

HIGHER TECHNICAL & PROFESSIONAL PROSPECTUS

University level courses starting September 2026



**Warrington
& Vale Royal
College**

PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

Welcome to Warrington & Vale Royal College's Higher Technical & Professional Prospectus, featuring a range of courses starting in September 2026.

I am delighted that you are considering studying a higher technical or professional qualification at our Adult College and I am confident we have a course to help you achieve your goals.

There has never been a more exciting time to join us! We recently celebrated our best-ever Ofsted inspection rating of 'Good' with Outstanding features, achieved in November 2024, thanks to our strong commitment to teaching, personal development, and employer-led curriculum design.

Last year, as part of our continued growth, we opened the doors to our new Construction & Civil Engineering Academy at our Warrington campus, as part of a £3million investment supported by Warrington's Town Deal.

We also celebrated 20 years since the transformational redevelopment of our Warrington campus, a milestone that helped shape us into the Career College we are today. Alongside this, we launched a new partner Institute of Technology (IoT) at our Winsford campus, specialising in Healthcare and Life Sciences. Our campuses are built to support your personal and professional growth, offering a high-quality, supportive learning environment designed to help you succeed.

I look forward to welcoming you to our Adult College soon. In the meantime, please explore our prospectus and don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.



Nichola Newton
Principal & Chief Executive



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REASONS TO STUDY WITH US

Save £1,000s

Get more for your money with our affordable higher technical courses! Our course fees are significantly cheaper than the average university, with full-time courses at just £6,185* per year and part-time courses at £3,092* per year.

This is £1000s cheaper than the typical £9,250 you'll find elsewhere - but without compromising on quality!

You do not have to pay fees upfront

Many of our courses qualify for a range of loans, meaning you don't pay anything until your course has finished and you are earning above an annual threshold.

Undergraduate courses on your doorstep

Say goodbye to long commutes or relocating!

With campuses in both Warrington and Winsford, you can learn locally and save on your living costs. Both campuses are easily accessible by car or public transport, and offer free parking.

Flexible study to fit your busy lifestyle

Fit your course around your work and family life with our flexible study options. Our courses are offered in the daytime and evenings to allow you to select a time that best suits you.

Industry specialists

Our tutors are experts in their field, bringing a wealth of knowledge and experience to their teaching.

Additionally, we have strong connections with local employers and organisations who regularly share their industry experience with students through bespoke workshops, presentations, and live briefs.



*Information correct at the time of publication (October 2025).

Don't just take our word for it!

9/10 students agree the teaching on their course is good.

9/10 students agree their tutors are supportive.

9/10 students agree they receive valuable feedback on their work.

9/10 students agree they are developing new knowledge and skills to help them in the future.

9/10 students agree they are encouraged to think about their future career.

9/10 students feel prepared to take their next step when they finish their course.

PAYING FOR YOUR COURSE



There are various ways that you can fund your studies. Our Learner Services Team can provide you with advice on the cost of studying and the many support funds that you can access to help with costs.

Please call **01925 494 400** or visit our Warrington or Winsford campuses to find out more.

Advanced Learner Loan

If you are aged 19 or over, have been a resident in the UK for 3 years, and would like to apply for a level 4 qualification or above, you may be eligible for an Advanced Learner Loan.

It's easy to apply for the loan:

- Getting a loan does not depend on your household income
- There is no credit check
- You don't have to pay anything back until your annual income is greater than £27,295*.

Visit: **gov.uk** to learn more.

**STUDY
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LATER!***

Coming soon in January 2027 - Lifelong Learning Entitlement

A new flexible loan system that will offer funding for higher-level courses, helping more adults retrain and upskill. Keep an eye on our website for further details.

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Higher Education Finance

All of our HNC, HND, and HTQ courses are eligible for a Higher Education Loan, which you will only start to repay once you are earning over £25,000* per year.

Tuition fee loans

Eligible students studying for their first full-time or part-time undergraduate course can apply for a tuition fee loan. This covers the cost of the course and is paid directly to the college.

Maintenance loans

Students studying full-time can also apply for a maintenance loan to support their studies.

- Students living away from home can receive up to £10,544* per year.
- Students living with their parents can receive up to £8,877* per year.

Repaying your loan

When you are earning over £25,000* per year, you will begin to pay 9% of your earnings over this amount.

Higher Education Opportunities Fund

Depending on your circumstances, you may be eligible to receive support from the college's Higher Education Opportunities Fund.

Please ask our Learner Services Team for more information and to check your eligibility.

Additional Support

There are various other financial support options available, such as:

- Disabled Students' Allowance
- Parents' Learning Allowance
- Childcare Grant
- Adult Dependents' Grant.

Visit: **gov.uk** to learn more.

*Accurate at the time of publication (October 2025).
Source: gov.uk.

OUR CAMPUSES



Warrington campus

Warrington campus is home to a number of specialist academies each tailored to provide focused training in key industries:

- Advanced Creative & Digital Skills Academy
- Advanced Manufacturing & Engineering Academy
- Business & Professional Academy
- Construction & Civil Engineering Academy, featuring a Green Technology Hub
- Health & Social Care Academy.



Advanced
Creative & Digital
Skills Academy



Advanced
Manufacturing &
Engineering Academy



Business
& Professional
Academy



Construction
& Civil Engineering
Academy



Health
& Social Care
Academy

Additionally, Warrington campus is home to our Sport, Military & Emergency Services Academy, dedicated brick and motor vehicle workshops, an on-site hair salon, The Academy, and an on-site restaurant, Buckley's. Each of these facilities are industry-standard and are designed to enhance students' learning, providing real-world experiences of the subject you choose to study.

Students also have access to a fully-equipped Learning Resource Centre to support their studies.



Winsford campus

Winsford campus is the smaller of our two campuses, with a more intimate feel but the same high-quality learning experience.

Last year, the campus was transformed into a new partner Institute of Technology (IoT), specialising in Healthcare and Life Sciences, featuring a Health & Social Care Academy and a Life Sciences Academy.

Winsford campus' IoT will provide students with high-quality education, access to industry-standard equipment, and the chance to engage with local and national employers.

Winsford campus is also home to an Advanced Manufacturing & Engineering Academy, providing students with the opportunity to learn in an environment that mirrors industry.



**Advanced
Manufacturing &
Engineering Academy**



**Health
& Social Care
Academy**



**Life
Sciences
Academy**



SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS

We take pride in the excellent support that we provide for adult students. This starts from the moment you apply for your course, where you will be given the opportunity to declare a learning need or difficulty. If declared, our Learning Support Team will meet with you to assess your needs and how we can support you.

Study skills

If you have a learning difficulty or disability, we have a team of specialists who are able to assess and make recommendations for any adjustments you may need when completing formal assessments or taking examinations.

The college has a range of assistive software available to help students with their studies, including a multi-sensory tool bar that supports literacy and reading.

Tutorial programme



Support workshops are available throughout the year to help with topics such as study skills, academic writing, mental health, time management, and dealing with stress. You'll also have access to AMPLIFY, our online tutorial resource for adult students delivering information on key topics like money matters, online safety, and more.

Careers advice

Our award-winning Careers Team are available to support you in exploring your career or study options. They offer:

- Assistance with writing or updating your CV
- Support with job or university applications
- Useful tips and techniques for job and university interviews
- Help finding a job or an apprenticeship.

The team are based in Learner Services. You can book an appointment by emailing careers@wvr.ac.uk or by calling 01925 494 660.

COURSE LEVELS EXPLAINED

Warrington & Vale Royal College provides a variety of qualifications designed to prepare you for further study at a higher level, or to step directly into your chosen career in industry.

Whether you're looking to advance your education or gain practical skills for the workplace, we offer a path to suit your goals.

Below is a visual guide to the different types of courses we offer:

Level 3

Access to HE

Duration:

1 year full-time

Equivalent to:

A level / Level 3 BTEC

Level 4

HNC

Duration:

1 year full-time or 2 years part-time

Equivalent to:

1st year of a degree

Level 5

HND

Duration:

1 year full-time or 2 years part-time

Equivalent to:

2nd year of a degree

HTQ

Level 4 or 5

New, career-focussed qualifications that sit between A levels, T levels, and degrees

Duration:

1-2 years

Equivalent to:

HNC or HND
(1st or 2nd year of a degree)



HIGHER EDUCATION GRADUATION CEREMONY

Each year, we celebrate the success of our higher technical and professional students at our Higher Education Graduation Ceremony.

Set in the remarkable St Elphin's Church, Warrington, the ceremony recognises the determination and commitment of our higher technical and professional students and apprentices, showcasing their wonderful achievements.





ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION

Discover your key to university with our Access to HE courses.

Whether you are aspiring to achieve a career in nursing, midwifery, paramedic science, or social work, our high-quality courses will equip you with the skills and qualifications you need to progress to higher level study.

Designed for adults without formal qualifications or those seeking a career change, our flexible pathways provide a stepping stone to university or our range of higher technical courses. Plus, with the Advanced Learner Loan, you can study now and pay later.*

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NEW FOR 2026

Brand-new partnership with the University of Chester, guaranteeing successful Access to HE students a place on a related degree.*



University of
Chester

*Terms & conditions apply.

If you go on to complete a degree after your course, you won't have to pay the loan back at all!*

Find out more at: gov.uk.

Level 2 Extended Diploma Health & Social Care

Part-time

This course is ideal for adults looking to begin a career in health and social care or progress to higher level study. You'll build essential knowledge in areas such as communication, safeguarding, human growth and development, and equality and diversity. The course offers a strong foundation for further study, including Access to Higher Education.

Level 3 Diploma Access to HE: Nursing & Midwifery

Full-time

Perfect for aspiring nurses, midwives, or other health professionals, this course equips you with essential knowledge in fields like human physiology, infectious disease, and mental health nursing. Supported by expert tutors and partnerships with professionals such as practising midwives, you'll receive hands-on insights into the healthcare sector.

The course is delivered through a blended learning model of in-person and online sessions, with varied assessment methods.



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*Terms & conditions apply. Please note, these are not higher level courses.

Level 3 Diploma Access to HE: Allied Health Professionals

Full-time

Designed for those aiming to become an allied health professional, this course provides a strong foundation in subjects such as human physiology, psychology, and professional healthcare practice. This course gives you the academic foundation to succeed in a wide range of allied health careers, including paramedic, occupational therapist, physiotherapist, or speech and language therapist - to name a few.

The course is delivered through a blended learning model of in-person and online sessions, with varied assessment methods.

COMING SOON

NEW Access to HE courses specialising in Health & Social Care, Counselling & Psychology, and Policing & Criminal Justice. Check our website for details!

Courses subject to approval.



**“My tutors are so supportive
and the college atmosphere
is great. I’m so glad I decided
to study my Access to HE
course here!”**

Chloe McGowan

Level 3 Diploma Access to HE: Nursing & Midwifery

ACCOUNTANCY



Level 4 Professional Diploma Accounting

Part-time

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This course is the final step in the AAT qualification, providing you with the knowledge and skills to thrive in accounting roles across various sectors. You'll gain expertise in preparing final accounts for limited companies, as well as management accounting. Compulsory units cover financial statements, management accounting, and internal accounting systems, while optional units include cash and financial management, as well as credit and debt management.

Level 4 Professional Accounting Technician Apprenticeship

Earn while you learn! | Part-time

aat

Advance your accounting career with this apprenticeship, designed to equip you with a range of high-level financial management skills. These include drafting financial statements for limited companies, constructing complex management accounting reports, and becoming an expert in all things tax, auditing, and cash management. You'll develop core competencies in accounting systems, business awareness, and regulation and compliance, preparing you for roles in accounting practices, HMRC, or finance departments.

Upon completion of this apprenticeship, you will achieve a prestigious AAT qualification that will support you in advancing your career.



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“My experience has been fantastic and I really recommend the college to anyone looking to study accountancy!”

Harry McCormick

Level 4 Professional Accounting Technician Apprenticeship

BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL



ILM Level 5 Certificate Effective Coaching & Mentoring

Online learning

ilm

This certificate will equip you with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to effectively coach and mentor others within an organisational setting. Ideal for those in management or those looking to pursue a freelance coaching career, this course covers key coaching and mentoring models, tools, and techniques. You will develop practical skills through supervised sessions, learning how to foster a coaching culture and enhance team performance.

Delivered online with fortnightly live tutor sessions and interactive group work, the course covers units such as effective coaching and mentoring, applying coaching in practice, and reviewing personal coaching skills. The course serves as a strong foundation for those looking to progress on to the level 7 qualification.

ILM Level 5 Award Leadership & Management

Online learning

ilm

This award is ideal for project managers, department heads, and practising middle managers looking to enhance their leadership skills and prepare for senior management roles. You'll complete two key units in developing and leading teams, and assess your leadership capability with written assignments throughout the course.

Delivered online with live tutor sessions and interactive group work, the course covers topics such as leadership approaches, team development, and assessing leadership performance.

ILM Level 5 Certificate Leadership & Management

Online learning

ilm

This certificate is ideal for middle managers and aspiring senior managers who want to develop and consolidate essential leadership skills. This flexible course covers core management techniques, leadership strategies, and critical thinking, equipping you to lead and motivate teams effectively.

Delivered online with group tutorials alongside independent study, you'll study key units like developing and leading teams, assessing leadership capability, and delegating authority.



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ILM Level 5 Departmental Manager Apprenticeship



Earn while you learn! | Part-time

This apprenticeship is ideal for those responsible for managing teams or projects, and for achieving departmental goals aligned with organisational strategy. It suits both those at the start of their management career and those with practical experience looking to deepen their theoretical knowledge.

Offering a flexible, blended learning approach tailored to individual and organisational needs, this apprenticeship is perfect for professionals looking to enhance their leadership skills and operational effectiveness. Upon completion of this apprenticeship, you will achieve a prestigious ILM qualification that will support you in advancing your career.

ILM Level 7 Certificate for Executive, Senior Level Coaches & Mentors



Online learning

This certificate is ideal for senior leaders and managers looking to develop advanced coaching and mentoring skills, equipping you with the knowledge and competencies to excel in your role.

Delivered online with live tutor sessions and group work, this course focuses on enhancing leadership capabilities, building trust, and adhering to ethical standards. You will be required to complete twenty hours of practical coaching alongside three core modules.

CIPD Level 5 Associate Diploma People Management



Part-time | Online learning available

This diploma is ideal for advisors or managers aiming to advance their career in human resource management. Building on the foundation of the level 3 foundation certificate (also offered at Warrington & Vale Royal College), the course covers key areas such as people management, organisational performance, employment law, and workforce planning.

Delivered both online and in-person, this flexible course is designed to fit around your existing commitments.

CIPD Level 5 People Professional Apprenticeship



Earn while you learn! | Part-time

This apprenticeship is ideal for those involved in supporting an organisation to meet its strategic goals through the effective delivery of people initiatives. Apprentices will develop expertise across areas such as talent attraction and retention, employee relations, payroll and benefits, and compliance with employment law.

With a focus on communication, influence, and evidence-based decision making, this apprenticeship equips professionals to advise on people policies, support business projects, and contribute to people strategy.

Upon completion, you will achieve the prestigious CIPD Level 5 Associate Diploma in People Management qualification, supporting your progression within the people profession.



“The apprenticeship has provided me with the knowledge and skills to further my career. My tutor has been amazing throughout - providing encouragement and support.”

Aurora Gomez

Level 5 Departmental Manager Apprenticeship

CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS

Level 4 Foundation Diploma Art & Design

ual: university of the arts london

Full-time

Kick start your creative career with this foundation diploma, taught in our ACDS Academy and designed to enhance your skills across a wide range of artistic disciplines. These include fine art, textiles, 3D design, printmaking, and contextual studies - to name a few! You'll develop core competencies in drawing, painting, and ceramics, while building an impressive portfolio that showcases your style.

Throughout the course, you'll collaborate on live projects with the likes of the Culture Warrington and Warrington Museum & Art Gallery, gaining valuable industry experience. Upon completion of the course, you will be fully prepared to progress on to the next level of study, or embark on a creative career in this lucrative industry.

Level 4 Professional Diploma in Performance

ual: university of the arts london

Full-time

The Level 4 Professional Theatre & Performance course is an immersive and dynamic course designed to provide you with a comprehensive foundation in various aspects of performing arts, including musical theatre, contemporary and classical acting, and devised performance. This course is perfect for individuals who are passionate about exploring their creative potential, developing their artistic skills, and pursuing a career in the world of performing arts.

The course is structured to offer a balanced blend of theoretical knowledge and practical experience, enabling you to build a strong foundation in performing arts. It spans one academic year and is divided into multiple units that cover a wide range of subjects within the performing arts realm, preparing students for a professional career in the industry.



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“I have had a great experience learning so many new skills and making the most of the college’s wonderful facilities.

I can honestly say I’ve had the best tutors who have supported me all the way.”

Michelle Weedall

Level 4 Foundation Diploma Art & Design

CONSTRUCTION



HNC Construction Management (HTQ)

Part-time or full-time

This HNC is ideal for those seeking a career in the construction industry or wishing to progress on to higher level study of the subject. The course can be studied part-time over two years or full-time over one year, and covers problem-solving, design, planning, and building, preparing students to enter or advance in the construction industry.

Delivered in collaboration with industry-experts and professional bodies, this course ensures you are equipped with the practical skills, knowledge, and behaviours needed to succeed in the construction sector. It provides a strong foundation for entry into various construction roles, covering core subjects like construction technology, statutory requirements, supervision, financial management, and more.

Level 4 Construction Quantity Surveying Technician Apprenticeship

Earn while you learn! | Part-time

This apprenticeship equips you with the skills to assist senior managers in budgeting, cost control, and contractor management on construction projects. You will also learn to record, control, and report income expenditure, as well as contribute to legal and contractual aspects of construction management.

Including a level 4 qualification in Construction and the Built Environment, this apprenticeship will develop your technical expertise through practical experience. Upon completion of the apprenticeship, you will be prepared for potential technician status with industry-recognised professional bodies.

Level 4 Construction Site Supervisor Apprenticeship

Earn while you learn! | Part-time

This apprenticeship equips you with the skills, knowledge, and behaviours necessary to thrive in supervisory roles within the construction industry. Typical job titles may include Assistant Site Manager, Assistant Supervisor, or Construction Site Supervisor.

Key focuses of the apprenticeship are the responsibilities of supervising specialist contractors and ensuring projects run efficiently and safely. Upon completion of the apprenticeship, you will gain an industry-recognised, approved qualification meeting the entry requirements for technician status.



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**“The guidance and support
from my tutor has been pivotal
in bringing me closer to
achieving my career goals.”**

Cody Eaton
HNC Construction Management (HTQ)

COUNSELLING

Level 4 Diploma Therapeutic Counselling (HTQ)

Part-time



This qualification provides you with the essential knowledge, skills, and competencies to work as a therapeutic counsellor within either an agency on a self-employed basis (if you have sufficient experience). Whether you're looking to start a rewarding career in counselling or develop your existing skills, this course is designed to help you achieve your goal.

Combining theoretical knowledge with experiential learning, the course covers essential areas such as working ethically, client diversity, user-centred approaches, counselling theory, and more. Upon completion of the course, you will be fully-equipped to take on roles in counselling agencies or possibly start an independent practice.

Level 5 Diploma Children & Young People Counselling

Part-time



This qualification provides you with the essential knowledge, skills, and competencies to work as a counsellor for children and young people, aged 5-18. This course can lead to working in primary or secondary schools, colleges, youth clubs, care homes, or wellness and mental health settings. It's also ideal for counsellors already working with agencies, or private practitioners providing counselling for children and young people.

Combining theoretical knowledge with experiential learning, the course covers essential areas such as working ethically, tailoring therapeutic work to meet the age and development stage of the child or young person, counselling theory, and more. Upon completion of the course, you will have achieved a minimum of 60 hours of one-to-one counselling, and be fully-prepared to make a positive impact in a range of professional settings.

Level 5 Diploma Trauma Informed Practice Counselling

Part-time



This qualification provides you with the essential knowledge, skills, and competencies to work as a trauma informed counsellor. Designed to prepare you for employment or voluntary roles in counselling agencies within healthcare and non-medical settings, the course will help you develop the expertise to recognise, assess, and effectively work with trauma in your clinical practice.

Combining theoretical knowledge with experiential learning, the course covers trauma theory and skills through an integrated model. Key themes of the course include neurobiology of trauma, attachment theory, managing flashbacks, symptom reduction, and more. Upon completion of the course, you will be well-equipped to work ethically and competently with clients presenting with trauma.

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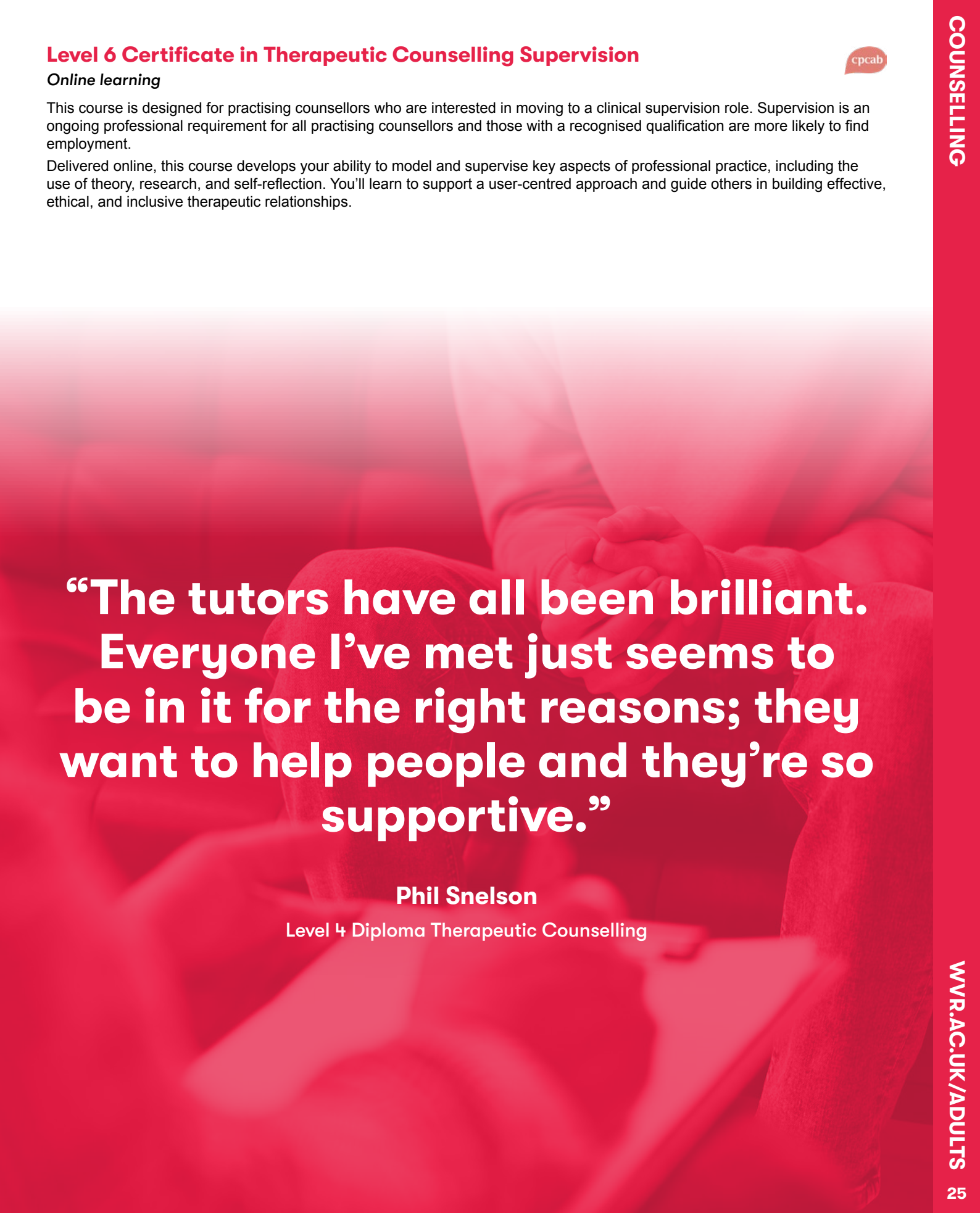
Level 6 Certificate in Therapeutic Counselling Supervision

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Online learning

This course is designed for practising counsellors who are interested in moving to a clinical supervision role. Supervision is an ongoing professional requirement for all practising counsellors and those with a recognised qualification are more likely to find employment.

Delivered online, this course develops your ability to model and supervise key aspects of professional practice, including the use of theory, research, and self-reflection. You'll learn to support a user-centred approach and guide others in building effective, ethical, and inclusive therapeutic relationships.



**“The tutors have all been brilliant.
Everyone I’ve met just seems to
be in it for the right reasons; they
want to help people and they’re so
supportive.”**

Phil Snelson

Level 4 Diploma Therapeutic Counselling

EDUCATION & TRAINING



Level 5 Diploma in Teaching (FE & Skills)

Part-time

This qualification is designed for those teaching or aspiring to teach in the further education and skills sector. It provides you with the essential knowledge, skills, and competencies to teach in vocational, technical, and professional education settings such as further education colleges, adult learning environments, and work-based environments.

Delivered through a blend of in-person sessions and online learning, you will develop an analytical and practical approach to teaching, planning, and assessment. Whether you're new to teaching or looking to enhance your existing skills, this course will prepare you for a successful career in the sector.

Level 5 Learning & Skills Teacher Apprenticeship

Earn while you learn! | Part-time

This apprenticeship is designed to prepare you for a career in teaching and training within the further education and skills sector, in settings such as further education colleges, adult and community learning settings, and work-based environments. The apprenticeship will equip you with the essential knowledge, skills, and competencies to teach vocational, technical, and professional education, aligning with the revised learning and skills teacher occupational standard.

Delivered through a blend of in-person sessions and online learning, the course covers key areas including pedagogical knowledge, curriculum development, assessment, and more. It also emphasises practical teaching experience and professional skills, preparing you to inspire and support students' personal and academic development.

Upon completion of the apprenticeship, you will achieve the Level 5 Diploma in Teaching (FE & Skills).

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“The facilities and staff are fantastic.

The course fits perfectly around my full-time job and it’s been invaluable in supporting my development as a teacher.”

James Hurst

Level 5 Diploma in Teaching

ENGINEERING



HNC Electrical & Electronic Engineering (HTQ)

Part-time or full-time



This HNC prepares you for employment in the engineering sector or for higher level study of the subject, and can be studied part-time over two years or full-time over one year. The course covers essential areas such as engineering design, mathematics, and electrical principles, preparing you to enter or advance within the engineering sector.

Developed in collaboration with industry experts, this HNC ensures you gain the practical skills, technical knowledge, and behaviours needed to thrive. It provides a strong foundation for various engineering roles, covering core subjects like automation, robotics, production engineering, and quality improvement.

HNC General Engineering for England (HTQ)

Part-time or full-time



This HNC prepares you for employment in the engineering sector or for higher level study of the subject, and can be studied part-time over two years or full-time over one year. The course covers essential areas such as engineering design, mathematics, and mechanical principles, providing a strong foundation for entering or advancing within the engineering sector.

Developed in collaboration with industry experts, this HNC ensures you gain the practical skills, technical knowledge, and behaviours needed to succeed. Core subjects covered include mechatronics, production engineering, quality and process improvement, and digital principles, all aimed at equipping you for various engineering roles.

Level 4 Engineering Manufacturing Technician Apprenticeship

Earn while you learn! | Part-time

This apprenticeship is designed to prepare you for a career in engineering and manufacturing across various sectors. These include automotive, aerospace, chemical processing, and more. The apprenticeship will equip you with the essential technical skills and knowledge necessary to support engineering teams in developing, producing, or testing products and processes efficiently.

The apprenticeship combines practical on-the-job training with in-person sessions and covers core areas like engineering design, quality control, production management, and technical documentation. You will gain experience in decision-making, problem-solving, and producing reports and specifications related to production schedules and quality. Upon completion of the apprenticeship, you will achieve a Level 4 Higher National Certificate in engineering and be well-equipped with the skills needed to succeed in the sector.



**Advanced
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“The college has exceeded my expectations with its excellent facilities and supportive staff. The course fit perfectly around my commitments and helped me gain the qualifications I need to reach my goals.”

Rubin Bunting
HNC General Engineering (HTQ)

GRAPHICS, GAMES DESIGN & MEDIA

HNC Creative Media

Full-time

This HNC prepares you for a career in the film and creative media industry or for higher level study of the subject. The course provides a solid foundation for entering or advancing within the sector, covering key areas such as documentary filmmaking, cinematography and lighting, and narrative filmmaking.

Developed with input from industry professionals, this HNC ensures you gain the practical skills, technical knowledge, and creative expertise needed to excel. Core topics include multi-camera production and media practice theories, all designed to equip you with the necessary skills for various roles in media production.

HND Creative Media

Full-time

This HND prepares you for a career in the film and creative media industry or for higher level study of the subject. The course builds on the HNC and offers a solid foundation for advancing within the sector, covering key areas such as multi-camera production, documentary production, and collaborative projects.

Developed with input from industry professionals, this HND equips you with the practical skills, technical knowledge, and creative expertise needed to succeed in media production. Core topics include professional practice, promotion and marketing, and advanced editing, all aimed at preparing you for various roles in the media industry.

HNC Graphic Design

Full-time

This HNC prepares you for a career in the graphic design industry or for higher level study of the subject. The course provides a solid foundation of key topics including graphic design practices, techniques and processes, typography, and more.

With an emphasis on personal and professional development, you will explore your creative ability, technical graphic skills, develop your Adobe skills, and refine your graphic design practice. This includes generating ideas, typography, packaging design, advertising, editorial design, and contextual studies.



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HNC Games Development

Full-time

This HNC prepares you for a career in the video games industry or for higher level study of the subject. The course offers a robust introduction to games design and development through hands-on, project-based assignments.

Developed with industry insights, this HNC equips you with the essential skills in modern software tools such as Maya, Blender, Zbrush, Unreal Engine, and more. The course will help develop your analytical skills, give you a greater understanding of games industry practices, and games design theories. Regular workshops introduce new techniques, ensuring that you meet professional standards and are prepared to enter the industry.

HND Games Development

Full-time

This HND prepares you for a career in the video games industry or for higher level study of the subject. The course builds on the HNC, focusing on refining expertise in industry-standard software and techniques.

With an emphasis on personal and professional development, you will enhance your portfolio through targeted projects and showcase your work on industry platforms such as ArtStation. Core units include a deep dive into industry readiness, where you will explore various roles within the games industry to improve your understanding of the knowledge and skills needed to secure employment.

A student is shown from the side, working on a computer in a classroom or lab. The student is wearing a headset and looking at the monitor. The background is slightly blurred, showing other students and computer equipment. The entire image has a pink overlay.

“What I love most about studying at the college is the support from my tutors. They’re always there to help and encourage me. The facilities are also amazing!”

Lana Targett

HNC & HND Graphic Design

SPORT, MILITARY & EMERGENCY SERVICES

HNC Public Services

Full-time

This HNC prepares you for a career in the public services sector or higher level study of the subject. The course offers a solid foundation for careers in civil protection, crime and criminal justice, public service management, and emergency services.

Providing essential subject knowledge aligned with the needs of professional bodies, the course covers a range of units including exploring public services, mental health and wellbeing, terrorism and counterterrorism, fitness training, and the theories of crime. These topics are designed to equip you with both theoretical understanding and practical expertise through evidence-based practice, personal research, and work-integrated learning.

HND Public Services

Full-time



Offers direct entry on to the University of Chester's Policing, Law and Investigation level 6 top-up programme!

This HND prepares you for a career in the public services sector or for higher level study of the subject. The course builds on the HNC, covering a wide range of units aligned with professional bodies, universities, and employers, including applied forensic psychology, cyber security, youth offending, and serious and organised crime.

On the course, you will gain extensive sector knowledge and practical skills through evidence-based practice, self-directed learning, and work-integrated experience. At the end of the course, you are offered direct entry* on to the University of Chester's Policing, Law and Investigation level 6 top-up programme, enabling you to complete a degree in this field.

HNC Sports & Exercise Science (Coaching)

Full-time

This HNC prepares you for a career in sports coaching, teaching, primary PE specialist, or for higher-level study in sport coaching, performance analysis, or sport and exercise science. The course offers a strong foundation in areas such as anatomy and physiology, training and fitness, sport psychology, and coaching practice and skill development.

Providing essential subject knowledge aligned with the needs of employers and professional bodies, the course includes key units that explore coaching practice, research skills, and the application of scientific principles in sport. These topics are designed to develop your theoretical understanding and practical abilities through applied learning, personal research, and work-based assessments.

HNC Sports & Exercise Science (Rehabilitation)

Full-time

This HNC prepares you for a career in sport rehabilitation or for higher-level study within the field. The course provides a solid foundation for roles in injury prevention, sport psychology, sport massage, and anatomy and physiology.

Aligned with the expectations of employers, universities, and professional bodies, the course covers key units such as anatomy and physiology, sports massage, nutrition, and injury prevention. These topics are designed to equip you with theoretical knowledge and hands-on experience through evidence-based practice, personal research, and work-integrated learning.

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HND Sports & Exercise Science (Rehabilitation)

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This HND prepares you for a career in sport rehabilitation or for higher-level study within the field. The course provides a solid foundation for roles in sport rehabilitation, strength and conditioning, exercise physiology, and a research project.

Aligned with the expectations of employers, universities, and professional bodies, the course covers key units such as exercise physiology, sports rehabilitation, and strength and conditioning. These topics are designed to equip you with theoretical knowledge and hands-on experience through evidence-based practice, personal research, and work-integrated learning.



**“I would highly recommend
this course to others as the
tutors make it so interesting.
The subject itself is really
exciting!”**

Tim Nelson

HNC & HND Sports & Exercise Sciences

HOW TO APPLY

Applications for our higher technical and professional courses can be made directly to the college online at: **wvr.ac.uk** or by contacting our Admissions Team on **01925 494 393** who will send you an application form in the post.

If applying for a higher technical course, you can apply for a student loan from Student Finance England (SFE) without a confirmed offer from the college.

Some courses may require a pre-entry assessment. Any requirement to undertake an assessment will be shared with you when you are invited to your interview.

You will receive written confirmation of your offer detailing any conditions.

If your offer is unconditional, it has been made on the basis of the academic qualifications presented to the college either on your application or at interview. You must provide documentary evidence of the qualifications on which the decision to offer a place has been based.

If your offer is conditional you must meet the conditions set out in your offer.

You will be invited in to college to enrol mid-July onwards. If the course you have been offered a place on is eligible for an Advanced Learner Loan, you will be sent information on how to apply for the loan with your enrolment letter.

The college can enrol you on to the course as soon as you have received an acknowledgement email which confirms you have applied for the loan.

All courses have clear entry requirements; these are outlined in course information sheets on the college website: **wvr.ac.uk**.



“Studying this course helped me to reach my dream of becoming a counsellor.”

Maria Moreira

Level 4 Therapeutic Counselling

Maria began studying Introduction to Counselling at the college and progressed all the way up to level 4. She found the course both challenging and rewarding, and recommends it to others.

“I can’t speak highly enough of the college, the course, and my tutor.”

John Gaskell

Level 5 Diploma in Teaching (FE and Skills)

John thoroughly enjoyed his time on the course and has developed a wide range of teaching strategies that he’ll use throughout his career. With outstanding support from his tutor and encouragement from his employer, he felt guided every step of the way.



“My experience on the course was exceptional.”

Krystal Knights-Joseph

ILM Level 5 Certificate Leadership & Management

Krystal completed both her Level 3 Award and Level 5 Certificate at the college and felt incredibly supported throughout her studies. She really enjoyed the whole experience and highly recommends the course to others.



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