all units/exams within NC Child, Health and Social Care (SCQF Level 5)
- Successful completion of all units/exams within NPA Playwork and Childcare (SCQF Level 5)
- Applicants who do not meet these criteria, but have relevant paid workplace experience or alternative qualifications will be considered

HNC CHILDHOOD PRACTICE

SCQF
7

Location - Alloa, Falkirk & Stirling

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

This course is aimed at those who wish to gain employment as an early learning and childcare practitioner. This sector is expanding and demand for qualified early years staff is set to rise. The course will provide the student with a wide knowledge of the factors which influence children's care and their learning and development. Students will gain an understanding of the principles, values and legislation underpinning early years practice.

The course also provides opportunities to relate theory to practice with a practical placement of two days each week, which will give candidates the opportunity to see first-hand how early years settings operate.

Entry Requirements

Mandatory:

- Participation at an information session
 - Successful interview
 - Clear Protection of Vulnerable Groups (PVG) check required
- Further Information on PVG Scheme will be issued to successful applicants prior to enrolment.

Plus one of the following:

- Two Higher Grades at Grade C or above including English or Communication 4/ Literature 1 (or equivalent) plus relevant work experience
- Foundation Apprenticeship in Social Services Children and Young People
- Successful completion of all units/exams within NC Early Education and Childcare (SCQF Level 6) with Higher Childcare and Development at Grade B or above with 60 days relevant placement experience.
- Applicants who do not meet these criteria, but have relevant paid workplace experience or alternative qualifications will be considered

NQ HEALTH & WELLBEING

SCQF
5

Location - Stirling

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

The development of health and wellbeing is an important part of personal and social development. This course will develop knowledge and understanding of the influence of health and wellbeing on the physical, social and emotional development of people. Practical fitness and health skills will be developed. This course will be of interest to those wishing to access further study related to fitness, health care or social sciences.

Entry Requirements

Mandatory:

- Successful interview

Plus one of the following:

- Three National 4 awards including English (or equivalent)
- Successful completion of Passport to Learning

NC CHILD, HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE (SOCIAL CARE ROUTE)

SCQF
5

Location - Falkirk

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

Working with people in a variety of care settings provides a rewarding career choice. This programme provides a focus on developing the care values needed to support people in their own home and in day or residential care settings.

Entry Requirements

Mandatory:

- Successful interview

Plus one of the following:

- Three National 4 awards including English (or equivalent)
- Successful completion of all units within Passport to Learning (SCQF Level 4) including Core Skills at Level 4
- Applicants who do not meet these criteria, but have relevant paid workplace experience or alternative qualifications will be considered

PATHWAY TO SOCIAL CARE

SCQF
6

Location - Falkirk & Stirling

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

Working in a social care setting can provide a rewarding career choice. This course develops specialist knowledge, understanding and skills required to provide high quality support for a wide range of adults and young people. It provides opportunities to gain the formal qualifications needed to progress to HNC Social Services.

Entry Requirements

Mandatory:

- Successful interview performance
 - Clear Protection of Vulnerable Groups (PVG) check required
- Further information on the PVG scheme will be issued to successful applicants prior to enrolment.

Plus one of the following:

- Four National 5 awards including English and Maths (or equivalent)
- NC Child, Health and Social Care
- Completion of all units within NQ Sport, Health and Wellbeing (SCQF Level 5)
- Applicants who do not meet these criteria, but have relevant paid workplace experience, or alternative qualifications will be considered

SVQ SOCIAL SERVICES & HEALTHCARE - LEVEL 2

SCQF
5

Location - Alloa, Falkirk & Stirling

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

PLEASE NOTE - APPLICANTS MUST BE EMPLOYED IN A CARE ENVIRONMENT

Working with adults in health and social care settings provides a rewarding career path. This programme includes a Scottish Vocational Qualification at Level 2 in Social Services and Healthcare, providing the qualification necessary for registration with the Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC). It will provide students with the knowledge and competencies required in health and social care sectors, by developing core and essential skills, as well as the specific vocational competencies needed in the workplace.

Entry Requirements

Mandatory:

- Applicants must be employed in a care environment
- Successful interview

Plus one of the following:

- Three National 4 Awards including English and Maths (or equivalent)
- Successful completion of all units within Passport to Learning (SCQF Level 4) including Core Skills at Level 4
- Applicants who do not meet these criteria, but have relevant paid workplace experience or alternative qualifications will be considered

SVQ SOCIAL SERVICES & HEALTHCARE - LEVEL 3

SCQF
6

Location - Stirling

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

PLEASE NOTE - APPLICANTS MUST BE EMPLOYED IN A CARE ENVIRONMENT

Working with adults in health and social care settings provides a rewarding career path. This programme includes a Scottish Vocational Qualification at Level 3, providing the qualification necessary for registration with The Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC).

Entry Requirements

Mandatory:

- Currently working in a suitable health or social care setting for a minimum of 16 hours per week, a suitable role would include individuals who are experienced in extensive care planning, key working roles, care reviews and updates
- Senior role/experience desirable
- Successful interview
- Clear occupational health check (may be required for some placement settings)

Plus one of the following:

- SVQ Health and Social Care Level 2 (SCQF Level 5)
- Four National 5 awards including English (or equivalent)
- Successful completion of NC Child, Health and Social Care (SCQF Level 5) all routes
- Successful completion of all units within NQ Health and Wellbeing (SCQF Level 5)

HNC SOCIAL SERVICES

SCQF
7

Location - Falkirk

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

This advanced level course is a blend of practical and theoretical learning which provides students with the necessary skills and knowledge required for a career in social care. Students will also engage in a social care placement, where they will undertake three SVQ social services and healthcare units. Successful completion of this course provides the necessary qualifications for registration with the Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC).

Entry Requirements

Mandatory:

- Successful interview
 - Must have 60 days practical experience in either a paid or voluntary position
 - Clear Protection of Vulnerable Groups (PVG) check required
- Further information on the PVG Scheme will be issued to successful applicants prior to enrolment.

Plus one of the following:

- Two Highers at Grade C or above (including English or Communication 4/Literature 1) and National 5 Maths (or equivalent)
- Foundation Apprenticeship in Social Services and Health Care with at least one Higher at Grade C or above (English or Equivalent)
- Successful completion of all units/exams within Pathway to Social Care (SCQF Level 6)
- Successful completion of all units/exams within Pathway to Health Care (SCQF Level 6)
- Successful completion of SVQ Health and Social Care Level 3 (SCQF Level 6)
- Applicants that do not meet these criteria, but have relevant paid workplace experience or alternative qualifications may be considered

HNC SOCIAL SERVICES (DISTANCE LEARNING)

SCQF
7

Location - Falkirk

Course Overview

PLEASE NOTE - APPLICANTS MUST BE EMPLOYED IN A SOCIAL CARE ENVIRONMENT

This advanced level course is a blend of practical and theoretical learning - provides students with the necessary skills and knowledge required for a career in social care. Students will also engage in a social care placement, where they will undertake three SVQ social services and healthcare units. Successful completion of this course provides the necessary qualifications for registration with the Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC).

Entry Requirements

Mandatory:

- Successful interview
 - Must have 60 days practical experience in either a paid or voluntary position
 - Clear Protection of Vulnerable Groups (PVG) check required
- Further information on the PVG Scheme will be issued to successful applicants prior to enrolment.

Plus one of the following:

- Two Highers at Grade C or above (including English or Communication 4/Literature 1) and National 5 Maths (or equivalent)
- Successful completion of all units/exams within Pathway to Social Care (SCQF Level 6)
- Successful completion of all units/exams within Pathway to Health Care (SCQF Level 6)
- Successful completion of SVQ Health and Social Care Level 3 (SCQF Level 6)
- Applicants that do not meet these criteria but have relevant paid workplace experience or alternative qualifications may be considered

NC CHILD, HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE (HEALTH CARE ROUTE)

SCQF
5

Location - Falkirk & Stirling

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

This course develops knowledge and skills relevant for a career or further study in health care. It is ideal for people returning to education after a break or for people who wish to further their qualifications.

Entry Requirements

Mandatory:

- Successful interview

Plus one of the following:

- Three National 4 awards (or equivalent) including English
- Successful completion of all units within Passport to Learning (SCQF Level 4)
- Including Core Skills at Level 4
- Applicants who do not meet these criteria, but have relevant paid workplace experience or alternative qualifications will be considered

PATHWAY TO HEALTH CARE

SCQF
6

Location - Falkirk & Stirling

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

Working in a health care setting can provide a rewarding career choice. This course develops specialist knowledge, understanding and skills required to provide high quality supportive care for a wide range of adults. It provides opportunities to gain the formal qualifications needed to progress to HNC level study in relevant disciplines.

Entry Requirements

Mandatory:

- Successful interview
 - Clear Protection of Vulnerable Groups (PVG) check required
- Further information on the PVG scheme will be issued to successful applicants prior to enrolment.

Plus one of the following:

- Four National 5 awards (or equivalent) including English and Maths
- NC Child, Health and Social Care
- Successful completion of all units within NQ Health and Wellbeing (SCQF Level 5)
- Applicants who do not meet these criteria, but have relevant paid workplace experience or alternative qualifications will be considered

HNC CARE & ADMINISTRATIVE PRACTICE

SCQF
7

Location - Falkirk & Stirling

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

This course develops a range of skills and qualities essential for a career in healthcare. Students will attend college and a work placement in a care setting. The HNC Care and Administrative Practice prepares students for progression to university or progression directly to employment within the health sector.

Entry Requirements

Mandatory:

- Successful interview
 - Clear Occupational Health Check
 - Clear Protection of Vulnerable Groups (PVG) check required
- Further information on the PVG Scheme will be issued to successful applicants prior to enrolment.

Plus one of the following:

- 2 Higher Grades at Grade C or above (including English or Communication 4/Literature 1) and Maths to at least SCQF Level 4 or equivalent
- Foundation Apprenticeship in Social Services and Health Care with at least one Higher at Grade C or above (English or equivalent)
- Successful completion of a relevant access course, such as SWAP Access to Nursing (SCQF Level 6)
- Successful completion of all units/exams within Pathway to Health Care (SCQF Level 6)
- Successful completion of all units/exams within Pathway to Social Care (SCQF Level 6)
- Successful completion of SVQ Health and Social Care Level 3 (SCQF Level 6)
- Applicants who do not meet these criteria, but have relevant paid workplace experience, or alternative qualifications may be considered

NEWSTART - CARE & COMMUNITIES

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START

Location - Falkirk

Duration - 6 months

Course Overview

This course is aimed at students who want to experience a range of academic and vocational subjects whilst simultaneously improving their core skills. Students will also attend workshops which will facilitate personal development. Personal learning plans also provide support to students when applying for future courses. This course is based at the Falkirk Campus and the Care and Community path is for individuals who are interested in working in potential careers such as social work, education, youth work and nursing. We highly recommend that if students intend studying a care course in August next year, that they apply as soon as possible due to the high volume of applications. Students on this course will have the opportunity to complete SQA units.

Entry Requirements

- Selection will be by individual interview
- References may be requested

NC WORKING WITH COMMUNITIES

SCQF
6

Location - Falkirk

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

This course is designed for a wide range of people working, volunteering or seeking employment in the community sector in a general capacity or those seeking work in a specific area. This can include adult learning, youth work, community education, voluntary groups and sports groups. In addition, it may be suitable for people requiring professional development, who are already employed in the sector as sessional/unqualified workers and who may have no formal qualifications and are seeking a relevant recognised qualification. The course is particularly suitable for those seeking preparation for and progression to further study.

Entry Requirements

- Selection will be by interview
- Clear Protection of Vulnerable Groups (PVG) check required
Further information on the PVG Scheme will be issued to successful applicants prior to enrolment.
- Good interpersonal skills
- No formal qualifications are required - However, it is expected that candidates should have well developed communication skills, both oral and written, at SCQF Levels 4/5 or relevant similar qualifications

Other relevant qualifications would include:

- SVQs - Community development work at Level 2
- Youth Work Level 2
- Social Care Level 2

Additional requirements:

- Experience of working in the sector in a paid or voluntary capacity or a keen interest in community learning and development is essential
- References may be requested

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MANDY REYNOLDS

HNC WORKING WITH COMMUNITIES

SCQF
7

Location - Falkirk

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

This course is aimed at people who wish to pursue a career working with community groups and who are already, or would like to become involved in community based development work.

The course provides a nationally recognised qualification and is designed to provide qualifications and credit for skills, qualities and knowledge developed through experience of working within the community. Students will undertake a placement in the statutory or the voluntary sector doing community work, youth work or adult education to give them valuable practical experience.

Entry Requirements

Mandatory:

- Clear Protection of Vulnerable Groups (PVG) check required
Further information on the PVG Scheme will be issued to successful applicants prior to enrolment
- Applicants must provide a 500 word written piece giving their reasons for applying and any relevant experience. This should be submitted along with the application
- Entry will be by interview and a pre-interview written task will be undertaken

Ideally entrants will have:

- Two Highers at level C or above or an appropriate grouping of SQA units

Additional requirements:

- Experience of working in the community is essential
- References may be requested





ACCESS TO COMPUTING

SCQF
5

Location - Alloa & Falkirk

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

This course is for anyone who is considering a career in the IT industry. It provides students with a taste of the different specialities within computing, including computer hardware, cyber security and programming. This engaging course will use Raspberry Pis to help candidates develop practical skills and theoretical knowledge. As part of this course, students will have the opportunity to achieve Vendor Certification, which is highly respected by employers.

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Three National 4 awards (or equivalent) including Maths, English and Computing Science
- Applicants who do not meet these criteria, but have relevant experience or alternative qualifications will be considered

Additional requirements:

- An interview will form part of the selection process

NC COMPUTING (WITH CYBER SECURITY)

SCQF
6

Location - Falkirk

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

With ever-increasing demand for vitally important digital skills in all areas of industry, this course is a hugely important step in achieving a highly valued qualification in computing. This is a SCQF Level 6 course which will provide students with both practical skills and theoretical knowledge in a range of computing subject areas, and supports progression to further study in crucial areas such as programming. This course will prepare students for progression onto a range of HN programmes in computing, which in turn can lead to articulation to university.

Entry Requirements

- Three National 5 awards (or equivalent) including Computer Science, Maths and English
- Applicants who do not meet these criteria, but have relevant experience or alternative qualifications will be considered

Additional requirements:

- An interview and skills test may form part of the selection process

HND COMPUTING: SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT

SCQF
8

Location - Falkirk

Duration - 2 years

Course Overview

This course allows students to develop a range of specialist software development skills and knowledge in programming and systems development. It will prepare students for progression to further study in computing, software development or a related discipline. It will also allow candidates to develop an awareness of professional IT issues such as legal and ethical considerations. Students will not only have the opportunity to learn the skills to succeed in established software development areas of database management and systems development, but also adopt skills needed to succeed in emerging technologies.

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Two Highers at Grade C or above, one of which should be in Maths or Computing Science or a technology subject
- Successful completion of a relevant National Qualification at Level 6
- Applicants who do not meet the criteria, but have relevant experience or alternative qualifications will be considered

Additional requirements:

- Please note that selection will be made via successful interview

NC TECHNICAL SUPPORT

SCQF
6

Location - Alloa

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

This course will provide students with the knowledge of computer hardware, networking and operating systems that they need to progress in the technical support area of computing. In order to help improve skills, Vendor certification is an option included in the course. Successful completion of this course allows students to become eligible for progression onto the HND Computing: Technical Support at Level 7.

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- A minimum of three National 5 awards (or equivalent), including Computer Science, Mathematics and English
- Applicants who do not meet these criteria, but have relevant experience or alternative qualifications will be considered
- An interview may form part of the selection process

HND COMPUTING: TECHNICAL SUPPORT

SCQF
8

Location - Alloa

Duration - 2 years

Course Overview

This course provides students with a thorough knowledge of all aspects of computing including network administration, computer hardware and support. Coursework involves concentrated study in network systems maintenance and operating systems (including Linux). The course also provides the knowledge and understanding to obtain Microsoft Certification.

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Two Highers one of which should be in Computing Science, Maths or a technology or science subject
- Foundation Apprenticeship in IT Hardware and System Support plus a relevant Higher at Grade C or above
- Successful completion of a relevant access course or an appropriate group of National Qualification units
- Applicants who do not meet the criteria, but have relevant experience or alternative qualifications, will be considered

Additional requirements:

- Please note that selection will be made via successful interview

BSc (Hons) APPLIED COMPUTING

SCQF
10 UNIVERSITY OF STIRLING

Location - Falkirk

Duration - 4 years (years 1 and 2 at Forth Valley College, years 3 and 4 at the University of Stirling)

Course Overview

The BSc (Hons) Applied Computing is a unique and exciting opportunity which will kick start careers in one of Scotland's most thriving industries.

This degree has been developed with input from employers across the Scottish ICT community and will deliver the skills to take advantage of the 11,000 job opportunities available each year.

Students will develop skills in key ICT areas with a focus on software development and analytical skills. There will be an emphasis on employability skills and industrial awareness to ensure graduates are 'work-ready' on completion of their course.

The degree is taught jointly by Forth Valley College and the University of Stirling.

Entry Requirements

- Three Highers at Grade B (or equivalent) to include one of Mathematics, Computing, Physics or Chemistry

Additional requirements:

- Final selection subject to successful interview

BSc (Hons) APPLIED COMPUTING - YEAR 2

SCQF
10 UNIVERSITY OF STIRLING

Location - Falkirk

Duration - 3 years (year 2 at Forth Valley College, years 3 and 4 at the University of Stirling)

Course Overview

The BSc (Hons) in Applied Computing is a unique and exciting opportunity which will kick start careers in one of Scotland's most thriving industries.

This degree has been developed with input from employers across the Scottish ICT community and will deliver the skills to take advantage of the 11,000 job opportunities available each year.

Students will develop skills in key ICT areas with a focus on software development and analytical skills. There will be an emphasis on employability skills and industrial awareness to ensure graduates are 'work-ready' on completion of their course.

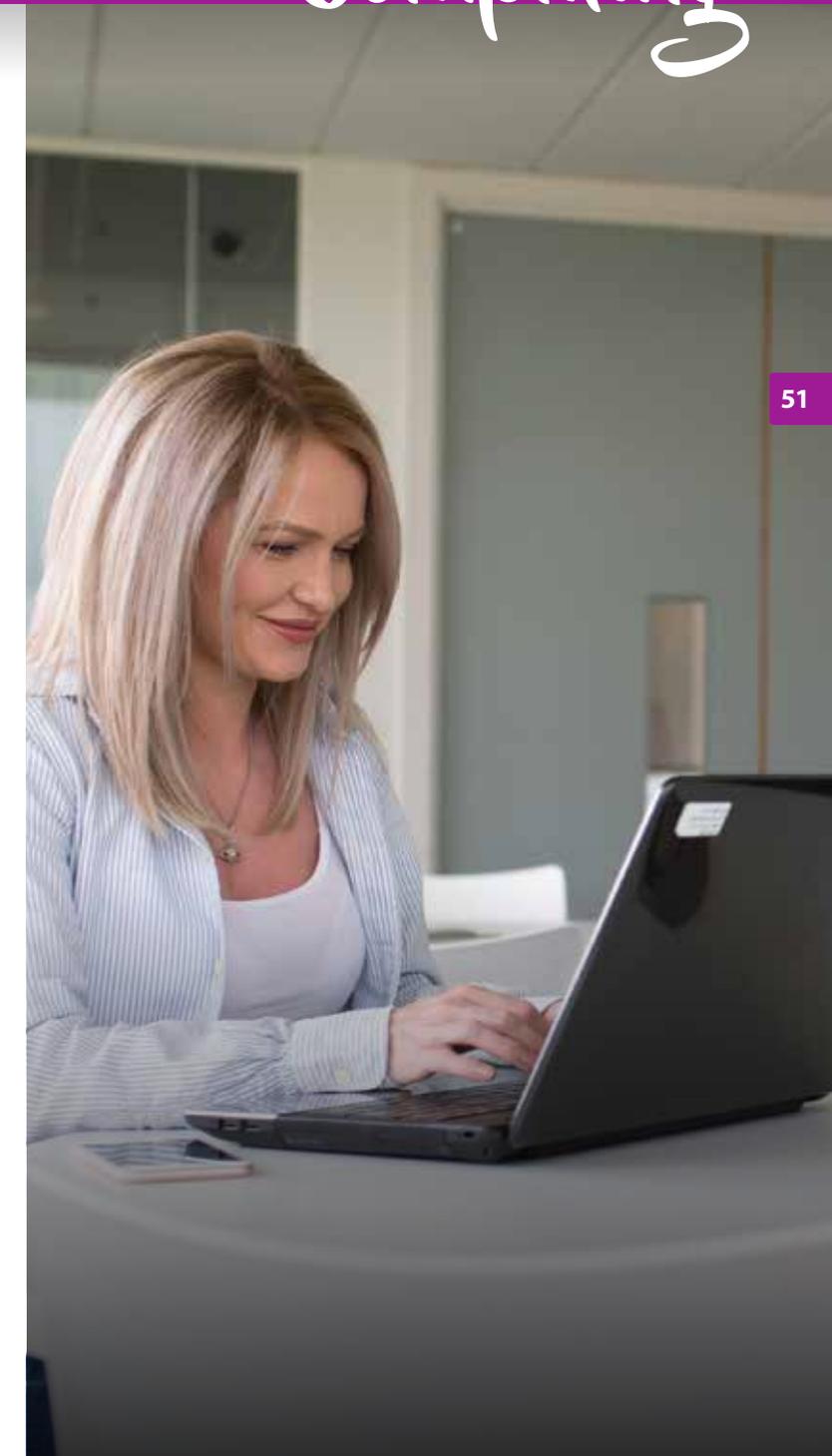
The degree is taught jointly by Forth Valley College and the University of Stirling.

Entry Requirements

- Year 2 entry may be available for applicants who currently have or are working towards an HNC Computing and who achieve an A or B in their graded unit

Additional requirements:

- Entry is subject to interview and units completed within the applicant's HNC programme





Construction

NEWESTART - CONSTRUCTION & ENGINEERING

SCQF
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START

Location - Falkirk

Duration - 6 months

Course Overview

This 19-week course is aimed at individuals who want to experience a range of academic and vocational subjects whilst simultaneously improving their core skills. Students will also attend workshops which will facilitate personal development. Personal learning plans provide support to students when applying for future courses. Core skills sessions are a compulsory element of the course which is aimed at SCQF - Level 4/5 and based at the Falkirk Campus. The construction and engineering path is for individuals who are interested in vocational work in workshops and pursuing further study or apprenticeships as a joiner, painter, welder, bricklayer or engineer. Students on this course will have the opportunity to complete SQA units.

Entry Requirements

- Selection will be by individual interview
- References may be required

Additional requirements:

- Applicants should be mature, ready for college study and have a genuine interest in the subject matter

CITY & GUILDS BRICKLAYING

SCQF
4

Location - Alloa & Falkirk

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

For those interested in a career as a tradesperson in the construction industry, this qualification is ideal for developing skills and knowledge of bricklaying.

Entry Requirements

- SCQF Level 3 or above in Numeracy and Communication

Additional requirements:

- Selection is by a two stage interview process
- Students without any formal qualifications, but with life experience and a demonstrable interest in bricklaying, will also be considered for entry
- Due to City and Guilds legislation applicants for this course must be aged 16 or over on 1 August 2019

NQ CARPENTRY & JOINERY

SCQF
5

Location - Alloa

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

This course helps students develop the hand skills and knowledge required for progressing to formal craft training in carpentry and joinery and other technical occupations. It combines practical training, job knowledge and associated studies. This course requires a positive attitude and also develops valuable workplace skills. To achieve this, students will learn about the skills and attitudes that employers are looking for, how to work effectively with others and what to expect - in relation to health and safety - in the construction workplace. All students will be required to use the College's virtual learning environment (Moodle) to complete course work, personal learning plans and work diary. The course timetable will be made up of practical workshops, classroom based learning sessions and directed study using ICT for learning.

Entry Requirements

- SQA Qualifications at SCQF Level 4 or above in Numeracy and Communication

Additional requirements:

- Selection by a two stage interview process

NQ PLUMBING

SCQF
5

Location - Alloa & Falkirk

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

This course aims to give a thorough foundation in practical skills for a range of construction crafts with a particular focus on plumbing skills. It provides experience of working with others in a practical environment and gives opportunities for employment in the plumbing/building services industries. To achieve this, students will learn about the skills and attitudes that employers are looking for, how to work effectively with others and what to expect when in the workplace. The course will lead to successful candidates being credited with a range of SQA units. All students will be required to use the College's virtual learning environment (Moodle) to complete course work. The College timetable will be made up of practical workshops, classroom based learning sessions and directed study using ICT for learning.

Entry Requirements

- SCQF Level 3 or above in ICT, Numeracy and Communication

Additional requirements:

- Selection is by a two stage interview process
- This course is aimed at candidates aged 16 (or maximum 17 years of age)

CITY & GUILDS CONSTRUCTION CRAFTS

SCQF
5

Location - Falkirk

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

This course is designed for those who wish to enter the landscaping industry and gain experience of the skills necessary to progress to further study and employment.

Entry Requirements

- SCQF Level 4 or above in Numeracy and Communication
- Students without any formal qualifications, but with life experience and a demonstrable interest in hard landscaping will also be considered for entry

Additional requirements:

- Selection is by a two stage interview process
- A place on the course is subject to the interview process

NQ CONSTRUCTION CRAFT SKILLS

SCQF
5

Location - Alloa & Falkirk

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

This course aims to provide a thorough foundation in practical skills in a range of construction crafts. It promotes the experience of working with others in a practical construction environment and gives opportunities for employment at a basic skill level in the construction industry. To achieve this, students will learn about the skills and attitudes that employers are looking for, how to work effectively with others and what to expect when in the workplace. All students will be required to use the College's virtual learning environment (Moodle) to complete course work and the course timetable will be made up of practical workshops, classroom based learning sessions and directed study using ICT for learning.

Entry Requirements

- SCQF Level 4 or above in Numeracy and Communication

Additional requirements:

- Selection is by a two stage interview process

NC CONSTRUCTION (BUILT ENVIRONMENT)

SCQF
6

Location - Falkirk

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

This course introduces students to topics relating to building technology within the built environment. These provide the basic knowledge and skills required for future employment in the construction industry at technician level and beyond. On successful completion students have the opportunity to progress to advanced level courses. All students will be required to interact and utilise the College's virtual learning environment (Moodle) to assist in completing the course work, personal learning plans and work diary. The course timetable will be made up of contextualised practical activities, classroom based learning sessions and directed study using ICT for learning.

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Three National 5 awards (or equivalent) including Maths, English and a technical or science subject
- Successful completion of a relevant access course or an appropriate group of National Qualification units
- Applicants who do not meet these criteria, but have relevant industry experience or alternative qualifications, will be considered at the discretion of the Curriculum Manager

Additional requirements:

- Following successful interview applicants will be required to attend an induction event and undertake a competitive skills test

HNC CONSTRUCTION (BUILT ENVIRONMENT)

SCQF
7

Location - Falkirk

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

This course provides an excellent basis for those wishing to pursue a career in the built environment sector.

Students will explore topics such as setting out, construction drawing, understanding and manipulation. They will also develop a knowledge of suitable building materials and legislation, in addition to gaining core and transferable skills. The qualification combines both practical skills and contextualised theory.

Successful completion of this course can also enable graduates to find employment with commercial companies and consultants, central and local government and with private clients.

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Two Highers (including Maths, English or a technical or science subject) plus three National 5 qualifications (or equivalent)
- Successful completion of a relevant access course or an appropriate group of National Qualification units
- Applicants who do not meet these criteria, but have relevant experience or alternative qualifications, will be considered at the discretion of the Curriculum Manager

HNC BUILDING SURVEYING

SCQF
7

Location - Falkirk

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

This course is designed to lead to a career as a surveying technician and potentially a fully qualified building surveyor.

Building Surveyors provide professional advice on property and construction for commercial companies and consultants, central and local government, and private clients.

The course will explore land and building surveying techniques using the latest equipment, building science and materials and also the regulation and legislation associated with building design. Students will also develop key core and transferable skills.

Successful candidates who secure employment may then apply for entry to the RICS Assessment of Technical Competence which, combined with a minimum period of structured training, may lead to the qualification TechRICS.

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Two Highers (including Maths, English or a technical or science subject) plus three National 5 qualifications (or equivalent)
- Successful completion of a relevant access course or an appropriate group of National Qualification units
- Applicants who do not meet these criteria, but have relevant experience or alternative qualifications, will be considered at the discretion of the Curriculum Manager

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AILEEN LIDDELL

ADVANCED PROFESSIONAL DIPLOMA IN TECHNICAL BUILDING CONSERVATION

SCQF
11

Location - Engine Shed, Scotland's Building Conservation Centre based in Stirling

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

This unique course has been created by Historic Environment Scotland (HES) in conjunction with Forth Valley College and approved by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA). Its aim is to provide candidates with an insight into major repair schemes, undertake visits and field work at active conservation projects across Scotland. The Advanced Diploma can be studied full-time over a 10-month period or part-time at the Engine Shed, Stirling.

For further information on the Engine Shed, please visit

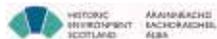
www.engineshed.org

Entry Requirements

- Relevant honours degree in a related discipline, i.e architecture, surveying, engineering, geography or town planning
- Relevant professional experience, qualifications, or institute membership may be accepted

For further information on this course, please contact:

gordon.urquhart@hes.scot



NC CIVIL ENGINEERING

SCQF
6

Location - Falkirk

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

This course has been designed as a flexible, but subject specialist and specific programme, to give candidates the knowledge, understanding and skills required to gain employment in the sector or progress to higher education. Civil engineering embraces construction, construction engineering, structural engineering and other specialist areas. It covers both practical and theoretical learning in subjects such as surveying, setting out and linear surveys and offers an introduction to site establishment, comprehensive training on materials, sciences and the ground and soil that substructures require. All students will be required to interact and utilise the College's virtual learning environment (Moodle) to assist in completion of course work, personal learning plans and work diary. The course timetable will be made up of practical activities, classroom based learning sessions and directed study using ICT for learning.

Entry Requirements

- National 5 Awards (or equivalent) in Maths (mandatory), English and a technical or science subject
- Successful completion of a relevant access course or an appropriate group of National Qualification units
- Applicants who do not meet these criteria but have relevant experience or alternative qualifications will be considered

Additional requirements:

- Following successful interview applicants will be required to attend an induction event and undertake and pass a competitive skills test

HNC CIVIL ENGINEERING

SCQF
7

Location - Falkirk

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

This course provides students with a sound understanding of civil engineering construction principles and techniques. The course will prepare students for employment as civil engineering technicians and provide them with relevant experience and further higher academic study to be able to hold senior technician positions. The course is designed for those seeking a career/or progressing their careers in civil engineering design, management and maintenance of infrastructure elements such as construction of buildings, bridges, roads, railway, water and sewerage systems.

It will provide students with a range of practical vocational and theoretical skills utilising modern equipment and techniques in design procedures, surveying and material testing, thus enabling candidates to make an immediate contribution in their role as engineering technicians. Optional units covering wider aspects of the industry will enable students to develop in other relevant areas of construction and civil engineering fields such as geotechnics and CAD for example.

Entry Requirements

- Two Highers at C or above including Maths (mandatory), English and or a science/technical subject such as (Physics, Chemistry or Engineering Studies), plus three National 5 awards (or equivalent) including a technical or science subject
- Foundation Apprenticeship in Civil Engineering
- Successful completion of a relevant access course (such as NC Civil Engineering)
- Applicants who do not meet these criteria, but have relevant industry related experience will be considered at the discretion of the Curriculum Manager

HND COMPUTER AIDED ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

SCQF
8

Location - Falkirk

Duration - 2 years

Course Overview

This course provides students with a comprehensive range of Computer Aided Design (CAD) and Architectural Technology related skills and knowledge required to operate effectively in the construction industry. Through practical and theoretical application and delivery, using the latest hardware and software, it enables students to achieve skills associated with CAD and building specification relative to a range of projects and to produce the required drawings to the correct industry standards and to comply with regulatory bodies such as planning and building control.

Students will not only be trained in the operation and manipulation of the latest CAD programmes, but will learn the underpinning knowledge of the design, technology and science aspects of constructing buildings and structures. All students will be required to use the College's virtual learning environment (Moodle) to complete coursework, personal learning plans and work diary.

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

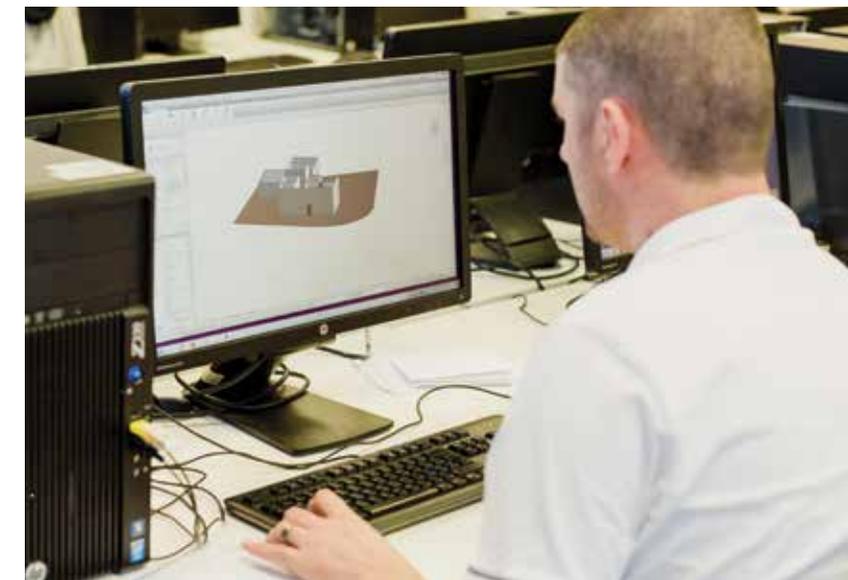
- Two Highers in Maths, English, Graphics or Product Design and three National 5 awards (or equivalent) including Maths, English, a technical or ICT related subject such as Graphic Communication or Art and Design
- Successful completion of the NC Computer Aided Design and Technology or another relevant access course
- Applicants who do not meet these criteria, but have relevant experience or alternative qualifications, will be considered at the discretion of the Curriculum Manager

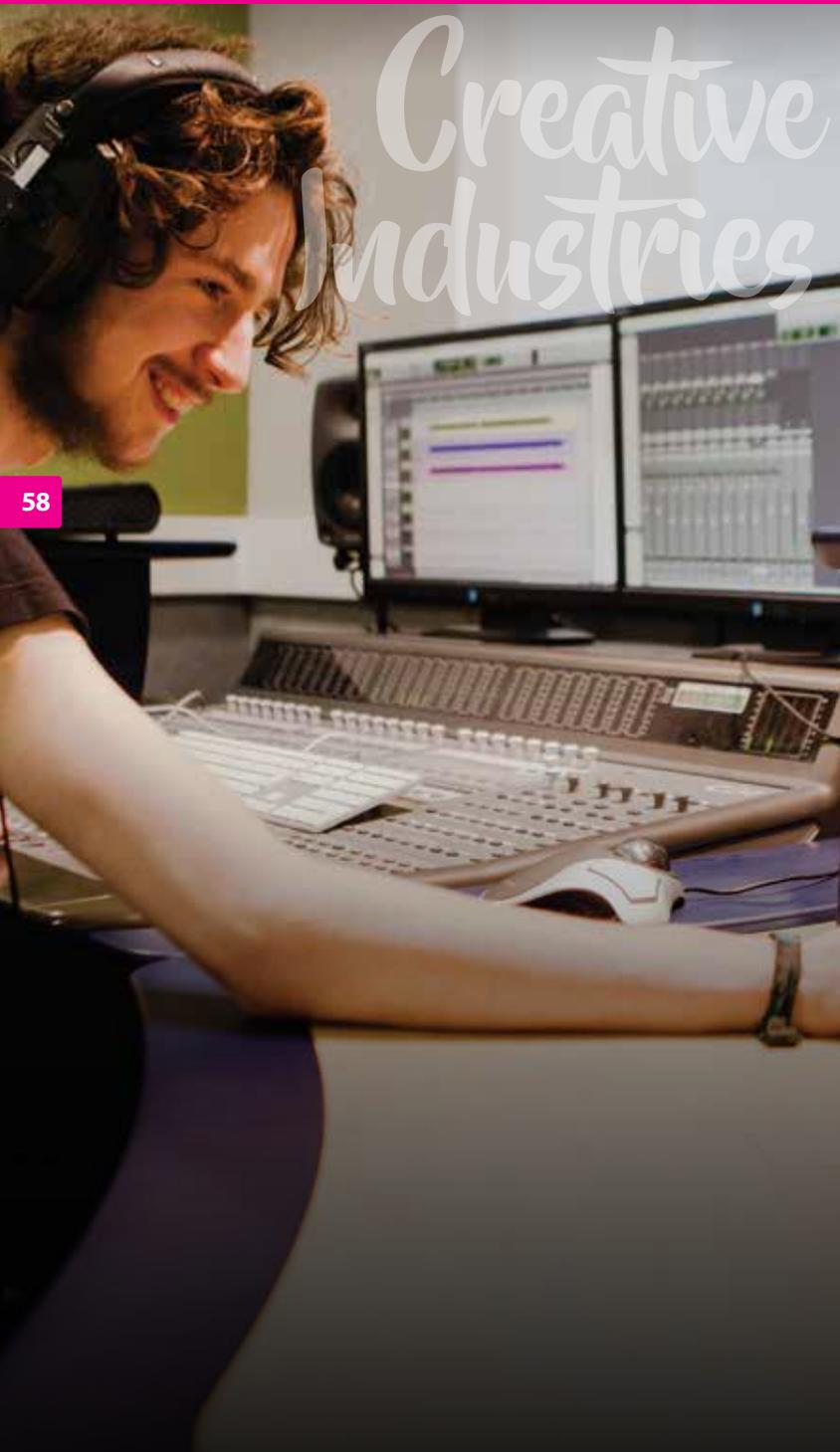
Additional requirements:

- It is recommended applicants should have a sound knowledge of and be competent users of ICT equipment

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VALERIE HORNALL





Creative Industries

PORTFOLIO PREPARATION: ART & DESIGN

SCQF
6

Location - Stirling

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

The primary purpose of this course is to build an appropriate portfolio for future study within art and design, the main focus being fine art and applied design. The course will also develop skills, knowledge and understanding across a broad range of art and design areas, including the critical skills necessary for advanced level study in art and design. In addition to portfolio building, students will have the opportunity to develop appropriate levels of communication, creativity, interpersonal skills, independent working skills and group work skills, which can lead to advanced study. Students will study SQA Units at Level 6/7 on this course

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- One Higher at Grade C or above in Art and Design and English at National 4 or above
- Successful completion of a relevant National Qualification, such as NC Creative Industries or NC Art and Design
- Applicants who do not meet these criteria, but have relevant experience or alternative qualifications will be considered

Please note that entry to this course is always subject to the applicant producing a suitable portfolio of artwork.

Additional requirements:

- Stage 1 - Applicants will be required to submit a digital folio of recent artwork
- Stage 2 - Applicants will be expected to bring a portfolio of recent artwork to their selection interview

NC ART & DESIGN

SCQF
6

Location - Alloa, Falkirk & Stirling

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

This is a foundation level portfolio course that introduces students to a broad range of art and design disciplines and helps to build a relevant and creative portfolio of work. Emphasis will be placed on building creative skills across a range of 2D and 3D subjects. Successful candidates may wish continue to develop specialist skills in a range of HND courses including Art and Design, Contemporary Art Practice, Visual Communication or Photography.

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- One Higher at Grade C or above
- Four National 4 awards (or equivalent) including Art and English
- Successful completion of the Access to Creative Industries course
- Successful completion of NC Creative Industries
- Applicants who do not meet these criteria, but have relevant experience or alternative qualifications, will be considered

Please note that entry to this course is always subject to the applicant producing a suitable portfolio of artwork at their selection interview.

HND ART & DESIGN

SCQF
8

Location - Stirling

Duration - 2 years

Course Overview

This exciting course develops knowledge and creative skills in a variety of areas, including textiles, printmaking, fashion and costume design, 3D design, and mixed media. The course combines elements of traditional and contemporary applied design processes. Emphasis is placed on creative experimentation and students use a wide variety of materials, media and skills to develop their ideas.

The course covers concept development, design research, problem solving and presentation of design ideas. In year 1, students are introduced to a wide range of media and techniques including textiles, mixed media, photography, digital media and printmaking. Year 2, then enables learners to further develop individual concepts, aesthetics and technical skills mainly through individual projects.

Entry Requirements

Mandatory:

Stage 1

- Applicants will be required to submit a digital folio of recent artwork

Stage 2

- Applicants who progress to stage 2 will be expected to bring a portfolio of recent artwork to their selection interview

Plus one of the following:

- Two Highers at Grade C or above to include Art and Design and, preferably, English. If applicants do not hold Higher English they must possess National 5 English
- Foundation Apprenticeship in Creative and Digital Media plus Higher Art at Grade C or above
- Successful completion of an NC Art and Design or an appropriate group of National Qualification units
- Alternative qualifications and/or relevant experience will also be considered on an individual basis

Please note that entry to this course is always subject to the applicant producing a suitable portfolio of artwork

Creative Industries

Creative Industries

HND CONTEMPORARY ART PRACTICE

SCQF
8

Location - Stirling

Duration - 2 years

Course Overview

Contemporary fine art encompasses a diverse range of approaches to creative expression, including drawing, painting, sculpture, printmaking, mixed media, multimedia, video, sound, installation, etc. This exciting course provides an opportunity to develop knowledge and creative skills in contemporary fine art practice.

The programme consists of a variety of projects designed to develop skills using a broad range of 2D and 3D media. Emphasis is on the development of individual ideas through creative experimentation and art and design research. The course also encourages the development of project planning, communication and entrepreneurial skills.

Entry Requirements

Mandatory requirements:

Stage 1

- Applicants will be required to submit a digital folio of recent artwork

Stage 2

- Applicants who progress to stage 2 will be expected to bring a portfolio of recent artwork to their selection interview

Plus one of the following

- Two Highers at Grade C or above to include Art and Design and, preferably, English. If applicants do not hold Higher English they must possess National 5 English
- Foundation Apprenticeship in Creative and Digital Media plus Higher Art at Grade C or above
- Successful completion of an NC Art and Design or an appropriate group of National Qualification units
- Alternative qualifications and/or relevant experience will also be considered on an individual basis

Please note that entry to this course is always subject to the applicant producing a suitable portfolio of art work



BA ART & DESIGN - YEAR 3

SCQF
9

Location - Stirling

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

The well-established and highly successful BA Art and Design programme at Forth Valley College is a challenging, creative and exciting programme which encourages students to develop their creative practice while embracing a wider understanding of the theories and context of the wider arts world.

Students will be expected to advance skills and specialisms established at HND level, before finally showcasing their work at the end-of-year exhibition.

Entry Requirements

Mandatory requirements:

Stage 1

- Applicants will be required to submit a digital folio of recent artwork

Stage 2

- Applicants who progress to stage 2 will be expected to bring a portfolio of recent artwork to their selection interview

Additional requirements:

- Full completion of an appropriate HND, including an A or B graded unit (Appropriate HNDs may include Art and Design, Contemporary Art Practice, Visual Communication/Graphic Design and Photography)
- References and other relevant information

NEWSTART - CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

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Location - Stirling

Duration - 6 months

Course Overview

This 19-week course is aimed at individuals who want to experience a range of creative subjects whilst simultaneously improving their core skills. Students will also attend workshops which will facilitate personal development. Personal learning plans will also provide support to students when applying for future courses. Core skills sessions are a compulsory element of the course. This course - aimed at SCQF Level 4/5 - centres upon an introduction to creative industries and will involve practical workshops. Project work will be decided by a combination of the student cohort, staff expertise and available access to specialist accommodation. Project work can include: painting, drawing, digital media, photography, sculpture, music, radio and more.

Entry Requirements

- Selection will be by individual interview
- References may be required

NO ACCESS TO CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

SCQF
4

Location - Alloa & Falkirk

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

This introductory course provides an opportunity to sample a range of creative subject areas. Delivered in a friendly, studio-based environment, it involves practical creative project work. Students will develop the skills and knowledge required for progression to NC Level 5/6 study in a range of subjects at Forth Valley College. Working across disciplines such as art and design, media and sound production, students will be able to develop a broad range of skills, which will prepare them for more specialised study.

Entry Requirements

- No previous knowledge or skills are necessary

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ANN SWEENEY

Creative Industries

NC CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

SCQF
5

Location - Stirling

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

This innovative course will give students the opportunity to further develop their creativity and skills across the areas of photography, graphic design, sound production, media, and art and design. The course is highly practical and is delivered through a series of creative projects which are designed to prepare students for study in a specialist area, while giving them experience and an appreciation of a wide range of creative disciplines. Successful completion of this course will allow progression to an NC or HN level course in one of the specialist areas.

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Three National 4 awards (or equivalent)
- NQ Access to Creative Industries
- A portfolio of work showing aptitude for one or more of the areas covered by the course
- Applicants who do not meet these criteria, but have relevant experience or alternative qualifications will be considered



Creative Industries

PORTFOLIO PREPARATION: GRAPHIC DESIGN & PHOTOGRAPHY

SCQF
6

Location - Stirling

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

This course provides skills, knowledge and understanding across a broad range of digital photography and graphic design areas. In addition to portfolio building, students will have the opportunity to develop appropriate levels of communication, interpersonal skills, independent working skills and competence which can lead to advanced study.

Entry Requirements

Mandatory:

Stage 1

- Applicants will be required to submit a digital portfolio of recent artwork

Stage 2

- Applicants who progress to stage 2 will be expected to bring a portfolio of recent artwork to their selection interview

Plus one of the following:

- One Higher at Grade C or above in either Art and Design, Graphic Communication or Photography and English at National 4 or above
- Successful completion of a relevant National Qualification, such as NC Creative Industries or NC Art and Design
- Applicants who do not meet these criteria, but have relevant experience or alternative qualifications will be considered

Please note that entry to this course is subject to the applicant producing a suitable portfolio of art work.

HND GRAPHIC DESIGN (VISUAL COMMUNICATION)

SCQF
8

Location - Stirling

Duration - 2 years

Course Overview

Throughout this graphic design course, students will be supported to develop their creative ability and technical knowledge through a range of practical projects and creative briefs. Students will gain an extensive understanding of the design process, develop their own creative concepts, learn technical software skills and produce finished design work both printed and digitally. Students will work in our high quality studios and facilities (using Adobe Creative Cloud) and will also benefit from working on live projects with external clients as well as experiencing studio visits and guest speakers. This course will prepare students for a career in the exciting and fast paced world of graphic design.

Please be aware that the SQA award achieved on completion of the course is HND Visual Communication.

Entry Requirements

Mandatory:

- All applicants are required to submit a digital portfolio prior to interview

Plus one of the following:

- Two Highers at Grade C or above to include Art and Design and, preferably, English. If applicants do not hold Higher English they must possess National 5 English
- Foundation Apprenticeship in Creative and Digital Media plus Higher Art at Grade C or above
- Successful completion of a relevant access course or an appropriate group of National Qualification units
- Alternative qualifications and/or relevant experience will also be considered on an individual basis

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MICHELLE SADLER

Creative Industries

NC MEDIA

SCQF
6

Location - Stirling

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

This course is designed to develop a combination of practical and analytical skills in the creative media industries, familiarising students with the job roles and functions in this field. Students will gain practical skills in video, radio and events as well as knowledge of current media developments along with understanding of the development of these industries. Students will also develop creativity and communication skills through engagement with the creative process and practical projects. This course offers an excellent introduction to the media industries.

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Four National 4 awards (or equivalent) including English
- Successful completion of an Access to Creative Industries course
- Applicants who do not meet these criteria, but have relevant experience or alternative qualifications will be considered

HND MEDIA

SCQF
8

Location - Stirling

Duration - 2 years

Course Overview

This exciting course will provide students with an industry standard grounding in media and communications, focussing on marketing, advertising and events. Along with learning robust research and analysis skills relating to the communication industries - students will design and deliver a series of events, develop audio visual skills to produce online materials and hone their skills in a range of media practices, including marketing, advertising, writing for the media and desk top publishing.

Please be aware that the SQA award achieved on completion of the course is HND Creative Industries: Media and Communication. Students should use this course title when applying for SAAS funding.

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Two Highers including English at Grade B or above (Modern Studies and/or Media Studies recommended, but not mandatory) and four National 4 awards (or equivalent)
- Foundation Apprenticeship in Creative and Digital Media and Higher English at Grade C or above
- Successful completion of a relevant access course or an appropriate group of National Qualification units
- Applicants who do not meet these criteria, but have relevant experience or alternative qualifications will be considered

Additional requirements:

- A successful interview

BA (Hons) DIGITAL MEDIA

SCQF
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Location - Stirling

Duration - 4 years (years 1 and 2 at Forth Valley College, years 3 and 4 at the University of Stirling)

Course Overview

This multimedia course is designed to support students who wish to pursue a career in the vibrant, fast paced media industry.

Students will develop skills across a range of media specialisms including television, film, radio, print and online. They will explore the tools, applications and industry practice of the digital environment, creating content and sharing it across a range of platforms through FVC's multimedia digital platform Connect Forth. With a strong focus on practical skills the course will also develop an in-depth understanding of ethical and legal considerations of working within the media industry.

The programme combines the technological and media-oriented skills of Forth Valley's HND programme with the advanced academic training and up-to-date digital expertise of the University of Stirling.

Entry Requirements

- Three Highers at Grade B or equivalent (to include English)

Creative Industries

BA (Hons) DIGITAL MEDIA - YEAR 2

SCQF
10

Location - Stirling

Duration - 3 years (year 2 at Forth Valley College, years 3 and 4 at the University of Stirling)

Course Overview

This multimedia course is designed to support students who wish to pursue a career in the vibrant, fast paced media industry.

Students will develop skills across a range of media specialisms including television, film, radio, print and online. They will explore the tools, applications and industry practice of the digital environment, creating content and sharing it across a range of platforms through FVC's multimedia digital platform Connect Forth. With a strong focus on practical skills the course will also develop an in-depth understanding of ethical and legal considerations of working within the media industry.

The programme combines the technological and media-oriented skills of Forth Valley's HND programme with the advanced academic training and up-to-date digital expertise of the University of Stirling.

Entry Requirements

- Year 2 entry may be available for applicants who currently have or are working towards HNC Creative Industries: Media and Communication and who achieve an A or B in their graded unit

Additional requirements:

- Entry is subject to interview and an assessment of the units within the applicant's HNC programme



NC SOUND PRODUCTION

SCQF
6

Location - Stirling

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

This course provides an exciting introduction to the world of sound production, preparing students for higher levels of study in this area and to pursue a career across a wide range of music, broadcast and audio visual production industries.

Entry Requirements

- Three National 4 awards (or equivalent)
- Successful completion of a relevant access course or an appropriate group of National Qualification units
- Applicants who do not meet these criteria, but have relevant experience or alternative qualifications will be considered

Additional requirements:

- Successful interview

HND SOUND PRODUCTION

SCQF
8

Location - Stirling

Duration - 2 years

Course Overview

This exciting course will develop knowledge and skills in sound production with the aim of preparing successful candidates for progression to university and/or a wide range of careers including recording studio engineering, music production, live sound and audio post production.

In our state-of-the-art facilities, students will develop a solid 'hands on' understanding of the latest digital technologies, as well as industry standard analogue classics, giving the opportunity to become skilled in a wide range of current sound production practices and techniques. Creativity and employability will be enhanced through working on a wide variety of practical projects while essential underpinning business knowledge in working in the sound production field, will be developed through contextualised individual and group learning. Past students have gained employment with the BBC, SECC, recording studios and audio visual companies.

Entry Requirement

One of the following:

- Two Highers including English and/or Music, Computing Studies or Physics at Grade C or above
- Foundation Apprenticeship in Creative and Digital Media and one Higher preferably in Music, Music Technology or Physics
- Successful completion of a relevant access course, NC Sound Production or an appropriate group of National Qualification units
- Applicants who do not meet these criteria, but have relevant experience or alternative qualifications will be considered

Additional requirements:

- Successful interview

HND SOUND PRODUCTION (YEAR 2 DIRECT ENTRY)

SCQF
8

Location - Stirling

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

Forth Valley College welcomes applications from students wishing to undertake their second year of the HND in Sound Production at Forth Valley College. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to continue their studies in a state-of-the-art facility that boasts good articulation links with leading universities. As well as completing seven core units - candidates have the ability to choose an optional unit, which allows them to focus on a particular area of specialist interest within sound production.

Entry Requirements

- Applicants must have already achieved 15 credits from the HN Sound Production framework (these must include all mandatory units from the first year of the revised (August 2018) HND Sound Production framework)
- Depending on the optional units the applicant has achieved during first year, there may be a requirement to undertake additional units



ACCESS TO DEGREE STUDIES

SCQF
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Location - Alloa & Falkirk

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

This is an intensive programme of humanities study for mature students encompassing subjects at Higher level with the aim of preparing them for entry into university courses. This course is allied to the Scottish Wider Access Programme (SWAP). SWAP promotes access to university for adult learners returning to education after a gap. In order to study as part of the SWAP programme applicants must have been away from formal full-time education for at least three years (or five years if you already have Higher or HN qualifications). For further information on SWAP and on the degree programmes available at SWAP partner universities, please visit www.scottishwideraccess.org

Entry Requirements

- No formal entry requirements however, candidates will be expected to demonstrate reasonable life experience outside of formal education

Additional requirements:

- Selection will be by an interview, which will include two written tasks
- References may be requested
- Applicants must attend an information session prior to interview

BSc (Hons) APPLIED BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

SCQF
10 UNIVERSITY OF STIRLING

Location - Falkirk

Duration - 4 years (years 1 and 2 at Forth Valley College, years 3 and 4 at the University of Stirling)

Course Overview

The BSc (Hons) Applied Biological Sciences degree offers interdisciplinary training in contemporary biological sciences, including animal and plant biology and biotechnology. There is a strong focus on the cellular and molecular aspects of biological science and the development of practical skills.

It will particularly appeal to those with a desire to pursue a career in the biosciences industries, within healthcare and biotechnology.

The degree is taught jointly at Forth Valley College and the University of Stirling and also received input from employers across the Scottish life sciences community. The result is a programme which delivers highly skilled and work ready graduates.

Entry Requirements

- Three Highers at Grade B or equivalent (to include either Biology or Chemistry)

Additional requirements:

- Preference will be given to applicants with a strong science background
- Final selection subject to successful interview

BSc (Hons) APPLIED BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES - YEAR 2

SCQF
10 UNIVERSITY OF STIRLING

Location - Falkirk

Duration - 3 years (year 2 at Forth Valley College, years 3 and 4 at the University of Stirling)

Course Overview

The BSc (Hons) Applied Biological Sciences degree offers interdisciplinary training in contemporary biological sciences, including animal and plant biology and biotechnology.

There is a strong focus on the cellular and molecular aspects of biological science and the development of practical skills. It will particularly appeal to those with a desire to pursue a career in the biosciences industries, within healthcare and biotechnology.

The degree is taught jointly at Forth Valley College and the University of Stirling and also received input from employers across the Scottish life sciences community. The result is a programme which delivers highly skilled and work ready graduates.

Entry Requirements

- Year 2 entry may be available for applicants who currently have or are working towards HNC Applied Sciences or HNC Applied Biological Sciences and who achieve an A or B in their graded unit

Additional requirements:

- Entry is subject to interview and an assessment of the units within the applicants' HNC programme

BSc (Hons) APPLIED COMPUTING

SCQF
10 UNIVERSITY OF STIRLING

Location - Falkirk

Duration - 4 years (years 1 and 2 at Forth Valley College, years 3 and 4 at the University of Stirling)

Course Overview

The BSc (Hons) Applied Computing is a unique and exciting opportunity which will kick start careers in one of Scotland's most thriving industries.

The degree has been developed with input from employers across the Scottish ICT community and will deliver the skills to take advantage of the 11,000 job opportunities available each year.

Students will develop skills in key ICT areas with a focus on software development and analytical skills. There will be an emphasis on employability skills and industrial awareness to ensure graduates are 'work-ready' on completion of their course.

The degree is taught jointly by Forth Valley College and the University of Stirling.

Entry Requirements

- Three Highers at Grade B (or equivalent) to include one of Mathematics, Computing, Physics or Chemistry

Additional requirements:

- Final selection subject to successful interview

BSc (Hons) APPLIED COMPUTING - YEAR 2

SCQF
10 UNIVERSITY OF STIRLING

Location - Falkirk

Duration - 3 years (year 2 at Forth Valley College, years 3 and 4 at the University of Stirling)

Course Overview

The BSc (Hons) in Applied Computing is a unique and exciting opportunity which will kick start careers in one of Scotland's most thriving industries.

The degree has been developed with input from employers across the Scottish ICT community and will deliver the skills to take advantage of the 11,000 job opportunities available each year.

Students will develop skills in key ICT areas with a focus on software development and analytical skills. There will be an emphasis on employability skills and industrial awareness to ensure graduates are 'work-ready' on completion of their course.

The degree is taught jointly by Forth Valley College and the University of Stirling.

Entry Requirements

- Year 2 entry may be available for applicants who currently have or are working towards an HNC Computing and who achieve an A or B in their graded unit

Additional requirements:

- Entry is subject to interview and units completed within the applicant's HNC programme

BA (Hons) DIGITAL MEDIA

SCQF
10 UNIVERSITY OF STIRLING

Location - Stirling

Duration - 4 years (years 1 and 2 at Forth Valley College, years 3 and 4 at the University of Stirling)

Course Overview

This multimedia course is designed to support students who wish to pursue a career in the vibrant, fast paced media industry.

Students will develop skills across a range of media specialisms including television, film, radio, print and online. They will explore the tools, applications and industry practice of the digital environment, creating content and sharing it across a range of platforms through FVC's multimedia digital platform Connect Forth. With a strong focus on practical skills the course will also develop an in-depth understanding of ethical and legal considerations of working within the media industry.

The programme combines the technological and media-oriented skills of Forth Valley's HND programme with the advanced academic training and up-to-date digital expertise of the University of Stirling.

Entry Requirements

- Three Highers at Grade B or equivalent (to include English)

Additional requirements:

- Final selection subject to successful interview

BA (HONS) DIGITAL MEDIA - YEAR 2



Location - Stirling

Duration - 3 years (year 2 at Forth Valley College, years 3 and 4 at the University of Stirling)

Course Overview

This multimedia course is designed to support students who wish to pursue a career in the vibrant, fast paced media industry.

Students will develop skills across a range of media specialisms including television, film, radio, print and online. They will explore the tools, applications and industry practice of the digital environment, creating content and sharing it across a range of platforms through FVC's multimedia digital platform Connect Forth. With a strong focus on practical skills the course will also develop an in-depth understanding of ethical and legal considerations of working within the media industry.

The programme combines the technological and media-oriented skills of Forth Valley's HND programme with the advanced academic training and up-to-date digital expertise of the University of Stirling.

Entry Requirements

- Year 2 entry may be available for applicants who currently have or are working towards HNC Creative Industries: Media and Communication and who achieve an A or B in their graded unit

Additional requirements:

- Entry is subject to interview and an assessment of the units within the applicant's HNC programme

BA (HONS) HERITAGE & TOURISM



Location - Stirling

Duration - 4 years (years 1 and 2 at Forth Valley College, years 3 and 4 at the University of Stirling) part-time option may also be available.

Course Overview

This degree will provide graduates with a broad range of skills in relation to the management, promotion and conservation of historic and natural environments, both in Scotland and internationally. It has been developed in partnership with government and industry and graduates will be well equipped to contribute to the ongoing success of Scotland's heritage and tourism sectors.

The degree is delivered jointly between Forth Valley College and the University of Stirling and combines both business and heritage specific skills. It can be used as preparation for, or as an enhancement to, a career in the areas of heritage and tourism.

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Three Highers at Grade B or equivalent
- Applicants who do not meet this criteria, but have relevant work and life experience or alternative qualifications may be considered

Additional requirements:

- Final selection subject to successful interview

BA (HONS) HERITAGE & TOURISM - YEAR 2



Location - Stirling

Duration - 3 years (year 2 at Forth Valley College, years 3 and 4 at the University of Stirling)

Course Overview

This degree will provide graduates with a broad range of skills in relation to the management, promotion and conservation of historic and natural environments, both in Scotland and internationally.

It has been developed in partnership with government and industry and graduates will be well equipped to contribute to the ongoing success of Scotland's heritage and tourism sectors.

The degree is delivered jointly between Forth Valley College and the University of Stirling and combines both business and heritage specific skills. It can be used as preparation for, or as an enhancement to, a career in the areas of heritage and tourism.

Entry Requirements

- Year 2 entry may be available for applicants who currently have or are working towards HNC Travel and Tourism with 15 credits and who achieve an A or B in their graded unit

Additional requirements:

- Entry is subject to interview and an assessment of the units within the applicant's HNC programme

BENG (HONS) CHEMICAL ENGINEERING



Location - Falkirk

Duration - 4 years (year 1 Forth Valley College, years 2-4 University of Strathclyde)

Course Overview

Students undertaking this programme complete year 1 of the HNC Chemical Process Technology programme at Forth Valley College followed by guaranteed progression to year 2 of BEng Chemical Engineering at the University of Strathclyde. This course is part of the Engineering Academy offered by Strathclyde University.

Entry Requirements

- Four Highers at Grade B or equivalent (to include Mathematics, Chemistry and ideally Physics).

Additional requirements:

- Final selection subject to successful interview

MENG CHEMICAL ENGINEERING



Location - Falkirk

Duration - 5 years (years 1-2 Forth Valley College, years 3-5 Heriot-Watt University)

Course Overview

Chemical engineering is an exciting and challenging area of study. Chemical engineers take a raw material and turn it into a useful product as cost effectively as possible. By applying for the combined HND Chemical Process Technology programmes at Forth Valley College, with guaranteed progression to Heriot-Watt University, students have taken the first step towards a dynamic and rewarding career in chemical engineering.

Entry Requirements

- Three Highers at Grade B or equivalent (to include Chemistry and Mathematics)

Additional requirements:

- Please note that selection will be made via successful interview and group task. The selection session will also include a tour of the college and an opportunity to ask questions about the course.

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ACCESS TO ENGINEERING

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Location - Falkirk

Duration - 6 months

Course Overview

This course provides students with experience of a broad range of different types of engineering and the core skills to progress on to National Qualifications. It aims to give individuals greater confidence in their own abilities and fully inform them about a career in engineering.

Entry Requirements

- No formal entry requirements

Additional requirements:

- Selection will be by a two stage interview/selection centre process
- The selection centre stage will consist of an interview, maths test, written test and a practical skills test

ACCESS TO ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

SCQF 5

Location - Alloa & Falkirk

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

This course provides students with experience of a broad range of different types of engineering and the core skills to progress on to National Qualifications. It aims to give individuals greater confidence in their own abilities and fully inform them about a career in engineering.

Entry Requirements

- No formal entry requirements

Additional requirements:

- Selection will be by a two stage interview/selection centre process
- The selection centre stage will consist of an interview, maths test, written test and a practical skills test

NC FABRICATION & WELDING

SCQF 6

Location - Falkirk

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

This course provides an excellent foundation in fabrication and welding. Achievement of this award allows students to progress towards completion of the vocational element of a Modern Apprenticeship and subsequent career progression within the engineering industry. It develops further the skills learned from Access to Engineering courses and/or other qualifications.

Entry Requirements

One of the Following:

- Three National 5 awards (or equivalent) in Maths, science or technology subjects
- Successful completion of a relevant access course or an appropriate group of National Qualification units at SCQF Level 5
- Applicants who do not meet these criteria, but have relevant experience or alternative qualifications, will be considered

Additional requirements:

- Selection will be by a two stage interview/selection centre process
- The selection centre stage will consist of an interview, maths test, written test and a practical skills test

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Engineering

NQ ELECTRICAL PRACTICE FOR ELECTRICIANS

SCQF
5

Location - Alloa

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

This course provides transferable core skills, foundation skills and workshop training for those who aspire to a career in electrical installation work. It also provides a pathway to advanced levels of study.

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Three National 4 awards (or equivalent) including English, Maths and a relevant science or technology related subject
- Successful completion of a relevant access course or an appropriate group of National Qualification units
- Applicants who do not meet this criteria, but have relevant experience or alternative qualifications will be considered

Additional requirements:

- Selection by a two stage interview process

NC ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

SCQF
6

Location - Alloa & Falkirk

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

This course is designed for the study of electrical and electronic engineering and enables progression to higher levels of study such as the HNC Electrical and Electronic courses.

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Three National 5 awards (or equivalent) including Maths and a science or technology subject
- Successful completion of a relevant access course or an appropriate group of National Qualification units
- Applicants who do not meet this criteria, but have relevant experience or alternative qualifications will be considered

Additional requirements:

- Selection by a two stage interview process

NC ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING (INSTALLATION)

SCQF
6

Location - Falkirk

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

This course provides transferable core skills, foundation skills and workshop training for those who aspire to a career in electrical installation work. It also provides a pathway to advanced levels of study.

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Three National 5 awards (or equivalent) including English, Maths and a science or technology related subject
- Successful completion of a relevant access course or an appropriate group of National Qualification units (ideally NQ Electrical Practice for Electricians at Level 5)
- Applicants who do not meet these criteria, but have relevant experience or alternative qualifications will be considered

Additional requirements:

- Selection by a two stage interview process

HND ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

SCQF
8

Location - Falkirk

Duration - 2 years

Course Overview

This course provides a wide range of core and engineering skills in electrical and electronics engineering, enabling students to progress to advanced level study.

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Two Highers at Grade C or above in Maths and a science or technology subject
- Foundation Apprenticeship in Engineering
- Successful completion of a relevant National Qualification at Level 6 or above
- Applicants who do not meet this criteria, but have relevant experience or alternative qualifications will be considered

Additional requirements:

- Selection by a two stage interview process

NC CIVIL ENGINEERING

SCQF
6

Location - Falkirk

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

This course has been designed as a flexible, but subject specialist and specific programme, to give candidates the knowledge, understanding and skills required to gain employment in the sector or progress to higher education. Civil engineering embraces construction, construction engineering, structural engineering and other specialist areas. It covers both practical and theoretical learning in subjects such as surveying, setting out and linear surveys and offers an introduction to site establishment, comprehensive training on materials, sciences and the ground and soil that substructures require. All students will be required to interact and utilise the College's virtual learning environment (Moodle) to assist in completion of course work, personal learning plans and work diary. The course timetable will be made up of practical activities, classroom based learning sessions and directed study using ICT for learning.

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- National 5 Awards (or equivalent) in Maths (mandatory), English and a technical or science subject
- Successful completion of a relevant access course or an appropriate group of National Qualification units
- Applicants who do not meet these criteria, but have relevant experience or alternative qualifications will be considered

Additional requirements:

- Following successful interview applicants will be required to attend an induction event and undertake and pass a competitive skills test



Engineering

HNC CIVIL ENGINEERING

SCQF
7

Location - Falkirk

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

This course provides students with a sound understanding of civil engineering construction principles and techniques. The course will prepare individuals for employment as civil engineering technicians and provide them with relevant experience and further higher academic study to be able to hold senior technician positions. The course is designed for those seeking a career/or progressing their careers in civil engineering design, management and maintenance of infrastructure elements such as construction of buildings, bridges, roads, railway, water and sewerage systems.

It will provide students with a range of practical vocational and theoretical skills utilising modern equipment and techniques in design procedures, surveying and material

testing, thus enabling students to make an immediate contribution in their role as engineering technicians. Optional units covering wider aspects of the industry will enable learners to develop in other relevant areas of construction and civil engineering fields such as geotechnics and CAD for example.

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Two Highers at Grade C or above including Maths (mandatory), English and or a science/technical subject such as (Physics, Chemistry or Engineering Studies), plus three National 5 awards (or equivalent) including a technical or science subject
- Foundation Apprenticeship in Civil Engineering
- Successful completion of a relevant access course (such as NC Civil Engineering)
- Applicants who do not meet these criteria, but have relevant industry related experience will be considered at the discretion of the Curriculum Manager

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Three National 5 awards (or equivalent) including Maths and a science or technology subject
- Successful completion of a relevant access course or an appropriate group of National Qualification units
- Applicants who do not meet these criteria, but have relevant experience or alternative qualifications will be considered

Additional requirements:

- Selection by a two stage interview process

HND MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

SCQF
8

Location - Falkirk

Duration - 2 years

Course Overview

This advanced course provides students with a wide range of knowledge and skills required for mechanical engineering relevant to mechanical, manufacture, process, oil and gas and alternative energy industries. The objective of the programme of study is to provide a broad understanding of mechanical engineering technologies.

In addition, it develops organisational skills including project planning, maintenance strategies, methods of design analysis, leadership and interpersonal skills.

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Two Highers at Grade C or above in Maths and a science or technology subject
- Foundation Apprenticeship in Engineering
- Successful completion of a relevant National Qualification at Level 6
- Applicants who do not meet these criteria, but have relevant experience or alternative qualifications will be considered

Additional requirements:

- Selection by a two stage interview process

NC MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

SCQF
6

Location - Falkirk

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

This course provides an excellent foundation in mechanical engineering. Attaining this award allows students to progress to HN level courses.

PRE-APPRENTICESHIP - IN ENGINEERING

Course Overview

This programme allows candidates to follow a similar route as Year 1 of a Modern Apprenticeship. This allows students to explore engineering subjects and practical activities with the possibility of work experience with some of our industry partners. On completion of this programme, successful candidates may progress to a second year of an apprenticeship programme with a key employer.

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- National 5 English and Maths, craft or science subject

MODERN APPRENTICESHIP - IN ENGINEERING

SCQF
7

Duration - 3-4 years

Course Overview

A Modern Apprenticeship (MA) is a qualification you gain whilst in full-time employment.

It consists of a Scottish Vocational Qualification, (SVQ), Core skills (Communication, Numeracy, Problem Solving, Working with Others, ICT) and either an NC, HNC or HND or combination of these.

MAs are a combination of practical work based qualifications which are carried out in the workplace and college in either a full-time, block or day release basis depending on the discipline chosen. Forth Valley College has excellent workshops and facilities including high specification laboratories, training rigs and state-of-the-art technology.

Entry Requirements

- 4 National 5 awards in English, Maths, Physics or Chemistry plus a craft or technical subject

Selection Process

All successful applicants will sit 4 aptitude tests, and have completed mandatory Interview Techniques

All companies involved will then interview applicants of their choosing

Applicants may have to go through a medical prior to employment.

Please visit www.forthvalley.ac.uk for selection process dates.

Engineering

NC MEASUREMENT & CONTROL ENGINEERING

SCQF
6

Location - Falkirk

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

This course aims to provide students with a solid foundation in the underpinning knowledge of industrial measurement and control principles and enables progression to a higher level of study.

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Three National 5 awards (or equivalent) including English, Mathematics, technology or a science subject (preferably Physics)
- Successful completion of a relevant access course or an appropriate group of National Qualification units at SCQF Level 5
- Applicants who do not meet these criteria, but have relevant experience or alternative qualifications will be considered

Additional requirements:

- Selection by a two stage interview process

Engineering

HND MEASUREMENT & CONTROL ENGINEERING

SCQF
8

Location - Falkirk

Duration - 2 years

Course Overview

This course provides a wide range of core and engineering skills in measurement and control engineering enabling successful students to progress to advanced level study

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Two Highers at Grade C or above in Maths and a science or technology subject
- Foundation Apprenticeship in Engineering
- Successful completion of a relevant National Qualification at Level 6 or above
- Applicants who do not meet these criteria, but have relevant experience or alternative qualifications will be considered

Additional requirements:

- Selection by a two stage interview process

HNC CHEMICAL PROCESS TECHNOLOGY

SCQF
7

Location - Falkirk

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

This course combines the theoretical aspects of chemistry and chemical engineering with the principles and practices relevant to the modern chemical and process industries.

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Two Highers at level C or above, one of which must be Chemistry and four National 5 awards (or equivalent) which must include Maths and English
- Successful completion of a relevant access course or an appropriate group of National Qualification units
- Applicants who do not meet these criteria, but have relevant experience or alternative qualifications will be considered

Additional requirements:

- Please note that selection will be made via successful interview and group task. The selection session will also include a tour of the college and an opportunity to ask questions about the course

HNC PETROCHEMICAL OPERATIONS (CHEMICAL ENGINEERING)

SCQF
7

Location - Falkirk

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

This course focuses on the underpinning knowledge and principles required for working in an industrial setting. The majority of students on this programme have relevant industrial experience or are undertaking work based training programmes simultaneously.

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Two Highers including Maths and a science subject (preferably Chemistry) and four National 4 awards (or equivalent)
- Successful completion of a relevant access course or an appropriate group of National Qualification units
- Applicants who do not meet these criteria, but have relevant experience or alternative qualifications will be considered

Additional requirements:

- Please note that selection will be made via successful interview and group task. The selection session will also include a tour of the college and an opportunity to ask questions about the course
- Please note that the SQA will award this programme as HNC Chemical Engineering

HND CHEMICAL PROCESS TECHNOLOGY

SCQF
8

Location - Falkirk

Duration - 2 years

Course Overview

This course combines the theoretical aspects of chemistry and chemical engineering, with the principles and practices relevant to the modern chemical and process industries.

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Two Highers at Grade C or above one of which must be Chemistry and four National 5 awards (or equivalent), which must include Maths and English
- Successful completion of a relevant access course or an appropriate group of National Qualification units
- Applicants who do not meet this criteria, but have relevant experience or alternative qualifications will be considered

Additional requirements:

- Please note that selection will be made via successful interview and group task. The selection session will also include a tour of the college and an opportunity to ask questions about the course

Engineering

BENG (HONS) CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

SCQF
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Location - Falkirk

Duration - 4 years (year 1 Forth Valley College, years 2-4 University of Strathclyde)

Course Overview

Students undertaking this programme complete the one year HNC Chemical Process Technology programme at Forth Valley College, followed by guaranteed progression to year 2 of BEng Chemical Engineering at the University of Strathclyde. This course is part of the Engineering Academy offered by Strathclyde University.

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- 4 Highers at Grade B or equivalent (to include Mathematics, Chemistry and ideally Physics)

MENG CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

SCQF
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Location - Falkirk

Duration - 5 years (years 1-2 Forth Valley College, years 3-5 Heriot-Watt University)

Course Overview

Chemical engineering is an exciting and challenging area of study. Chemical engineers take a raw material and turn it into a useful product as cost effectively as possible. By applying for the combined HND Chemical Process Technology programmes at Forth Valley College with guaranteed progression to Heriot-Watt University, students have taken the first step towards a dynamic and rewarding career in chemical engineering.

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Three Highers at Grade B or equivalent (to include Chemistry and Mathematics)

Additional requirements:

- Please note that selection will be made via successful interview and group task. The selection session will also include a tour of the college and an opportunity to ask questions about the course

Events Management



NC EVENTS CO-ORDINATION

SCQF
5

Location - Stirling

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

The aim of this course is to provide a practical and flexible introduction to the events industry. The events industry is an exciting place to be, with opportunities across the world available. This course will enable candidates to acquire and develop the skills and knowledge needed to access further study in events, or to move into the employment market in this sector.

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Four National awards (or equivalent) to include English and Maths

Additional requirements:

- Successful completion of interview

HND EVENTS MANAGEMENT

SCQF
8

Location - Stirling

Duration - 2 years

Course Overview

The principle aim of the course is to allow candidates to gain a full understanding of the events sector. It will allow them to enter the industry at a junior management level or continue to further study at university.

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- 2 Highers at Grade C or above and 3 National 4 awards to include English and Maths
- Successful completion of a relevant access course or an appropriate group of National Qualification units
- Successful completion of NC Events Co-ordination
- Applicants who do not meet these criteria, but have relevant experience or alternative qualifications will be considered

Additional requirements:

- Successful completion of interview



Hair & Beauty

Hair & Beauty

CITY & GUILDS BEAUTY THERAPY - LEVEL 2

SCQF
5

Location - Falkirk & Raploch

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

This course aims to provide thorough training and education in beauty therapy, allowing individuals to understand the principles and application of face and body treatments and apply them in the salon environment. The course will also develop ability and confidence to meet the needs of the beauty therapy industry. Students will be required to purchase relevant items of equipment and clothing and there may be bursary funding available for this.

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- National 4 award (or equivalent) in English

Additional requirements:

- Selection will be by interview
- A background in human biology would be an advantage
- Due to City and Guilds legislation, applicants for this course must be aged 16 or over prior to course enrolment
- Candidates must achieve the Certificate in Contact Dermatitis Prevention prior to enrolment. This is a one day course and the cost is approximately £50

CITY & GUILDS BEAUTY THERAPY - LEVEL 3

SCQF
6

Location - Falkirk & Raploch

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

This course aims to provide thorough training and education in beauty therapy, allowing individuals to understand the principles and application of face and body treatments and apply them in the salon environment. The course will also develop both ability and confidence to meet the needs of the beauty therapy industry. Students will be required to purchase relevant items of equipment and clothing and there may be bursary funding available for this. Level 3 Beauty Therapy (Raploch) will have at least one day per week in Alloa.

Entry Requirements

- S/NVQ Level 2 Beauty Therapy (or equivalent)

Additional requirements:

- Due to Sector Skills Council requirements applicants for this course must be aged 16 or over prior to enrolment
- Candidates must achieve the Certificate in Contact Dermatitis Prevention prior to enrolment. This is a one day course and the cost is approximately £50

NC BEAUTY CARE & MAKE-UP

SCQF
5

Location - Raploch

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

This course is designed to equip candidates with the knowledge, understanding and skills required for further study within the field of beauty care and/or make-up or to enter employment at a junior level within these sectors.

Entry Requirements

- National 4 award (or equivalent) in English

Additional requirements:

- Selection will be by interview
- Candidates must achieve the Certificate in Contact Dermatitis Prevention prior to enrolment. This is a one day course and the cost is approximately £50

HND BEAUTY THERAPY

SCQF
8

Location - Falkirk

Duration - 2 years

Course Overview

This course is designed to give students a professional qualification recognised by the beauty industry. Students will develop skills in relation to a wide range of facial, body and complementary therapies. They will also gain in-depth product knowledge and be able to offer clients lifestyle advice. Other topics covered include make-up for special occasions and developing a business plan. As part of the programme, students get the opportunity to gain hands-on industry experience through a one week work placement.

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- NQ Beauty Care & SVQ Level 3 Body Massage
- SVQ Level 3 Face & Body Electrical Treatment
- SVQ Level 3 Beauty Therapy

Additional requirements:

- Candidates must be at least 17 years of age
- Selection will be by interview and a research task
- Candidates must achieve the Certificate in Contact Dermatitis Prevention prior to enrolment. This is a one day course and the cost is approximately £50
- Students will be required to purchase relevant items of equipment and clothing

HND MAKE-UP ARTISTRY

SCQF
8

Location - Alloa

Duration - 2 years

Course Overview

This exciting and innovative course allows participants to develop skills for the media and make-up industries. Students will attain skills in basic and advanced make-up application techniques in conjunction with applied hairdressing skills and wig dressing methods. The candidate's work will be showcased through the production of portfolios, on-going assessments and work experience.

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- SVQ Level 3 Beauty Therapy or Nail Services
- SVQ Level 3 Hairdressing
- 2 Highers (including English)
- Applicants who do not meet these criteria, but have relevant experience of alternative qualifications will be considered

Additional requirements:

- Candidates must achieve the Certificate in Contact Dermatitis Prevention prior to enrolment. This is a one-day course and the cost is approximately £50
- Students will be required to purchase a kit for each year of the programme as well as uniforms and portfolios
- Students must be prepared to work out of college hours for work experience, when required

CITY & GUILDS HAIRDRESSING - LEVEL 2

SCQF
5

Location - Alloa, Falkirk & Raploch

Duration - 2 years

Course Overview

This course develops skills and knowledge for a career in hairdressing and the service industries. Students will develop competence and efficiency in all aspects of hairdressing and the ability and confidence to meet the needs of the hairdressing industry. Students will be provided with the relevant items of equipment and clothing if they are eligible for bursary funding.

Entry Requirements

- National 4 award (or equivalent) in English
- Applicants who do not meet these criteria, but have relevant experience or alternative qualifications will be considered

Requirements for entry to year 2:

- Achievement of all first year units
- Excellent attendance and timekeeping
- Excellent work placement reference

Additional requirements:

- Selection will be by interview
- Due to Sector Skills Council requirements, applicants for this course must be aged 16 or over prior to enrolment
- Candidates must achieve the Certificate in Contact Dermatitis Prevention prior to enrolment. This is a one day course and the cost is approximately £50

CITY & GUILDS HAIRDRESSING - LEVEL 3

SCQF
6

Location - Raploch

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

This course develops skills and knowledge for a career in hairdressing and the service industries. Students will develop competence and efficiency in all aspects of hairdressing including cutting, styling and colouring. Students will also benefit from a work placement one day per week.

Entry Requirements

- SVQ/NVQ Level 2 Hairdressing

Additional requirements:

- Candidates must achieve the Certificate in Contact Dermatitis Prevention prior to enrolment. This is a one day course and the cost is approximately £50
- Students may need to purchase relevant items of equipment or clothing, however students may be provided with these if they are eligible for bursary funding

CITY & GUILDS NAIL ENHANCEMENT & DESIGN TECHNIQUES - LEVEL 2

SCQF
5

Location - Falkirk

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

This course aims to provide thorough training and education in all nail services, allowing students to understand all principles and applications associated with this rapidly growing industry. The course is designed to develop the technical and communication skills required to be successful in the nail industry. Students will also be required to purchase relevant items of equipment and clothing each year. Bursary funding may be available.

Entry Requirements

- National 4 award (or equivalent) in English

Requirements for entry to year 2:

- Achievement of all first year units
- Excellent attendance and time keeping
- Excellent work placement references

Additional requirements:

- Selection will be by interview
- Background in chemistry and/or art would be advantageous
- Candidates must achieve the Certificate in Contact Dermatitis Prevention prior to enrolment. This is a one day course and the cost is approximately £50
- Due to Sector Skills Council requirements applicants for this course must be aged 16 or over prior to enrolment

CITY & GUILDS NAIL ENHANCEMENT & DESIGN TECHNIQUES - LEVEL 3

SCQF
6

Location - Alloa

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

This course aims to provide a thorough training and education in nail services, allowing students to understand all the principles and applications associated with this rapidly growing industry. Students will develop technical skills in a range of techniques in addition to gaining communication and business skills. As part of the programme, participants will benefit from a one week work placement.

Entry Requirements

- SVQ/NVQ Level 2 Nail Services

Additional requirements:

- Candidates must achieve the Certificate in Contact Dermatitis Prevention prior to enrolment. This is a one day course and the cost is approximately £50
- Students will be required to purchase relevant items of equipment and clothing - however these may be provided if students are eligible for bursary funding

Hospitality

Hospitality

NC BAKERY

SCQF 5
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Location - Stirling

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

This course gives students the chance to develop their bakery skills and gives them the practical experience needed to work as a baker or cake decorator.

Entry Requirements

No formal entry requirements required, although the applicant must have a successful interview.

CITY & GUILDS FOOD, DRINK & BARISTA SERVICE - LEVEL 2

SCQF 5

Location - Stirling

Duration - 6 months

Course Overview

This practical course is designed to allow students to gain the skills they need to deliver a great dining experience. It includes food service and bar service in industry standard work environments. This will develop your employability skills and put students on the path to further learning within this area.

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Two National 4 awards (or equivalent)
- Applicants who do not meet this criteria, but have relevant experience or alternative qualifications may be considered

Additional requirements:

- Successful completion of interview

NC HOSPITALITY

SCQF 5

Location - Stirling

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

This interactive and exciting course is designed to provide candidates with a broad range of skills and knowledge related to a career in the hospitality industry. The course is packed with both practical and theory modules which give students a good grounding in a range of subjects. This not only prepares them for further study at HNC level, but develops their employability skills.

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Four National 4 qualifications (or equivalent) including English and Maths
- Applicants who do not meet this criteria, but have relevant experience or alternative qualifications may be considered

Additional requirements:

- Successful completion of interview

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CITY & GUILDS PRACTICAL HOSPITALITY SUPERVISION - LEVEL 3

SCQF
5

Location - Stirling
Duration - 6 months
Course Overview

This course allows candidates to develop and practice the skills required for employment and/or career progression in the supervisory of food and beverage/front of house areas. This qualification covers all aspects of food and beverage service supervision including bar, restaurant and events. It will ensure they have a thorough understanding of the role and expectations that any future employer will expect.

Entry Requirements

- Successful completion of City and Guilds Level 2 Practical Hospitality or NC Hospitality or NC Events
- Relevant industrial experience

Additional requirements:

- Successful completion of interview

HND HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT

SCQF
8

Location - Stirling
Duration - 2 years
Course Overview

This two year course aims to equip students with a wide range of supervisory and managerial skills required for a career in the hospitality industry. It will promote an awareness and understanding of business principles and how they relate to the industry. This course will include human resources, finance, communication, and will develop interpersonal skills. Students will benefit from work experience throughout the programme.

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Two Highers at Grade C or above and National 4 qualifications (or equivalent) in English and Maths
- Successful completion of a relevant access course or an appropriate group of National Qualification units
- Applicants who do not meet these criteria, but have relevant experience or alternative qualifications will be considered.

Additional requirements:

- Successful completion of interview

CITY & GUILDS PROFESSIONAL COOKERY - LEVEL 2

SCQF
5

Location - Stirling
Duration - 6 months
Course Overview

This course will provide thorough training in culinary principles and skills, stressing importance to health, safety and hygiene. This course includes the preparation, cooking and finishing of meat, poultry, fish and vegetables. It will develop employability skills as candidates will study in an industry standard environment.

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Two National 4 awards (or equivalent)
- Applicants who do not meet this criteria, but have relevant experience or alternative qualifications may be considered

Additional requirements:

- Successful completion of interview

CITY & GUILDS PROFESSIONAL COOKERY - LEVEL 3

SCQF
6

Location - Stirling
Duration - 6 months
Course Overview

This practical course is designed for chefs looking to develop their skills to a more specialist level. Students will improve their skills in preparing, cooking and finishing a wide range of fish, meat, poultry and vegetable dishes. Study will take place in industry standard working environments. This qualification suits people progressing from a Level 2 Professional Cookery course (or equivalent) or with relevant industry experience.

Entry Requirements

Mandatory requirements:

- City and Guilds Level 2 Professional Cookery
- Industry experience is essential

Plus, one of the following:

- Two National 4 qualifications (or equivalent)
- Applicants who do not meet this criteria, but have relevant experience or alternative qualifications may be considered

Additional requirements:

- Successful completion of interview

HNC PROFESSIONAL COOKERY

SCQF
7

Location - Stirling
Duration - 1 year
Course Overview

This course aims to provide the skills necessary for a career in professional cookery. It provides knowledge and experience of supervisory skills. It will enhance product knowledge and menu planning skills together with the essential financial skills required in a successful, professional kitchen.

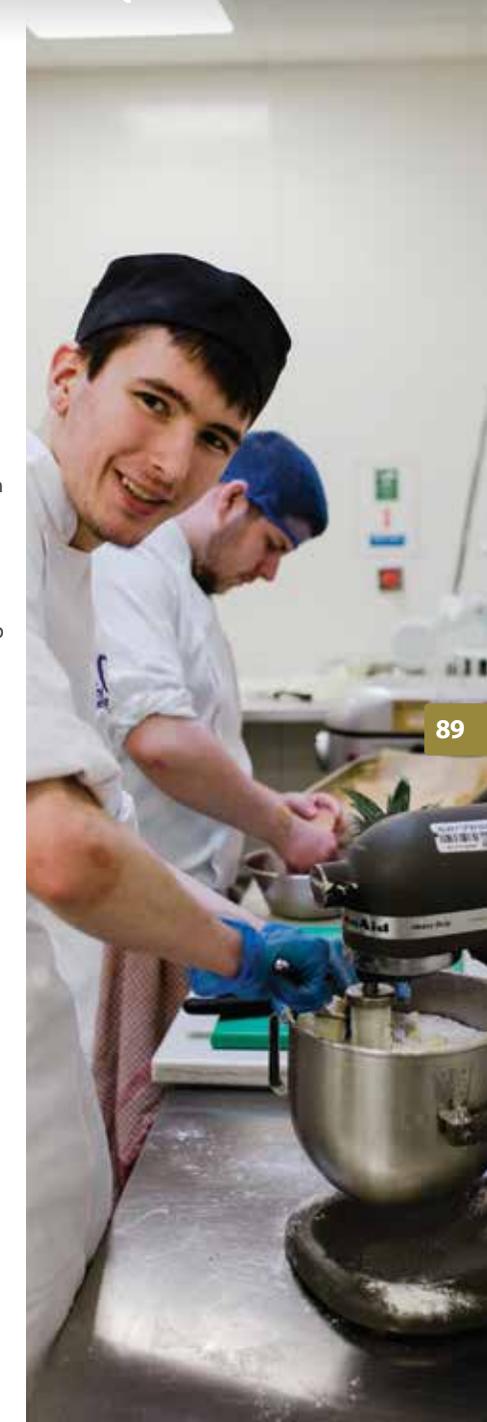
Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Successful completion of a relevant access course, an appropriate group of National Qualification units or City Guilds Level 3 Professional Cookery
- Applicants who do not meet these criteria, but have relevant experience or alternative qualifications will be considered (although applicants are unlikely to be accepted without proof of adequate practical skills)

Additional requirements:

- Selection by successful completion of both face-to-face and practical interviews.





ESOL FOR EMPLOYABILITY

SCQF
4

Location - Falkirk

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

This programme is aimed at Level 4 ESOL students hoping to gain skills and qualifications for entry into full-time employment or further study at a higher level.

Entry Requirements

- ESOL assessment at appropriate level for study

Additional requirements:

- Successful interview
- References may be requested

Target audience:

- Current ESOL students
- Mature learners
- Migrants
- Immigrants



Photography

Photography



PORTFOLIO PREPARATION: GRAPHIC DESIGN & PHOTOGRAPHY

SCQF
6

Location - Stirling

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

This course provides skills, knowledge and understanding across a broad range of digital photography and graphic design areas. In addition to portfolio building, students will have the opportunity to develop appropriate levels of communication, interpersonal skills, independent working skills and competence which can lead to advanced study.

Entry Requirements

Mandatory:

Stage 1

- Applicants will be required to submit a digital portfolio of recent artwork

Stage 2

- Applicants who progress to stage 2 will be expected to bring a portfolio of recent artwork to their selection interview

Plus one of the following:

- One Higher at Grade C or above in either Art and Design, Graphic Communication or Photography and English at National 4 or above
- Successful completion of a relevant National Qualification, such as NC Creative Industries or NC Art and Design
- Applicants who do not meet these criteria, but have relevant experience or alternative qualifications will be considered

Please note that entry to this course is subject to the applicant producing a suitable portfolio of art work.

HND PHOTOGRAPHY

SCQF
8

Location - Stirling

Duration - 2 years

Course Overview

This programme will enable students to learn and practice all of the skills needed to kick-start a career in photography. Learning from knowledgeable, experienced and award-winning staff, candidates will learn all of the practical and theoretical skills needed to begin working towards a successful career in photography, with a particular focus on digital skills.

Based at Forth Valley College's showcase Stirling Campus, in a stunning riverside setting, students will have all of the guidance and inspiration they will need to learn photography and image manipulation techniques for the digital age. Students will be expected to enhance their theoretical and contextual understanding of photography and presentation skills. Students will create a portfolio of their work across social, corporate, documentary photography and photo-journalism and will gain skills working with photographic studio flash equipment.

Entry Requirements

Mandatory:

- All applicants are required to submit a digital portfolio prior to interview

Plus one of the following:

- Foundation Apprenticeship in Creative and Digital Media and Higher Art at Grade C or above
- Two Highers at Grade C or above to include Photography or Art and Design and, preferably, English. If applicants do not hold Higher English they must possess National 5 English
- National Certificate in a related discipline e.g. Photography, Art and Design or Media
- Alternative qualifications and/or relevant experience will also be considered on an individual basis

Science



NC APPLIED SCIENCE

SCQF
5

Location - Falkirk

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

This course will start students on the road to becoming a lab technician or studying science at a higher level. Using state-of-the-art laboratory facilities, this course provides valuable experience, knowledge and technical skills for working in a laboratory environment. There is a strong emphasis on the development of good technical lab skills through practical work, lectures and case studies. This course enables students to advance onto Highers, or NQ Level 6 and then HNC, HND or degree level study and to secure employment in science-related industry sectors.

Entry Requirements

- No formal entry requirements
- Selection is by an interview process

NC APPLIED SCIENCE

SCQF
6

Location - Falkirk & Stirling

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

This course includes the units from Higher Chemistry, Maths and either Higher Human Biology or Biology, providing the skills required to become a lab technician or study science further. Using state-of-the-art laboratory facilities, this course provides valuable experience, knowledge and technical skills for working in a science lab environment. There is a strong emphasis on the development of good technical skills through practical work, lectures and case studies. This course enables students to advance on to HNC, HND or degree level study and/or to secure employment in science-related industry sectors.

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- National 5 (or equivalent) in Maths, English, Biology and/or Chemistry
- Applicants who do not meet this criteria, but have relevant experience or alternative qualifications will be considered

Additional Requirements:

- Selection will be by interview process and selection event where a short practical text will be arranged to assess lab bench skills

HNC APPLIED BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

SCQF
7

Location - Falkirk & Stirling

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

The HNC Applied Biological Sciences is a general science qualification intended for those wishing to find employment in the science industries or to progress to further study at HND level.

It is a broad course providing learners with knowledge and skills related to biological, chemical and physical sciences. Students will also develop a wide range of practical laboratory skills in addition to gaining an understanding of good laboratory practice.

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- NC Applied Science
- An appropriate group of National Qualification units
- A minimum of two Highers (to include one of Biology or Chemistry at Grade C or above)
- Foundation Apprenticeship in Scientific Technologies and a further Higher at Grade C or above

Additional requirements:

- Preference will be given to applicants with a strong science background

HND APPLIED BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES YEAR 2

SCQF
8

Location - Falkirk & Stirling

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

This course brings together plant and animal biology as well as biotechnology industrial practices. There is a strong emphasis on the development of good laboratory skills through practical work, lectures and case studies.

Entry Requirements

- HNC in Applied Sciences (15 credits) or related discipline for entry into year 2
- Applicants who do not meet this criteria, but have relevant experience or alternative qualifications will be considered.

MODERN APPRENTICESHIP - LIFE SCIENCES

Course Overview

A Modern Apprenticeship (MA) is a qualification you gain whilst in full-time employment.

A typical Modern Apprenticeship (MA) consists of a Scottish Vocational Qualification, (SVQ), Core skills (Communication, Numeracy, Problem Solving, Working with Others, ICT) and either an NC, HNC or HND or combination of these.

Modern Apprenticeships are a combination of practical work based qualifications which are carried out in the workplace and college in either a full time, block or day release basis depending on the discipline chosen.

Forth Valley College has excellent workshops and facilities including high specification laboratories, training rigs and state-of-the-art technology. The college recruits on behalf of nationally recognised companies throughout the year with vacancies posted on social media, the college website, SDS careers and in schools across the whole of Forth Valley.

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Two Higher Grades including Maths and a science subject (ideally Biology or Chemistry) and 4 Standard Grades at Level 3 or National 5 awards or above, including English
- Successful completion of a relevant access course or an appropriate group of National Qualification units
- Applicants who do not meet this criteria but have relevant experience or alternative qualifications will be considered

Selection Process

- All successful applicants will sit 4 aptitude tests, and have completed mandatory Interview Techniques
- All companies involved will then interview applicants of their choosing
- Applicants may have to go through a medical prior to employment

Please visit www.forthvalley.ac.uk for selection process dates.

HND INDUSTRIAL BIOTECHNOLOGY

SCQF
8

Location - Falkirk

Duration - 2 years

Course Overview

Biotechnology uses living organisms and systems to make products for a range of uses, including biofuels, agriculture and pharma products. This HND develops the study of biology, chemistry and process engineering in an industrial biotechnology context.

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Two Highers (which could include Biology, Chemistry or Maths)
- Successful completion of a relevant access course or an appropriate group of National Qualification units
- Applicants who do not meet this criteria, but have relevant experience or alternative qualifications will be considered

Additional requirements:

- Please note that selection will be made via successful interview and group task
- The selection session will also include a tour of the college and an opportunity to ask questions about the course

BSc (Hons) APPLIED BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

SCQF
10 

Location - Falkirk

Duration - 4 years (years 1 and 2 at Forth Valley College, years 3 and 4 at the University of Stirling)

Course Overview

The BSc (Hons) Applied Biological Sciences degree offers interdisciplinary training in contemporary biological sciences, including animal and plant biology and biotechnology. There is a strong focus on the cellular and molecular aspects of biological science and the development of practical skills.

It will particularly appeal to those with a desire to pursue a career in the bioscience industries, within healthcare and biotechnology.

The degree is taught jointly at Forth Valley College and the University of Stirling and also received input from employers across the Scottish life sciences community. The result is a programme which delivers highly skilled, work ready graduates.

Entry Requirements

- Three Highers at Grade B or equivalent (to include either Biology or Chemistry)

Additional requirements:

- Preference will be given to applicants with a strong science background

BSc (Hons) APPLIED BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES - YEAR 2

SCQF
10 

Location - Falkirk

Duration - 3 years (year 2 at Forth Valley College, years 3 and 4 at the University of Stirling)

Course Overview

The BSc (Hons) Applied Biological Sciences degree offers interdisciplinary training in contemporary biological sciences, including animal and plant biology and biotechnology.

There is a strong focus on the cellular and molecular aspects of biological science and the development of practical skills. It will particularly appeal to those with a desire to pursue a career in the bioscience industries, within healthcare and biotechnology.

The degree is taught jointly at Forth Valley College and the University of Stirling and also received input from employers across the Scottish life sciences community. The result is a programme which delivers highly skilled, work ready graduates.

Entry Requirements

- Year 2 entry may be available for applicants who currently have or are working towards HNC Applied Sciences or HNC Applied Biological Sciences and who achieve an A or B in their graded unit

Additional requirements:

- Entry is subject to interview and an assessment of the units within the applicant's HNC programme



SVQ SPORT & ACTIVE LEISURE - LEVEL 1

SCQF
4

Location - Falkirk

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

This is a vocational based course, which provides the student with the opportunity to operate within a live working sports and fitness environment, whilst also studying relevant units within leisure facility operations. This is an ideal course for candidates who wish to get a first step into leisure/sports facility management and combine their studies with practical work experience. Please note, there will be a requirement for candidates to work across all of Forth Valley College's Campus gyms in Falkirk, Stirling and Alloa as part of their work experience.

Entry Requirements

Mandatory:

- Successful one to one interview and group based practical assessment
- Clear Protection of Vulnerable Groups (PVG) check required
Further information on the PVG Scheme will be issued to successful applicants prior to enrolment

Plus:

- Two National 4 awards (or equivalent) preferably English and PE

Additional requirements:

- All students will be expected to purchase materials required for course study, including practical activity clothing and also be able to access transportation to our Falkirk, Stirling and Alloa Campuses for work placement purposes

NC SPORT & FITNESS

SCQF
5

Location - Falkirk

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

This course aims to provide a foundation in the practical and theoretical aspects of sport and fitness related studies and will equip the learner with the knowledge to make an informed decision on their future career path. Progression in education would be on to a higher level sport or fitness related course.

Entry Requirements

Mandatory:

- Successful one to one interview and group based practical assessment
- Clear Protection of Vulnerable Groups (PVG) check required
Further information on the PVG Scheme will be issued to successful applicants prior to enrolment

Plus one of the following:

- Three National 4 awards (or equivalent) including English and/or PE at C Grade or above
- Successful completion of SVQ Level 1: Sport and Active Leisure course
- Applicants who do not meet these criteria, but have relevant paid workplace experience or alternative qualifications will be considered

Additional requirements:

- Students will be required to purchase relevant items of equipment and clothing

PATHWAY TO FITNESS, HEALTH & EXERCISE

SCQF
6

Location - Falkirk

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

This course aims to provide the foundations for future employment in the fitness and exercise industry or further progression to related higher education courses. This course can also prepare students for future progression onto HN study within fitness, health and exercise or sports coaching. It also aims to develop an awareness of a range of team and individual activities and includes the opportunity to develop personal expertise.

Entry Requirements

Mandatory:

- Successful one to one interview and group based practical assessment
- Clear Protection of Vulnerable Groups (PVG) check required
Further information on the PVG Scheme will be issued to successful applicants prior to enrolment

Plus one of the following:

- Successful completion of NC Sport and Fitness Course (SCQF Level 5)
- Three National 5 awards (or equivalent) preferably English, PE and a science subject at Grade C or above
- Successful completion of all units within NQ Health and Wellbeing (SCQF Level 5)

Additional requirements:

- Students will be required to purchase relevant items of equipment and clothing

HND FITNESS, HEALTH & SPORT

SCQF
8

Location - Falkirk

Duration - 2 years

Course Overview

This course is designed to provide a theoretical and practical background in the field of fitness, health and exercise. The course, which has recently been updated to meet the needs of the fitness and health industry, will provide a foundation for future employment in this sector within the community, as well as the private and corporate spheres. This course will also develop the applied competencies of fitness, health and exercise within areas such as physiology, exercise principles and fitness instruction.

Entry Requirements

Mandatory:

- Successful one to one interview and group based practical assessment
 - Clear Protection of Vulnerable Groups (PVG) check required
- Further information on the PVG Scheme will be issued to successful applicants prior to enrolment

Plus one of the following:

- Two Highers at Grade C or above, including physical education and English (Communication 4/Literature 1 also accepted) and three National 5 awards (or equivalent) including Maths or a science subject at Grade C or above
- Successful completion of NQ Pathway to Fitness, Health & Exercise or NQ Pathway to Sports Coaching (SCQF Level 6)
- Applicants who do not meet these criteria, but have relevant paid workplace experience or alternative qualifications will be considered

Additional requirements:

- Students will be required to purchase personal equipment e.g. clothing and books



PATHWAY TO SPORTS COACHING

SCQF
6

Location - Falkirk

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

This course aims to provide the foundations for future employment in sports coaching and development sector occupations or further progression to related higher education courses. This course can also prepare students for future progression onto HN study within sports coaching or fitness, health and exercise. It also aims to develop an awareness of a range of team and individual activities and includes the opportunity to develop personal expertise.

Entry Requirements

Mandatory:

- Successful one to one interview and group based practical assessment
 - Clear Protection of Vulnerable Groups (PVG) check required
- Further information on PVG Scheme will be issued to successful applicants prior to enrolment

Plus one of the following:

- Successful completion of NC Sport and Fitness Course (SCQF Level 5)
- Three National 5 awards (or equivalent) preferably English, PE and a science subject at Grade C or above
- Successful completion of all units within NQ Health and Wellbeing (SCQF Level 5)

Additional requirements:

- Students will be required to purchase relevant items of equipment and clothing

HND COACHING & DEVELOPING SPORT

SCQF
8

Location - Falkirk

Duration - 2 years

Course Overview

This is a well-established and popular course, which has been designed to meet the demands of the sports coaching industry. It will provide a foundation for anyone wishing to enter the field of sports coaching and sports development. A key part of the course is the coaching placement, through which learners gain practical coaching experience. The College has close links with local councils and voluntary based sporting organisations throughout Forth Valley and many students complete their coaching placement hours within these organisations.

The first year of the HND focuses on the technical and physical development of a range of athletes through sports coaching and physical development techniques. The second year of the HND develops this further, but also introduces the development of sports as a whole via sports development, sports coaching in an international context and events management. Other specialist areas such as first aid for sport, psychology of sport coaching, sports mechanics, fitness testing and many other related subjects, make this an exciting and engaging course to study.

Entry Requirements

Mandatory:

- Successful one to one interview and group based practical assessment
 - Clear Protection of Vulnerable Groups (PVG) check required
- Further information on the PVG Scheme will be issued to successful applicants prior to enrolment

Plus one of the following:

- Two Higher Grades at Grade C or above, including PE and English or Communication 4/Literature 1 and three National 5 Awards (or equivalent) preferably including Maths or a science subject at Grade C or above
- Successful completion of NQ Pathway to Sports Coaching or Pathway to Fitness, Health & Exercise (SCQF Level 6)
- Applicants who do not meet these criteria, but have relevant paid workplace experience and/or alternative qualifications (Sports Leaders, Duke of Edinburgh, NPAs and NGB awards, relevant SVQs at Level 2 or above) will be considered

Desirable:

- Current or recent coaching/volunteering experience within club based sport

Additional requirements:

- Students will also be required to purchase personal equipment e.g. clothing and books

Supported Learning



LIFESTART

SCQF
2

Location - Alloa & Stirling

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

This course is designed for young people who have significant learning support needs. It can provide a pathway to adult and community services. Students will study a range of subjects and will get the opportunity to develop and practice their skills within a supportive adult environment. There will be an emphasis on extending social and life skills and encouraging independence. Students on this course will have the opportunity to complete SQA units.

Entry Requirements

No formal entry requirements

Additional requirements:

- Transition information from school is essential
- Selection by interview
- Please be aware that in line with Scottish Funding Council guidance, 16-24 year old prospective students who meet the criteria for this course, will be allocated available places first. Any remaining places will be allocated in line with normal college practice

PROJECT SEARCH

SCQF
3

Location - Falkirk

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

Project SEARCH is a one-year internship programme, supporting young people with learning difficulties to gain skills and experience aimed at helping them move into sustainable employment. Young people will undertake work placements across a range of job areas, all based within Forth Valley Royal Hospital, Larbert. On-site, interns will be assisted throughout by a college lecturer and a job coach, as well as hospital staff and supervisors. The programme helps interns to learn real job skills that will prepare them for work by rotating them through a variety of different work placement experiences. This work-based learning is then supported by classroom activities each day, as well as regular discussion and feedback from supervisors throughout the programme.

Entry Requirements

- Young people aged between 18 and 24 years who have a learning disability and are resident in the Falkirk Council area
- Able to participate in work-based learning at SCQF Level 3
- Not currently participating in other publicly-funded provision
- Be an independent traveller with good timekeeping and attendance as well as being able to work well with others

Additional requirements:

- Selection by interview and skills assessment
- Ability to progress to work within 12 months
- Be available to attend Project SEARCH Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm

WORKSTART

SCQF
3

Location - Alloa, Falkirk & Stirling

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

This course is designed for young people who have additional learning support needs and who require support to access the world of work. The course will develop core and interpersonal skills. Students will also have the opportunity to study a range of subjects tailored to their individual needs. They will also benefit from work preparation activities. Students on this course will have the opportunity to complete SQA units.

Entry Requirements

No formal entry requirements

Additional requirements:

- Transition information from schools is essential
- Selection by interview
- References may be required
- Please be aware that, in keeping with Scottish Funding Council guidance, 16-24 year-old prospective learners who meet the criteria for this course, will be allocated available places first. Any remaining places will be allocated in line with normal college practice

PATHFINDER

SCQF
4
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START*

Location - Alloa, Falkirk & Stirling

Duration - 6 months

Course Overview

This course is ideal for young people who have not achieved at school or who feel they have outgrown the school environment. This access to further education programme provides students with the opportunity to find out what the college has to offer and to build self-confidence. Students should be willing to learn and try new things and take part in all timetabled activity. Students will be supported throughout the duration of the course within a positive and respectful college environment.

Students on this course will have the opportunity to complete SQA units.

Entry Requirements

No formal entry requirements

Additional requirements:

- Selection by two interviews: the first is an individual interview; the second is a group interview
- Written references will be required

* January start option available in Falkirk only.

PASSPORT TO LEARNING

SCQF
5
Jan
START

Location - Alloa, Falkirk & Stirling

Duration - 6 months

Course Overview

This 19-week course could be a progression route for students on the Pathfinders course or winter school leavers who are mature and prepared to study at National 5 Level in a college environment. Successful applicants will be introduced to new subjects across the college departments and will build upon their study skills in preparation for further study within the college. Applicants should have an interest in all the timetabled subjects. Students on this course will have the opportunity to complete SQA units.

Entry Requirements

- Selection will be by individual interview
- References may be required



NC TRAVEL & TOURISM

SCQF
5

Location - Falkirk & Stirling

Duration - 1 year

Course Overview

This introductory course equips students with the practical knowledge and skills required for further study or to gain employment in the travel and tourism industry.

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- 3 passes at National 4 (SCQF Level 4) or above in related subject areas
- Successful completion of a relevant access programme or an appropriate group of National Qualification units with a satisfactory reference
- Applicants who do not meet this criteria, but have relevant work experience or alternative qualifications will be considered

HND TOURISM

SCQF
8

Location - Falkirk & Stirling

Duration - 2 years*

Course Overview

This programme prepares students for a range of positions in a broad spectrum of organisations in the travel and tourism industry. Travel and tourism is an important and growing sector in Scotland and the UK and career opportunities are wide and varied. The HND course has a heavy emphasis on customer service and a focus on the development of personal and interpersonal skills. The assessments in the awards are varied with much project work, investigative activity and practical activity involved.

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Two Higher passes at Grade C or above in a relevant subject area
- Successful completion of a relevant access course or an appropriate group of National Qualification units with a satisfactory reference
- Applicants who do not meet this criteria, but have relevant work experience or alternative qualifications will be considered

Additional requirements:

- Final selection subject to successful interview

* Please note year 1 of this course is available at both Falkirk and Stirling, but year 2 is delivered at Falkirk only.

BA (HONS) HERITAGE & TOURISM

SCQF 10 UNIVERSITY OF STIRLING

Location - Stirling

Duration - 4 years (years 1 and 2 at Forth Valley College, years 3 and 4 at the University of Stirling) part-time option may also be available

Course Overview

This degree will provide graduates with a broad range of skills in relation to the management, promotion and conservation of historic and natural environments, both in Scotland and internationally. It has been developed in partnership with government and industry, and graduates will be well equipped to contribute to the ongoing success of Scotland's heritage and tourism sectors.

The degree is delivered jointly between Forth Valley College and the University of Stirling and combines both business and heritage specific skills. It can be used as preparation for, or as an enhancement to, a career in the areas of heritage and tourism.

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Three Highers at Grade B or equivalent
- Applicants who do not meet this criteria, but have relevant work and life experience or alternative qualifications may be considered

Additional requirements:

- Final selection subject to successful interview

BA (HONS) HERITAGE & TOURISM - YEAR 2

SCQF 10 UNIVERSITY OF STIRLING

Location - Stirling

Duration - 3 years (year 2 at Forth Valley College, years 3 and 4 at the University of Stirling)

Course Overview

This degree will provide graduates with a broad range of skills in relation to the management, promotion and conservation of historic and natural environments, both in Scotland and internationally.

It has been developed in partnership with government and industry, and graduates will be well equipped to contribute to the ongoing success of Scotland's heritage and tourism sectors.

The degree is delivered jointly between Forth Valley College and the University of Stirling and combines both business and heritage specific skills.

It can be used as preparation for, or as an enhancement to, a career in the areas of heritage and tourism.

Entry Requirements

- Year 2 entry may be available for applicants who currently have or are working towards HNC Travel and Tourism with 15 credits and who achieve an A or B in their graded unit

Additional requirements:

- Entry is subject to interview and an assessment of the units within the applicant's HNC programme

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