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School leavers' guide

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It's in our DNA.

At Northumberland College, our values make us unique.

They transform lives and make us stronger. They create a positive and inclusive environment for our students to thrive, develop and feel valued.

We challenge and think differently and encourage a culture of innovation. We experiment and collaborate to discover new ways of learning and create exciting new futures.

Our staff are ambitious and have high expectations. They make a real difference to the lives of our students, motivating and challenging them to be the best they can be.

It's in our DNA.

We live, breathe and believe our values so we can inspire the next generation and positively shape lives, communities and the economy.

What are you waiting for?

Be part of an exciting new journey
at Northumberland College.





At Northumberland College you will find a vibrant, supportive and inspiring environment and industry-standard facilities that replicate real work environments to help you to progress to your dream career.

Choose the best.

Multi-million-pound investments

We continually invest in our state-of-the-art, industry-standard facilities to prepare students for the careers of tomorrow.

Learn from the best

Our expert staff are passionate educators who are subject specialists or industry professionals.

Positive progression

89% of our students progressed to further study, university or employment

Destination data for Northumberland College 2019/20, 16-18 completers

Ofsted quality

In our latest Ofsted inspection, we were rated Good.

Ofsted 2022

We've got your back

We have excellent student support and are passionate about positive health and wellbeing.

Award-winning careers education

We are recognised regionally and nationally for our high-quality approach to careers education.

AoC Beacon Award for Innovation in Careers and Enterprise (Finalist 2019) and AoC Beacon Award for Careers Education (Finalist 2019)

First choice

We are the largest further education provider in Northumberland with campuses throughout the county.

Career-ready talent

You can nurture your future career talent through our excellent links with employers and gain access to amazing industry-specific learning opportunities and industry experts.

Northumberland College vibe.

Coming to Northumberland College will give you the opportunity to experience a new independence, discover a self-belief for who you want to be and get excited about your future potential.

Our expert staff are passionate and enthusiastic about what they do and work hard to make a difference to the lives of our students. You will be inspired every day and be motivated to be the best you can be. You will develop resilience, be ready to take on challenges and be ambitious for your future career and the impact you can make on the world.

We are proud of our diverse student community and embrace an inclusive culture where our students have the freedom to be themselves. You will meet lots of new people with different backgrounds and interests at Northumberland College and will make friends for life.

Compared to school, you will find that our college is a more mature and relaxed environment. You are treated like an adult and an individual. This helps our students to become more independent and better prepared for life after college and able to make a valuable contribution to society and the economy.

Your health and wellbeing is important to us and our supportive environment means that there is lots of help available whenever you need it. Our Intensive Support team, Mental Health First Aiders, LGBTQ+ support, Student Progress and Development Tutors, Inclusive Learning Team and Learning Mentors will help you overcome any barriers and make sure you progress.



We believe in your potential and know we will achieve amazing things together.



We will provide you with amazing opportunities and extra-curricular activities to enhance your college experience, discover something new and develop skills outside of the classroom.

Get the best experience.

You'll find that there is so much more to experience at Northumberland College than studying so make the most of your time with us and get involved in the whole student experience.

You can join our Students' Union (SU), which is run by students for students. They represent you, raise important issues and ensure your voice is heard. They will also make sure you have the best experience during your time with us.

Get involved in our Student Council and make a real difference to student life and influence important decisions. Or join our student ambassadors to help and inspire potential students and their families. It will look great on your CV!

You can exercise your body as well as your mind by taking part in our exciting programme of accessible activities for all abilities, ran by our Sport Activators.

That's not all, we will provide you with amazing opportunities and extra-curricular activities through our extensive enrichment programme to enhance your learning, push yourself out of your comfort zone, discover a talent for something new and develop personal qualities and transferable skills such as creativity, self-discipline, ambition and leadership.

Enrichment at Northumberland College will help you to fulfil your potential, increase your confidence and find out that you are capable of more than you think.

Get future ready.

To give you a career edge we work in partnership with local and national employers to provide you with valuable experiences and opportunities to develop the skills and qualities that they demand.

Taking part in work experience or an industry placement relevant to your course and future career ambitions will give you the edge in the job market and make sure you develop the skills, knowledge and experience that employers love. It will also show you are motivated and keen to develop yourself and will give you an exciting insight into a future career.

You can also get involved in competitions and masterclasses, volunteering, trips and visits, social action projects, talks with industry experts, networking and career events, live projects with employers and the Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

As part of your course, additional Future Ready modules such as Robo Dog and Outdoor Digital Workplace will develop your skills for the careers of tomorrow!

Our exciting project-based learning initiative is designed to bring the classroom and the world of work closer together. Throughout your course, you will work collaboratively with employers and industry experts and produce innovative ideas and solutions to real-world challenges.

If you need support or are not sure which direction your future will take you, our award-winning Information, Advice and Guidance team can support you with expert careers and course guidance, UCAS and employment applications, future study options and much more.



Universities and employers look for more than a qualification. We offer an amazing college experience and lots of opportunities to developing the skills and qualities they demand.



Let your talent shine.

We are passionate about competitions that enable our students to shine and provide access to new, life-changing opportunities.

Regional, national and international skills competitions, designed by industry experts, will inspire you to showcase your skills and talents in a competitive environment. They look great on your CV and will develop your high-level technical skills. They will also build your confidence and resilience and will help you to develop valuable skills in teamworking, communication, problem solving, time management and networking.

Our students get involved in exciting competitions such as in-house competitions, Association of Hairdressers and Therapists (AHT), Guild of Bricklayers, WorldSkills and Young Horticulturalist of the Year.

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An innovative place to learn.

Our students thrive in our state-of-the-art environments that are aligned to future demands. We continually invest millions of pounds in our facilities so our students can be innovators who solve the problems of tomorrow.

Ashington Campus

Ashington Campus is our largest campus. We will soon be relocating our award-winning provision to a world class new college building in central Ashington with state-of-the-art facilities, technical industry workshops and immersive and simulated learning environments!

Berwick Campus

Our Berwick Campus has four sites – the main centre in Spittal, a construction centre on Rampart's Business Park, a motor vehicle garage in East Ord Industrial Estate and a hair and beauty salon on the high street. Our industry-focused facilities will help prepare you for your future career.

Kirkley Hall Campus

Our Kirkley Hall Campus is set in the beautiful Northumberland countryside. A specialist centre for animal, land-based and outdoor education and training, the 400-acre site has an outdoor activity centre, inspiring facilities for our students with SEND, a bespoke Equine Centre and even a zoo with 200 species of animals.

Residential Accommodation at Kirkley Hall

Living in our new and improved student accommodation at our Kirkley Hall Campus is a fantastic way to meet people and fully experience college life. Its unique rural setting, near Ponteland, is surrounded by acres of outdoor space and nature. All accommodation is self-catered, with fully equipped kitchens and each room is single occupancy with WiFi.



Our campuses are welcoming, supportive and inspiring. Our industry-standard facilities are designed with leading employers to replicate real-work environments to prepare you for an exciting future.



An ambitious place to learn.

We are ambitious for every one of our students and consistently remain at the forefront of new initiatives to make sure you get the best experience and the latest innovative teaching methods.

Our involvement in the prestigious WorldSkills UK Centre of Excellence pilot means that we have been allocated a High-Performance Skills Coach for our vocational courses who supports our teachers to gain world-class expertise and industry relevant skills. Being part of WorldSkills UK and the new skills revolution provides our students with an excellent technical education and the opportunity to showcase their talents in WorldSkills competitions.

We are excited to offer the new T Level qualifications - with more coming soon - which are designed with leading employers to help you step straight into your dream career. These two-year technical courses are each equivalent to three A-Levels. You'll spend 80% of your time in the classroom and 20% in the workplace putting your skills into action. You'll also gain valuable workplace experience with a minimum of 45 days on an industry placement.

Our very own innovative Future Ready initiative provides students with the opportunity to take part in an inspiring range of Future Ready activities outside of their main course. You will develop new skills and take part in masterclasses and live projects that will prepare you for higher education and the future world of work. You'll become digitally savvy, innovative, creative, adaptable, collaborative and ready for a new changing world.

We will inspire and support you to be the best you can be, giving you the qualifications, skills, knowledge and experience you need to succeed and achieve your goals.

We've got your back.

Students are at the heart of everything we do at Northumberland College and their wellbeing, development and achievements mean the world to us.

We value the differences that make us unique and if it means that you need additional support to be the best you can be, we can provide you with a range of support and wellbeing services that will help you to reach your full potential.

For any students with specific learning support needs, our expert Inclusive Learning Team can help with specialist services and equipment to support your studies. We also provide counselling and support for any personal and health-related issues to make sure our students get the very best out of their time with us. There is lots of support available if students feel overwhelmed, need advice or just a friendly face to talk to.

We are proud to be an inclusive college that embraces diversity. We offer specific LGBTQ+ support and our college group, True Colours, provides a safe environment where everyone feels valued and has the freedom to be themselves.

If English is not your first language and you need support with your speaking, listening and reading skills, you can join one of our ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) courses alongside your main programme of study.

Every student at Northumberland College is allocated a dedicated Personal Tutor when they start. Our expert tutors play an important role in helping students settle into college life and are the first point of contact for any issues. Students also have weekly Self, Society and Skills sessions to boost their confidence, develop their skills, stay motivated and ensure they fulfil their own unique potential.



We can provide you with a range of support and wellbeing services that will help you reach your full potential and be the amazing person you were destined to be.



Our vocational and technical courses and apprenticeships are designed to prepare you for a career or higher-level study, giving you practical skills and knowledge through a more hands-on way of learning.

Find the right route for you.

Choosing the right study route and the right subjects to study means you will study a course that you love, and it will take you towards an amazing career.

If you are not sure what to study, think about your hobbies and passions, what subjects you like, what subjects you are good at, what you genuinely enjoy learning about and what interests you the most.

Vocational and technical courses

These courses are designed to prepare you for a career or higher-level study. You will gain skills for a specific career sector and experience a more hands-on way of learning to develop your practical skills and knowledge.

Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships can help you get started in a new career by combining study with real work experience and earning a wage. You will gain hands-on practical experience of a specific job role and a fast-track route into your chosen career.

T Levels

Our T Level qualifications will give you the opportunity to experience an industry while studying. You will gain a high-quality, technical qualification, and job-specific skills and knowledge through a combination of classroom learning and an industrial placement to develop practical and technical skills.

Agriculture

Cultivate a career in one of the most important and exciting industries in the world and make the outdoors your office.

Future careers could include

Soil Scientist, Agricultural Scientist, Agricultural Engineer, Agricultural Consultant, Stockman, Shepherd/ Shepherdess, Hydrologist and Agricultural Manager.



To work in this sector, you will need to be able to use your own initiative, be confident in making decisions and communicate well. You will also need to have an interest in animal husbandry and growing crops. Good organisational and project management skills are essential, as is being able to work well in a team.

Why study with us

- > Get hands-on and experience our very own working farm with livestock and arable.
- > Take part in competitions such as the Great Farm Challenge.
- > Visit commercial farms to gain experience in arable, dairy and livestock farming.
- > We have employer links with Broomfield Farm, Oak Dean Farm and Crescent Farm to help you gain real work skills.

Excellent facilities

- > A working farm on-site at Kirkley Hall.
- > Access to tractor and machinery workshops with industry-standard farm machinery and equipment.

Bradley's journey

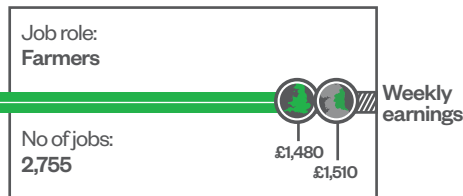
“Northumberland College provided me with an environment where I felt comfortable, and the tutors always went above and beyond.”

Previous school:
Gosforth Academy

Progressed to:
Farm Worker at High House Farm in Northumberland.



Get ready for your future



Source: RCU 2022

Our courses	Entry requirements
Full-time vocational and technical	
L1 Level 1 Diploma Land Based Studies (Agriculture)	A willingness to learn and successful assessment.
L2 Level 2 Technical Certificate Agriculture	2 GCSEs at grade 4 or above or a relevant Level 1 qualification.
L3 Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma Agriculture	4 GCSEs at grade 5 or above including English and Maths or a relevant Level 2 qualification.
L3 Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma Agriculture	
T Level	
L3 T Level Agriculture & Land Management	Coming in 2023!
Apprenticeship	
General Farmer	A range of GCSEs at grade 5 or above (dependent on employer requirements), successful completion of an English and Maths assessment and a successful employer interview.

Animal Management

If you have a passion for animals and their welfare, an exciting career in animal management could be for you. Make a real difference to the lives of animals including pets, working animals, livestock and wildlife.

Future careers could include
Zookeeper, Animal Trainer, Pet Shop Management and Animal Nutritionist.



To be successful in this sector, you will need to have empathy and good communication skills. You will also need to have excellent time management and observation skills, be highly adaptable and be able to work well in a team.

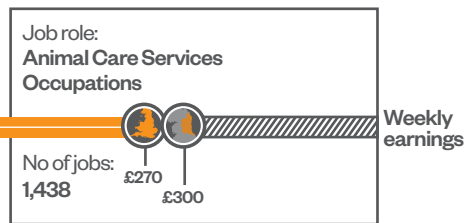
Why study with us

- > We are one of only three colleges in the UK to achieve full membership of the British and Irish Association of Zoos and Aquariums (BIAZA).
- > Our students travel across Europe to learn more about animals and their environments, such as surveying dolphins, turtle rescues and rehabilitation.
- > Hear from expert guest speakers from the RSPCA, RSPB, police dog section and medical researchers.
- > You can gain additional qualifications such as animal health and husbandry.
- > Industry placement opportunities and our employer links with Edinburgh Zoo, Falconry Days, LK9 and K9 Camp and Tail Wags Limited will help you gain real work skills.

Excellent facilities

- > Zoological gardens with over 200 species of animals.
- > An on-site working farm at Kirkley Hall.
- > Dog grooming parlour and kennels.
- > Laboratories for animal dissection.
- > Access to online resources including ZIMS and Vet Logic system.

Get ready for your future



Source: RCU 2022



Our courses	Entry requirements
Full-time vocational and technical	
L1 Level 1 Diploma Land-Based Studies (Animal Care)	2 GCSEs at grade 2 or above or a relevant Entry Level qualification.
L2 Level 2 Technical Certificate Animal Care	4 GCSEs at grade 3 or above including English, Maths or a Science subject.
L2 Level 2 Extended Certificate Animal Care	At least 4 GCSEs at grades 1-3.
L3 Level 3 Advanced Technical Certificate Animal Management	At least 5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above.
L3 Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma / Extended Diploma Animal Management	5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English, Maths or a Science subject.
T Level	
L3 T Level Animal Care & Management	Coming in 2023!
Apprenticeship	
Dog Grooming	A range of GCSEs at grade 5 or above (dependent on employer requirements), successful completion of an English and Maths assessment and a successful employer interview.

Progression

Progress to our FdSc Animal Welfare Management, FdSc Wildlife Conservation or BSc (Hons) Animal Management (top-up)

Childcare

Working with children is one of the most rewarding and satisfying careers and no two days are the same. Be the person who makes a difference and who has a positive influence on the life of a child.

Future careers could include
Early Years Educator, Teacher, Social Worker, Play Worker and Teaching Assistant.



To work in this sector, you will need to be able to use your initiative and have lots of patience. You also need to be friendly and enthusiastic and have a warm and inspiring attitude that children will respond to and feel nurtured and happy.

Why study with us

- Gain additional qualifications to enhance your employability skills in areas such as first aid.
- Apply the knowledge and skills that you have developed through industry placement opportunities and visits to local schools and nurseries.
- Guest speakers and master classes will help you to be future-ready for your career.
- Our experienced staff have previously worked in all areas of the childcare sector and will support you through your learning journey with us.
- We work with local employers and organisations such as schools and childcare settings to help you gain essential real-world skills and experience

Excellent facilities

- Our simulated learning spaces provide fantastic new facilities and hands on learning opportunities.

Ellie's journey

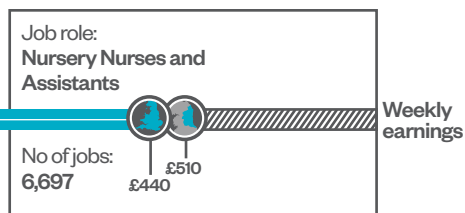
“Studying at Northumberland College has helped me to get my dream job and able to work to my best of my abilities.”

Previous school:
Duchess
Community High
School

Progressed to:
Nursery
Practitioner.



Get ready for your future



Source: RCU 2022

Our courses	Entry requirements
Full-time vocational and technical	
L1 Level 1 Health & Care	A willingness to learn.
L2 Transition to T Level Health & Care	An interest in working in care and a satisfactory DBS.
T Level	
L3 Education & Childcare	5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including Maths and English.
Apprenticeship	
Early Years Practitioner	A range of GCSEs at grade 5 or above (dependent on employer requirements), successful completion of an English and Maths assessment and a successful employer interview.
Early Years Educator	

Progression

Progress to our Level 4 Certificate Working with Children and Families, FdA Working with Children and Families or BA (Hons) Childhood, Youth & Family Studies (top-up).

Computing & IT

Computing and IT is one of the fastest growing industries and technology is constantly evolving. There are lots of opportunities to learn new skills, work collaboratively, think of new things and see new possibilities.



Future careers could include
Software Engineer,
Web Developer, IT
Consultant, Data
Analyst, Network
Engineer, Help
Desk Technician
and Project
Manager.

There is a demand for computing and IT professionals in the public sector and business, with new opportunities being created all the time. You need to be innovative and able to communicate effectively, have good numeracy skills, organisational and project management skills, think logically to solve problems and, of course, have technical know-how!

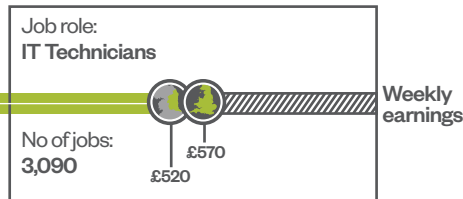
Why study with us

- > Our Computing and IT teaching staff are recognised worldwide for their expertise and have been involved in judging WorldSkills UK IT and Digital Technologies competitions.
- > Work on the Lego and PL systems to develop programming skills in control and automated systems.
- > Develop skills in a range of areas and then choose to specialise in information systems, tech support networking, programming or web design.
- > Our employer links will help you gain real work skills.

Excellent facilities

- > Access to specialist IT classrooms with laptops, tablets and software.
- > Standalone network to gain experience in testing.
- > Tech support area for students to diagnose and repair faults.

Get ready for your future



Source: RCU 2022



Our courses	Entry requirements
Full-time vocational and technical	
L2 Level 2 Digital Application	2 GCSEs at grade 3 or above or relevant Level 1 qualification.
L2 Transition to T Level	2 GCSEs at grade 3 or above or relevant Level 1 qualification.
L3 Level 3 Foundation Diploma / Extended Diploma ICT	4 GCSEs at grade 5 or above including IT or a relevant Level 2 qualification.
T Level	
L3 T Level Digital Support & Services	5 GCSEs including Maths and English Language at grade 4 or above.
L3 T Level Production Design & Development	Coming in 2023!
Apprenticeship	
Digital Marketer	A range of GCSEs at grade 5 or above (dependent on employer requirements), successful completion of an English and Maths assessment and a successful employer interview.
Information Communications Technician	

Progression

Progress to our HNC Computing.

Construction & Building Services

Construction is the creation of the built environment. A career in this sector makes a positive impact on society and a lasting contribution for places, people and communities.

Future careers could include
Construction Manager, Joiner, Bricklayer, Site Supervisor, Plumbing and Heating Engineer and Wood Machinist.

Working on different projects and with different clients means work is always interesting and varied. You will need to be able to work well in a team, solve problems and make decisions, have excellent communication and organisational skills and able to use digital technology.

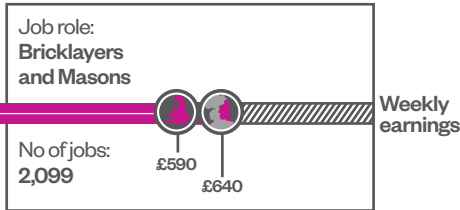
Why study with us

- > Take part in regional and national skills competitions such as WorldSkills UK.
- > Employer placement opportunities will help you put into practice the knowledge and skills you have developed.
- > Visit construction and building sites to discover the various stages of development.
- > We have employer links with TOLENT Living, EGGER UK, Robertson Timber Engineering and Homes and Surgo Construction to help you gain real work skills.

Excellent facilities

- > Specialist construction workshops for hands-on experience in brickwork, carpentry and joinery, and plumbing and electrical installation.
- > Industry standard construction equipment.

Get ready for your future



Source: RCU 2022



Our courses	Entry requirements
Full-time vocational and technical	
L1 Level 1 Extended Certificate Construction Multi-Skills	An interest in construction and successful completion of an assessment.
L2 Level 2 Diploma Brickwork	2 GCSEs at grade 4 or above in English and Maths or a relevant Level 1 qualification.
L2 Level 2 Diploma Electrical Installation	
L2 Level 2 Diploma Plumbing	
L2 Level 2 Diploma Property Maintenance Operations	Level 2 qualification in a relevant subject.
L2 Level 2 Diploma Site Carpentry	
L3 Level 3 Diploma Brickwork	
L3 Level 3 Diploma Plumbing	
L3 Level 3 Diploma Site Carpentry	
Apprenticeship	
Bricklayer	A range of GCSEs at grade 4 or above, successful completion of an English and Maths assessment and a successful employer interview.
Carpentry & Joinery	
Groundworker	

Engineering

There are lots of exciting possibilities for you in the world of engineering. If you're interested in maths, science or technology, engineering can offer an exciting and varied career.

Future careers could include
Engineering Maintenance Technician, CNC Machining Technician, Design Engineer, Electrical Engineer, Mechanical Engineer, Electrical and Mechanical Fitter and Fabrication and Welder.

You could work in lots of different areas of engineering including mechanical, electrical and civil. Engineers are currently in high demand. A career in engineering will give you a real opportunity to change the world and shape the future.

Why study with us

- › Take part in exciting trips and industry visits to employers such as EGGER, Nissan, Hitachi Rail and AkzoNobel to get an insight into the engineering and manufacturing sector.
- › Take part in regional and national competitions such as WorldSkills UK and HIP UK Heating Apprentice of the Year to showcase your skills.
- › Employer placement opportunities and our links with North East Ambulance Fleet Management Services, Nissan, Hitachi Rail, McAlpines, Port of Blyth, Semples of Berwick and AkzoNobel will help you gain real work skills.

Excellent facilities

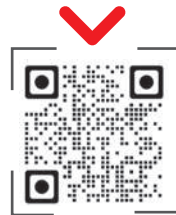
- › Specialist workshops for electrical, welding, and mechanical engineering.
- › Specialised air conditioning top-up and repair equipment.

Ben's journey

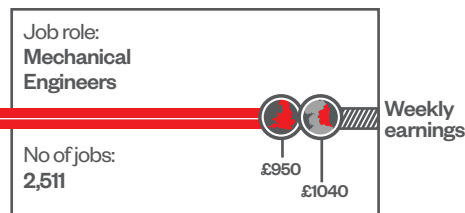
"I enjoyed the whole college experience and the constant encouragement from the tutors. They showed me all the possibilities in the engineering industry and where I could fit in."

Previous school:
Bede Academy

Progressed to:
Aircraft Technician in the RAF.



Get ready for your future



Source: RCU 2022

Our courses	Entry requirements
Full-time vocational and technical	
L2 Level 2 Certificate Engineering (Welding)	4 GCSEs at grade 3 or above including English, Maths and Science or a relevant Level 1 qualification and a successful interview.
L3 Level 3 Diploma Engineering	4 GCSEs at grade 5 or above including English, Maths and Science or a relevant Level 2 qualification.
T Level	
L3 T Level Maintenance Installation & Repair for Engineering & Manufacturing	Coming in 2023!
Apprenticeship	
Engineering Technician	A range of GCSEs at grade 4 or above, successful completion of an English and Maths assessment and a successful employer interview.
Welder	
Engineering Fitter	
Lean Manufacturing Operative	
Supply Chain Warehouse Operative	

Progression

Progress to our HND Engineering (coming soon).

Equine

Take the reins for an exciting future and gallop towards a challenging and rewarding career with horses. The equine industry offers lots of different career routes and an opportunity to turn your hobby into a career.



Future careers could include

Racing Groom,
Equine Behaviourist,
Equine Nutritionist,
Trainer, Jockey
and Horse Riding
Instructor.

You will need to be physically fit, enthusiastic and determined, in addition to having excellent organisational and time management skills and, of course, a love of horses. You could ride professionally, care for horses or teach the next generation of experts.

Why study with us

- Gain hands on experience in our fully functioning livery.
- Compete in riding and dressage competitions to further develop your talents.
- Assist in organising, planning and competing in prestigious equine events.
- We have employer links with Robson and Prescott, Holmeside Hall, Washington Riding Centre and Murton Equestrian to help you gain real work skills.

Excellent facilities

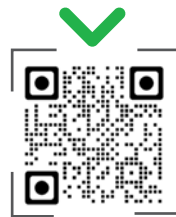
- Our multi-million-pound, international-standard equine centre offers fantastic, state-of-the-art facilities.
- Stable yards with two indoor and two outdoor arenas, horse walker, weighbridge, solarium, gait analysis facilities, indoor demonstrating barns and cross-country course.

Sian's journey

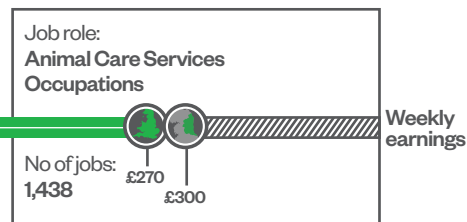
“Studying at Northumberland College didn't just give me experience with horses, it helped me become a more confident person in myself.”

Previous school:
Berwick Academy

Progressed to:
Freelance Equine Groom and Coach



Get ready for your future



Source: RCU 2022

Our courses	Entry requirements
Full-time vocational and technical	
L1 Level 1 Diploma Land Based Studies (Horse Care)	1 GCSE at grade 1-3.
L2 Level 2 Extended Certificate Equine Care	4 GCSEs at grade 1-3.
L2 Level 2 Technical Certificate in Equine Care	4 GCSEs at grade 3 or above.
L3 Level 3 Advanced Technical Certificate Equine / Extended Certificate Equine Management	5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above.
L3 Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma / Extended Diploma Equine Management	5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English and Maths.
Apprenticeship	
Equine	A range of GCSEs at grade 5 or above (dependent on employer requirements), successful completion of an English and Maths assessment and a successful employer interview.
Senior Equine	

Progression

Progress to our FdSc Equine Management Training and Coaching or BSc (Hons) Equine Performance and Coaching (top-up).

Floristry

Get your future blooming with your passion for flowers. Create impressive, effortless and beautiful displays every day!

FLORISTRY

Future careers could include

Junior Florist, Senior Florist, Floral Designer, Freelance Florist and Floristry Owner.



Floristry is an exciting and varied career and no two days are the same. You will need a natural creative flair, good stamina and enthusiasm and have excellent communication, customer service and organisational skills. You could become freelance or self-employed, or work in retail floristry or event floristry including funerals and weddings.

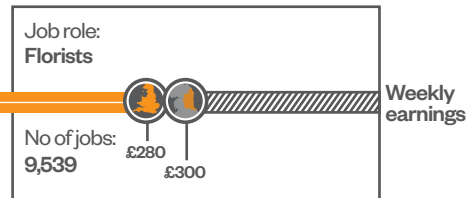
Why study with us

- > Gain practical experience managing and maintaining our extensive range of plants in the Walled Garden and wider Kirkley Hall estate.
- > Take part in visits to gardens to further develop your knowledge.
- > Get involved in commercial enterprise projects to gain real world skills.
- > Taught by expert lecturers with vast experience of the industry.
- > Compete in industry competitions such as NECTA (North East Culinary and Trade Association) competition.

Excellent facilities

- > A large country estate to give you hands-on experience.
- > Kirkley Hall Walled Garden.
- > On site working farm with workshops for maintaining horticulture machinery.

Get ready for your future



Source: RCU 2022



Our courses	Entry requirements
Full-time vocational and technical	
L2 Level 2 Certificate Floristry	A willingness to learn and 2 GCSEs at grade 3 or above, or equivalent.
L2 Level 2 Diploma Floristry	A willingness to learn and 2 GCSEs at grade 3 or above, or equivalent.
L3 Level 3 Floristry	Coming September 2023!

Hair & Beauty

A career in this fast-paced industry allows you to use your skills, creativity and vision to make a difference and get instant gratitude for your talent. That's why a career in this sector is so rewarding.

Future careers could include
Hair Stylist, Hair Salon Manager, Beauty Therapist and Spa Manager.



Help people to look and feel amazing! You need to be sociable and a good communicator, be able to relate to people from lots of different backgrounds, reliable and enthusiastic, confident in your own ability and have lots of energy, stamina and enthusiasm.

Why study with us

- > Showcase your talent at regional and national skills competitions.
- > Our talented students have been consistently successful at the annual AHT competitions.
- > Get hands-on experience working in our commercial hair and beauty salons.
- > We have links with employers to help you gain real work skills.

Excellent facilities

- > State-of-the-art commercial hair, beauty and barber salon.
- > Industry-standard equipment and professional products.

Alex's journey

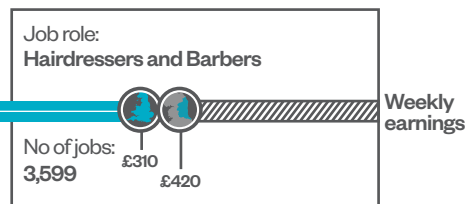
“Being able to work with real clients in the Graduate Salon really helped me develop the skills and confidence to land my dream job.”

Previous school:
Berwick Academy

Progressed to:
Beauty Therapist at Beau Monde Salon and Spa.



Get ready for your future



Source: RCU 2022

Our courses	Entry requirements
Full-time vocational and technical	
L1 Level 1 Introduction to Hair	A willingness to learn.
L2 Level 2 Technical Certificate Hairdressing	4 GCSEs at grade 3 or above or a relevant Level 1 qualification.
L2 Level 2 Technical Certificate Beauty Therapy	Relevant Level 1 qualification.
L2 Level 2 Diploma Hairdressing	At least 2 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English or Maths and a successful assessment.
L2 Level 2 Diploma Beauty Therapy	
L3 Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma Beauty & Spa Therapy	4 GCSEs at grade 4 or above or a relevant Level 2 qualification.
L3 Level 3 Advanced Diploma Hairdressing	
Apprenticeship	
Hairdressing Professional	A range of GCSEs at grade 5 or above (dependent on employer requirements), successful completion of an English and Maths assessment and a successful employer interview.

Health & Social Care

Make a real difference with a career in this rewarding sector. There's lots of different settings and job roles to choose from and you will always be in demand.

Future careers could include
Social Worker,
Nurse, Care Worker, Youth Worker, Paramedic, Psychologist, Occupational Therapist and Counsellor.



Working in health and social care is one of the most important jobs in the world so you need to have a real passion for helping people. You should also have great communication skills so you can build relationships with people and earn their trust.

Why study with us

- Gain additional qualifications to enhance your employability skills such as first aid or manual handling.
- Industry placement opportunities and visits to healthcare settings will help you apply the knowledge and skills that you have developed, and guest speakers and masterclasses will help you be future-ready for your career.
- Our experienced staff have previously worked in all areas of the sector and will support you through your learning journey with us.
- We have employer links with Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, MacMillan and local care homes to help you gain real work skills.

Excellent facilities

- Our brand-new Health Hub and simulation ward with state-of-the-art facilities help to develop real professional health care professional skills.

Abigail's journey

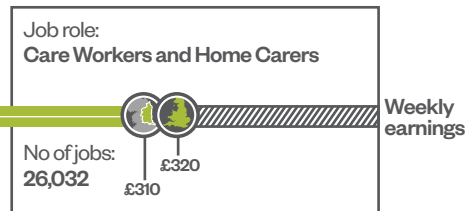
“The course was really interesting, and I learned so much from my tutors who were really supportive. I can't speak highly enough of everyone.”

Previous school:
St Benet
Biscop Catholic
Academy

Progressed to:
Northumbria
University and
now working as
a Nurse.



Get ready for your future



Source: RCU 2022

Our courses	Entry requirements
Full-time vocational and technical	
L1 Level 1 Health & Care	A willingness to learn.
L2 Level 2 Health & Social Care	2 GCSEs at grade 3 or above including Maths and English at an appropriate level and a satisfactory DBS.
L2 Transition to T Level Health & Care	An interest in working in care and a satisfactory DBS.
L3 Level 3 Diploma Healthcare Support	GCSE Maths and / or English at grade 4 or above and Level 2 in a relevant subject and a satisfactory DBS.
T Level	
L3 T Level Health (Adult Nursing)	5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including Maths and English and a satisfactory DBS.
Apprenticeship	
Healthcare Support Worker	A range of GCSEs at grade 5 or above (dependent on employer requirements), successful completion of an English and Maths assessment and a successful employer interview.
Senior Healthcare Support Worker	

Horticulture

Inspire others with your passion for plants and get paid to work in some of the most beautiful landscapes and gardens.

Future careers could include

Horticulturist, Botanical Artist, Botanist, Garden Designer, Garden Editor, Greens Keeper, Grounds Maintenance Worker and Nursey Worker/ Manager.

A career in horticulture is vast and includes garden design, landscape conservation, garden maintenance, sports turf, heritage landscape and plant nursery management. You will need to have a real interest in the horticulture industry and be looking to develop your ability to work on your own and with others as well as having excellent communication and interpersonal skills.

Why study with us

- › Gain practical experience managing and maintaining our extensive range of plants in the Walled Garden and wider Kirkley Hall estate.
- › Take part in visits to gardens to further develop your knowledge.
- › Get involved in commercial enterprise projects to gain real world skills.
- › We have employer links with Belsay Hall, Glendale Countryside to help you gain real work skills.

Excellent facilities

- › A large country estate to give you hands-on experience.
- › Kirkley Hall Walled Garden.
- › On site working farm with workshops for maintaining horticulture machinery.

Elizabeth's journey

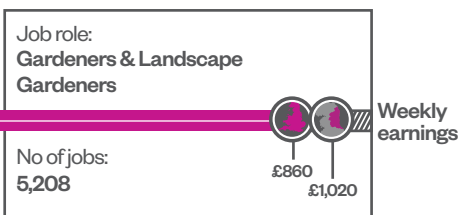
“The best thing about studying at Northumberland College was the range of courses available. I also really enjoyed carrying out my own research for the assignments.”

Previous school:
Newcastle High School

Progressed to:
Level 4 Diploma at the Royal Horticultural Society Garden.



Get ready for your future



Source: RCU 2022

Our courses	Entry requirements
Full-time vocational and technical	
L1 Level 1 Diploma Land Based Studies (Horticulture)	A willingness to learn and successful assessment.
L2 Level 2 Technical Certificate Horticulture	A willingness to learn and 2 GCSEs at grade 3 or above, or equivalent.
L3 Level 3 Advanced Diploma Horticulture	4 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including Maths, English and Science or relevant Level 2 qualification at Merit or above.
Apprenticeship	
Horticulture	A range of GCSEs at grade 5 or above (dependent on employer requirements), successful completion of an English and Maths assessment and a successful employer interview.

Military Academy

Develop the skills, knowledge and qualities needed to become a future leader in the armed forces, while making a real difference in the world.



Future careers could include

Soldier, Technical Support, Comms Specialist, Air Engineer Technician, Air Traffic Control Officer, Aircrewman, Marine Engineer, Logistics Officer.

You could travel the globe and the career possibilities are endless. You will need to be confident and an excellent communicator who is able to maintain values, standards and discipline. Leadership and working well in a team are essential, as is being physically fit, using your own initiative while motivating and inspiring others to achieve their potential, and remaining calm in challenging situations.

Why study with us

- › Develop teamwork and leadership skills which are valued by employers and the armed forces.
- › Take part in trips abroad to Europe and Africa.
- › Experience parades, field trips, battlefield tours and armed forces training drills.
- › We have employer links with Local Army Reserve Unit, Z Company 5 Regiment Fusiliers, Army Careers Centres and other local public services providers to help you gain real work skills.

Excellent facilities

- › Woodland around Kirkley Hall and the Northumberland countryside with its climbing crags and rivers along with vast walking areas
- › Full field craft and platoon-sized training area and full airsoft training area with realistic airsoft weapons.

Georgia's journey

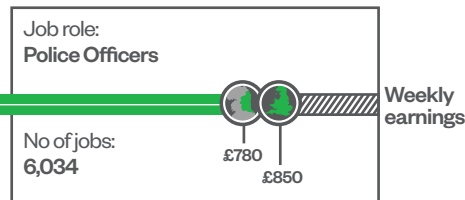
“My tutors helped with my confidence and self-belief, made learning enjoyable and gave real examples of life in the armed forces.”

Previous school:
William Howard School

Progressed to:
The British Army, Royal Logistics Corps.



Get ready for your future



Source: RCU 2022

Our courses	Entry requirements
Full-time vocational and technical	
L2 Level 2 Diploma Entry to the Uniformed Services (Military)	A willingness to learn.
L3 Level 3 Diploma Uniformed Services (Military)	4 GCSEs at grade 5 or above or a relevant Level 2 qualification.

Motor Vehicle

Get your career on the road! There are lots of exciting changes happening in the automotive industry with new technological advancements.

Future careers could include

MOT Tester,
Automotive
Engineer, Light
Vehicle Service
Technician and
Paint Sprayer.



You will need to have a real interest in the industry and be knowledgeable about its technology. You will also need to have excellent maths and IT skills, good communication skills, the ability to problem solve with good attention to detail.

Why study with us

- > Gain valuable insight into the industry through visits to manufacturers such as Nissan and Hitachi Rail.
- > Take part in regional and national competitions to showcase your skills.
- > Apply the knowledge and skills you have developed through placements with leading employers.
- > We have employer links with North East Ambulance Fleet Management Services, Nissan, Hitachi Rail, Semples of Berwick to help you gain real work skills.

Excellent facilities

- > Motor vehicle workshop with seven ramp systems.
- > Specialist diagnostic equipment for both light and heavy vehicles.
- > Workshop with six vehicles, four post and two post five vehicle lift, air compressor and tyre fitting equipment (Berwick).

Nathan's journey

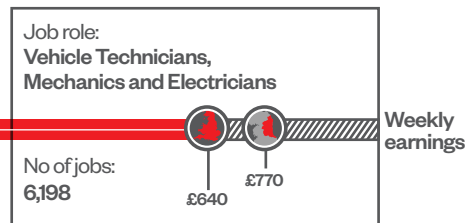
"I enjoyed the Automotive course at Northumberland College, which helped me gain employment as an apprentice."

Previous school:
James Calvert
Spence College

Progressed to:
An Apprenticeship
at Northumberland
County Council.



Get ready for your future



Source: RCU 2022

Our courses	Entry requirements
Full-time vocational and technical	
L1 Level 1 Diploma Vehicle Maintenance	2 GCSEs at grade 2 or above or a relevant Entry Level qualification.
L2 Level 2 Diploma Vehicle Maintenance	2 GCSEs at grade 9-2 including Maths and English.
L3 Level 3 Diploma Vehicle Maintenance.	2 GCSEs at grade 9-2 including Maths and English.
Apprenticeship	
Autocare Technician	A range of GCSEs at grade 4 or above (dependent on employer requirements), successful completion of an English and Maths assessment and a successful employer interview.

Professional Cookery & Hospitality

You will need to have great customer service and problem-solving skills, an attention to detail, energy. Job opportunities are worldwide so you can see new places, meet new people and experience new cultures.

Future careers could include

Restaurant Manager, Head Chef, Wedding Planner, Food Technologist and Hotel Manager.



You will need to be great at customer service, have problem solving skills, attention to detail, energy and enthusiasm and work well in a team. If you have ambitions to be a manager, this industry can provide lots of opportunities for promotions and a move into management positions.

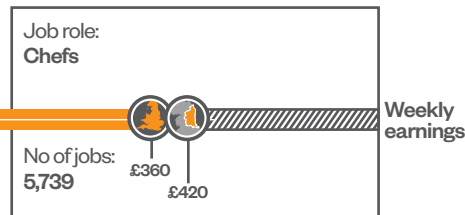
Why study with us

- > Our students are regular winners at prestigious competitions such as the NECTA Northern Chef of the Year.
- > Gain an insight into the farm to fork process by learning how to sustainably rear an animal to preparing, cooking and creating gourmet dishes in a commercial bistro environment, working in partnership with renowned chefs.
- > Guest chefs regularly give demonstrations, masterclasses and tutorials.
- > We have employer links with Ellingham Hall, local restaurants and professional chefs to help you gain real work skills.

Excellent facilities

- > 30 cover commercial restaurant and industry-standard kitchens.
- > Impressive 40-cover The Gallery Restaurant

Get ready for your future



Source: RCU 2022



Our courses	Entry requirements
Full-time vocational and technical	
L1 Level 1 Introduction to Professional Cookery	2 GCSEs at grade 2 or above and an interest in hospitality and catering.
L2 Level 2 Professional Cookery	2 GCSEs at grade 3 or above or a relevant Level 1 qualification.
L2 Transition to T Level Catering	Coming September 2023!
L3 Level 3 Advanced Professional Cookery	4 GCSEs at grade 5 or above or a relevant Level 2 qualification.
T Level	
L3 T Level Catering	Coming September 2023!
Apprenticeship	
Commis Chef	A range of GCSEs at grade 5 or above (dependent on employer requirements), successful completion of an English and Maths assessment and a successful employer interview.

Progression

Progress to our Level 4 Hospitality Management.

Public & Uniformed Services

Public services is a huge employment sector that includes ambulance service, police, fire and rescue, armed forces and the prison service. There's no better job satisfaction than working with the public to protect them and make a difference.

Future careers could include

Army Officer, Firefighter, Navy Officer, RAF Officer, Police Officer, Border Force Officer and Probation Officer.

Dedication, discipline, teamwork and communication are essential for working in the public services sector. In addition to being physically fit, you will also need to remain calm in challenging situations, be quick to react and lead and motivate others.

Why study with us

- Gain additional qualifications such as awards in leadership and team building.
- Take part in activities with Northumbria Police and the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service.
- Our expert staff have extensive experience across a range of sectors.
- We have employer links with Northumberland Fusiliers, RNLI, Northumbria Police, Tyne & Wear Fire and Rescue Service to help you gain real work skills.

Excellent facilities

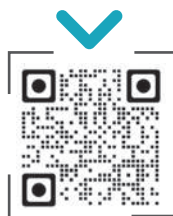
- Access to an assault course, climbing tower and military camp in vast woodland at our Kirkley Hall campus.

Joshua's journey

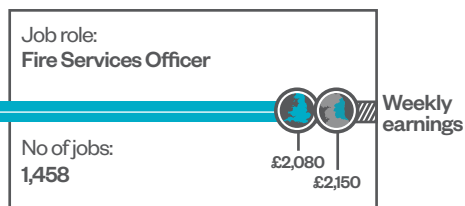
"I loved all the different activities the course provided such as working at Northumbria Police's HQ at Ponteland, and the atmosphere on campus was brilliant."

Previous school:
Bedlington
Community High
School

Progressed to:
Special
Constable with
Northumbria
Police.



Get ready for your future



Source: RCU 2022

Our courses	Entry requirements
Full-time vocational and technical	
L2 Level 2 Diploma Public Services	2 GCSEs at grade 3 or above or a relevant Level 1 qualification.
L3 Level 3 Extended Diploma Public Services	4 GCSEs at grade 4 or above or a relevant Level 2 qualification.

Progression

Progress to our HNC Policing (Coming September 2023).

Sport & Exercise Science

There are lots of amazing people in the world of sport, who all share the same passion and determination. There are lots of career options for those with a talent for sport and fitness who can motivate and inspire others.

Future careers could include
Sports Development Officer, Personal Trainer, Physiotherapist, PE Teacher, Sports Coach, Sports Psychologist, Nutritionist, Community Coach and Strength and Conditioning Coach.

You will be working with lots of different people of all ages so you will need to have excellent interpersonal skills. You will also need to be able to work well in a team, have good communication skills and be bursting with energy, enthusiasm and confidence!



Why study with us

- › Access a wide range of sport and fitness activities to support your development.
- › Join our competitive football team for match play.
- › Develop your skills in fitness, communication and sports leadership, which are valued by employers.
- › We will provide volunteer opportunities to help you develop your sports coaching skills.
- › We have links with employers to help you gain real work skills.

Excellent facilities

- › Football pitch and field.
- › Access to Ashington Leisure Centre's modern facilities for practical sessions including well-equipped gym, swimming pools and indoor sports hall.

Joey's journey

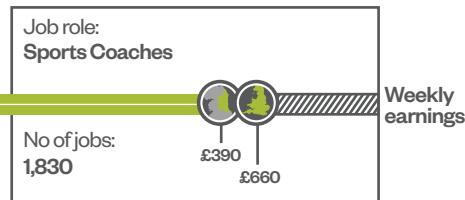
"My tutors gave me opportunities to fulfil my potential in sports coaching and were constantly providing feedback and advice."

Previous school:
Cramlington Learning Village

Progressed to:
Football Coach at Sunderland AFC's Foundation of Light and runs his own coaching business.



Get ready for your future



Source: RCU 2022

Our courses	Entry requirements
Full-time vocational and technical	
L2 Level 2 Diploma Sport	2 GCSEs at grade 4 or above or a relevant Level 1 qualification.
L3 Level 3 Extended Diploma Sport & Physical Activity (Sport & Exercise Science)	5 GCSEs including Maths and English at grade 4 or above.
Apprenticeship	
Community Activator	A range of GCSEs at grade 5 or above (dependent on employer requirements), successful completion of an English and Maths assessment and a successful employer interview.

Travel & Tourism

A career in this customer-focused industry can offer you a world of opportunities! Discover different travel destinations, meet new people and help them to experience new adventures.

Future careers could include
Travel Agent,
Hotel Manager,
Tourism Officer,
Resort Rep and
Air Cabin Crew.



If you enjoy helping others and have a friendly and enthusiastic personality, a career in travel and tourism is a great option. You will need to be good at problem solving, able to work well in a team, have a strong customer focus and excellent organisational skills.

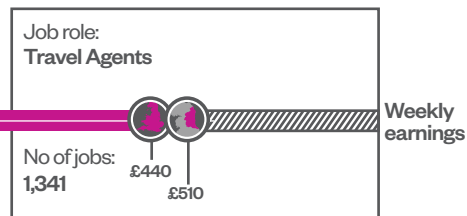
Why study with us

- Get involved in exciting trips and visits to airports and major tourist destinations such as Spain and Disneyland Paris.
- Gain additional qualifications in areas such as Cabin Crew.
- Our highly experienced staff have worked in all areas of the travel and tourism industry.
- We have employer links with major airports and airlines, local tourist information centres, travel agencies and tour operators to help you gain real work skills.

Excellent facilities

- A fully equipped, simulated aircraft cabin with seats, overhead lockers and PA system.

Get ready for your future



Source: RCU 2022



Our courses	Entry requirements
Full-time vocational and technical	
L2 Level 2 Travel & Tourism	4 GCSEs at grade 4 or above or equivalent qualifications including Maths and English.
L3 Level 3 Extended Diploma Travel & Tourism	4 GCSEs at grade 3 or above or a relevant Level 2 qualification.

Progression

Progress to our HNC Hospitality Management.

Veterinary Nursing

If you are passionate about improving animal health and wellbeing, becoming a veterinary nurse will be a rewarding and satisfying career.

Future careers could include Veterinary Nurse, Zoologist, Zookeeper, Animal Nutrition Advisor and Veterinary Practice Manager.



There is a high demand for registered veterinary nurses and the role is constantly developing so there will always be exciting new challenges. You could work in a specialist practice for equine, reptiles or large animals, an emergency veterinary practice or large veterinary hospital. You will work closely with veterinary surgeons and other professionals so you will need excellent communication and interpersonal skills.

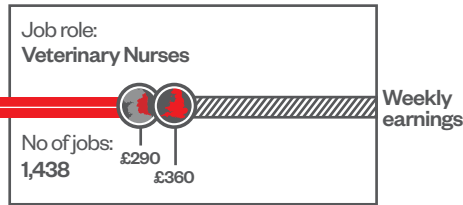
Why study with us

- > You could travel to exciting countries such as South Africa where you can visit the Welgevonden Game Reserve Research Team in Waterberg and learn about conservation, wildlife including cheetahs, overseas veterinary courses and treatment methods.
- > We have employer links with Robson and Prescott and Vets 4 Pets to help you gain real work skills.

Excellent facilities

- > Brand new veterinary centre with outstanding facilities.
- > Consultation rooms, operating theatre, x-ray room and scrub sinks.
- > Canine and animal housing.

Get ready for your future



Source: RCU 2022



Our courses	Entry requirements
Full-time vocational and technical L2 Level 2 Animal Nursing Assistant	4 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English or Maths.
L3 Level 3 Diploma Veterinary Nursing	5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English and Maths and employed / working as an apprentice in a recognised training practice.
Apprenticeship	
Veterinary Nursing	A range of GCSEs at grade 5 or above (dependent on employer requirements), successful completion of an English and Maths assessment and a successful employer interview.

Foundation Learning

Our Foundation Learning programme is for young people with special educational needs and disabilities. We can offer a bespoke programme, delivered by specialist staff, to make sure you achieve your goals and fulfil your own unique potential.

Why study with us

- > You will be taught in real learning and working environments including Kirkley Hall Zoological Gardens, Independence Hub and Employability Hub.
- > You will focus on the topics for living an independent life including travel training, healthy living, money management, employability skills, teamwork and literacy and numeracy.
- > You can specialise in vocational areas such as Animal Care, Catering and Hospitality and Horticulture.

Excellent facilities

- > Our bespoke and highly specialised facilities and resources create a safe and positive environment to nurture your individual talents and skills and inspire you to reach your full potential.
- > You will be part of the wider college community to further develop your independence and social and life skills.



Our courses

Developing Independence

This programme includes six projects (Life Skills, Travel Training, Communication, Teamwork, Self-Management and Personal) designed to develop and improve independence.

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Year 2 Vocational Pathways

Year 3 Vocational Pathways

Students will continue to develop their independence along with maths and English, but also explore progression opportunities through a carousel of areas including Animal Care, Horticulture and Catering.

Pathways

Our Pathways programme supports you to gain employment, progress in your chosen field or prepare for further study. You will also develop the confidence and skills required for successful independent living.

Why study with us

- › You will explore different subject areas and develop important skills in health and safety, travel training, healthy living, money management, employability, teamwork, communication, literacy and numeracy.
- › You could also take part in The Duke of Edinburgh Awards and trips and visits.

Our courses

- › Entry Level 3 Pathways
- › Level 1 Pathways

If you've been unable to progress to your chosen study programme due to entry requirements or personal barriers, or if you're unsure of what career pathway you want to take, we can help you to further develop your skills so you can progress.



ESOL

(English for Speakers of Other Languages)

If English is not your first language, we can help you develop your skills in an English-speaking environment. You will also explore British culture to help you integrate and contribute to society and gain the skills and knowledge you need to fulfil your career ambitions in the UK.

Why study with us

- › All of our ESOL students have the opportunity to be involved in exciting college-wide events.
- › ESOL students receive pastoral support and are assigned a Personal Tutor.
- › You will be taught by our specialist and well-qualified ESOL staff.

Excellent facilities

- › Dedicated ESOL classrooms within an inclusive college environment

Our ESOL courses from Entry 1 to Level 2 will develop your speaking and listening, writing and reading skills. We can offer you a bespoke programme tailored to your individual needs.



T Levels

Our T Level qualifications are designed with leading employers to help you step straight into your dream career. These 2-year technical courses are each equivalent to 3 A-Levels. You'll spend 80% of your time in the classroom and 20% in the workplace putting your skills into action.

Why study with us

- › Specialist industry-standard facilities, live employer projects, visits and trips, skills competitions, strong links with industry experts and employers and an industry placement tailored to your career ambitions means that you will get the best experience as a T Level student at Northumberland College.

Excellent facilities

- › Our new build investment at Ashington will create world-class facilities and learning environments. The 5.7 acre site will include three buildings with classrooms, technical industry workshops, specialist facilities and immersion and simulated learning environments.



Our courses	Entry requirements
T Levels	
T Level Agriculture & Land Management	At least 5 GCSEs at grade 5 or and above including Maths.
T Level Animal Care & Management	
T Level Catering	
T Level Digital Support & Services	
T Level Education & Childcare	
T Level Health (Adult Nursing)	
T Level Maintenance Installation & Repair for Engineering & Manufacturing	
T Level Production Design & Development	

Progression:

T Levels can lead to a higher apprenticeship, university or highly skilled employment. You will gain UCAS points and have substantial industry experience to help your progression.

Entry requirements.

We offer courses at various levels so you can start at the level that is right for you and progress to the highest level you can achieve. Even if you have the exam results for Level 3 study, some subjects such as hair and beauty and construction trades need to be started at Level 1 or 2 to allow you to develop the specialist skillset.

Entry Level

If you haven't already gained any qualifications, entry level courses are great for helping you to improve your basic reading, writing and IT skills.

General entry requirements:
No formal qualifications.

Foundation & Level 1

These foundation level courses help you gain an introductory knowledge of a subject area and can prepare you to progress further.

General entry requirements:
At least 1 GCSE at grade 1.

Level 2

These intermediate courses will provide you with a route into a career or prepare you for higher level study.

General entry requirements:
At least 2 GCSEs at grade 3.

Level 3

These advanced courses will challenge you and develop your understanding of a subject area and will prepare you for employment or degree level study.

General entry requirements:
At least 5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above.



Our entry requirements vary for each course. Check the individual course pages on our website for specific entry requirements.

High quality courses.

We are proud of our high quality teaching and study programmes designed to help you develop the skills and knowledge to succeed and achieve your ambitions.

As a full-time student, your timetable will follow a personalised study programme, which will include your main qualification; a qualification in English and maths (if you haven't already achieved a grade 4 or above); Self, Society and Skills sessions to motivate you to achieve and be the best you can be; work experience, employer-led projects and simulated working environments to put what you are learning into practice; enrichment activities to develop your professional and personal skills, character and confidence; and Future Ready sessions and masterclasses to get you ready for the world of tomorrow.

As a full-time student at Northumberland College your timetable will follow a study programme which is designed to help you develop the skills and knowledge to succeed and achieve your ambitions.



Studying English and Maths at college.

English and maths are important life skills that will support you in achieving the most from your studies and progression to a dream career.

Employers and universities want you to have them, and GCSE English and maths qualifications could be the difference between being accepted onto a university course, securing employment or a promotion. They will also help you to progress to higher level study and provide you with better life and job opportunities.

- › If you have achieved a grade 9-4 in GCSE English and / or maths at school, you will develop your English and maths skills throughout your course at college.
- › If you have achieved a grade 3-1 in GCSE English and / or maths at school, you will re-sit your GCSE qualification at college.
- › If you did not achieve a grade in GCSE English and / or maths at school, we can discuss the best English and maths study options for you at college.



You can apply for a course by visiting one of our open events or completing an online application form.



How to apply.

Decide

Find the right course for you. Do your research and decide what course you would like to study. If you are undecided, use our handy course search tool on our website, speak to one of our experts on Live Chat or visit a college event to find out more.

Apply

It's easy to apply for a course. You can apply online or in person at one of our open events. If you visit an event, you could be eligible for a fast-track application to make your application journey even quicker and easier.

Meet and greet

After you've applied, you will receive a conditional offer which will be subject to you achieving the entry requirements of your course. When you receive your offer, you will need to let us know that you've accepted it. For some of our courses you will be invited to have a chat with one of our friendly course tutors. You may also need to complete an audition, trial or assessment depending on the course you've applied for.

Keep in touch

Don't forget to let us know if you change any of your contact details. We will keep in touch and let you know about relevant updates and events, including our Experience Days and Welcome Events to help you prepare for your course before enrolling. You can also connect with us on social media to keep up to date with college life.

GCSE Results Day

If you don't get the results you need for your course or have changed your mind about the course you want to study, don't worry. Just contact us and our expert careers advisers will help you decide on your next steps.

Enrol

You will enrol over the summer and receive all your start of term information. We will also arrange any support that you will need during your time with us.

Start of term

Now this is where the excitement really happens. We can't wait for you to start your course so we can help you to achieve your dreams.

Finance & Funding

You could be eligible for financial assistance such as help with transport costs, kit costs, childcare, free meals and bursaries. If you live more than 5 miles from your campus of study and your household income is less than £40,000, you may be eligible for our student transport scheme and could be offered a travel pass or monthly travel allowance, depending on your circumstances.

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Useful dates.

We can't wait to meet you at one of our open events.

Date	Time	Campus
10 Oct 2022	4.30pm-6.30pm	Ashington
19 Oct 2022	4.30pm-6.30pm	Berwick
19 Nov 2022	10.00am-12.00pm	Kirkley Hall
9 Jan 2023	4.30pm-6.30pm	Ashington
4 Feb 2023	10.00am-12.00pm	Kirkley Hall
6 Feb 2023	4.30pm-6.30pm	Ashington
15 Mar 2023	4.30pm-6.30pm	Berwick
27 Mar 2023	4.30pm-6.30pm	Ashington
27 Apr 2023	4.30pm-6.30pm	Kirkley Hall
11 May 2023	4.30pm-6.30pm	Kirkley Hall
17 May 2023	4.30pm-6.30pm	Berwick
5 Jun 2023	4.30pm-6.30pm	Ashington

For more information or to pre-register for an event, visit northumberland.ac.uk/events

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