Welcome to our new digital prospectus. I hope that you’ll find it helpful in deciding your future through showing you the many ways in which Dumfries and Galloway College can help support and guide you through your studies.

We are one of Scotland’s premier colleges with state of the art facilities and the latest in learning resources and technologies.

To meet the needs of our learners we are developing new flexible ways of delivering the curriculum and with the development of new progression opportunities to higher education. Through the ground breaking partnership with our university partners on the Crichton Campus, we are at the leading edge of developments in Further and Higher Education in Scotland.

It’s a journey we intend to continue and we hope that you will join us this year.

Joanna Campbell
Principal and CEO

IMPORTANT!

In this prospectus you will find a general course overview, minimum entry requirements, and a link to our website for further Information and Interview Session requirements.

Courses may be subject to change; as such we are unable to guarantee the running of every course published. If applications have already been made or accepted, you will be notified of any changes or cancellations at the earliest opportunity and every effort will be made to offer you an alternative option.

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About our College

Our MISSION is to support the individual, social and economic development of the people, communities and businesses of Dumfries and Galloway by providing inclusive, accessible and relevant vocational and other learning opportunities in a positive and supportive environment.

Dumfries and Galloway College is rooted in the beautiful South of Scotland with campuses in Dumfries and Stranraer.

We provide a first-class further education, offering a large range of courses and qualifications available for students at any life stage that are delivered by teaching and support staff who genuinely care about what they do.

As a leading voice in educating to help tackle climate change and improve the prosperity of the communities we serve, we’re fully committed to helping students develop the skills our region needs to promote growth, tackle environmental causes, and build a brighter, greener future for all.

Dumfries Campus Tour

Stranraer Campus Tour
Dumfries and Galloway College is a friendly college with a reputation for delivering quality education and training. We are increasingly a first choice college for international students, who we welcome from all over the world.

5 reasons to study with us...

1. First-class facilities and equipment with workshops, salons, gym and photography studios

2. Support and encouragement from your lecturers with one-to-one guidance when you need it

3. A wide range of courses on offer with part-time and full-time options designed to meet the needs of the region and our community

4. A good chance of employment from the excellent relationships and links our curriculum staff have built up in the region with local employers

5. Practical hands-on experience to prepare you for employment or further study
As a Dumfries & Galloway College student you have a number of services available to support and help you throughout your course. This can be anything from funding, education support or childcare; to accessing the library, our digital services or using the learning zone.

You can also talk to our student advisors who will be able to help you with any query you may have, no question is a silly question!

Our aim is to provide you with a quality service so that on successful completion of your course or training, you will have a range of the skills and the knowledge required by industry, commerce or universities.

Admissions

If you are unsure of which course is best to apply for, or how to apply – don’t forget we have a very knowledgeable and helpful Admissions team here at the college ready to help you.

If you know the subject area you are interested in but are unsure of which level of course would suit you best, the team can advise you based on the qualifications you already have or are working towards. The team are also able to help you look at your progression routes and how you can look at where to find the best progression route for yourself – if you have already chosen a set career, this may involve going to Skills Development Scotland, an employer in your chosen industry or the university you wish to attend to find out what they advise as the best route for you.

For more in depth careers advice, please contact Skills Development Scotland.
Sometimes you might need a little extra support to ensure you achieve your potential, this might be in every class, or this might be occasionally and the support can be received in different ways. You can work with the student advisors to find the method which suits you best. It may be extra software on your device, it could be from our educational support worker or it might be extra time in assessments or exams. It can be daunting asking for the help but we believe it will help you achieve your course.

**Education Support**

**Student Advisers**

The Student Advisors when on campus are based in the Point in Dumfries and room G35A in Stranraer. They are very approachable and are available to give guidance and support on a large range of issues such as:

► Funding and Benefits
► SAAS Applications
► Discretionary and Childcare Funds
► Emergency Funds
► Health and Welfare
► Disability/Additional Support Needs
► Assistive Technology and Study Skills

**Virtual Reception**

You can also use our live chat facility on the website to talk to the team during their available hours:

**Monday – Friday 10am to 3pm.**

Just head onto the course search page on the website and in the bottom right corner of the page, you will see the live chat icon to click.
Student Funding

If you are a Scottish student attending a further education college in Scotland, you usually don’t pay fees. In addition, you can also receive help with the cost of studying, including living and travel costs, course materials and childcare.

What you’re entitled to will depend on:
► Where you live, i.e. your nationality and residency status
► Your course, e.g. above or below HNC level, full or part-time
► Your age
► Your personal circumstances, e.g. your income or parents’ income, marital status, number of dependents

For more information, advice or guidance, please contact a member of the student funding team or refer to the help section of the college website.

Childcare Funds

All students may apply for assistance with registered childcare costs regardless of whether studying on a full-time or part-time basis. These awards are subject to household means-testing - support cannot be offered where the household income exceeds £30,000.

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ALL STUDENTS – PART TIME, FULL TIME, FURTHER AND HIGHER EDUCATION
► Support with registered childcare costs
► Household income must be less than £30,000

Additional Support Needs

We are fully committed to providing the highest quality of support to any student who has a disability or additional support need.

If you have additional support needs resulting from a specific learning difficulty, e.g. dyslexia, dyspraxia etc, or a medical condition or disability, then staff members from our guidance team are available to offer advice, support and help with identifying appropriate support strategies to enable you to participate to the best of your ability.

A good starting point is to talk to a Student Adviser and find out how we can support you to help you achieve your learning goals.

studentadviser@dumgal.ac.uk

Personal Tutor

While at college you will have a personal tutor, this is normally one of your lecturers. Your personal tutor is here to support you along your college journey, you will meet your personal tutor online once you are enroled.

If you have any questions about your course, have concerns – it could be about your life outside college or just need a chat you can always get in touch with your personal tutor.
Weekly expenditure must exceed weekly income

- HE students must have taken out their maximum student loan
- Support of up to a maximum of £200 per week

Student Information Scotland

A new website has been launched by Student Information Scotland which contains official government guidance on further and higher education funding. The site also has information on bursaries, grants, tuition fees and student loans.

Please visit the site for help and advice with all aspects of student life.

LearnNet is our college’s Student Intranet, which you access via a computer or mobile device. It can be used as a tool for learning, for finding information and for communication.

On it you will find vital information, quality policies and procedures relating to your course; course packs, library information, online databases and much more.

Through LearnNet you can also access our library catalogue. Students can get on-line access from all networked computers at our campuses. It is also possible to log-on to LearnNet from home.

Student Records

Student Records are responsible for maintaining your enrollment, student information, course information, attendance information, registration at awarding body and results. Most of our services are provided online but if you have any queries about anything to do with your student record, the team will be happy to help you.

sturec@dumgal.ac.uk
Get Involved...

The Students’ Association (DGSA) exists to ensure that students are represented at all levels and across all programmes at Dumfries and Galloway College. Every student enrolled at the college, whether part-time or full-time, is automatically a member of the SA.

The SA’s aims are to maintain and improve your student experience through engagement in learning and teaching, and to give students the voice to ensure the best facilities available are open to you. We hope to achieve this aim, both within the college, and at a national level through affiliated membership of the National Union of Students (NUS).

Through the SA and its representative structure, students can collectively have a say about, and make a difference to the quality of their education and the student experience at the college. The SA facilitates student representation in college decision-making through the President and the Vice President, playing an active role on the college Board of Management and by liaising with college staff via the Learning and Teaching Committee.

The SA also provides a mechanism to represent student needs at various internal and external meetings. By ensuring there is good student representation, this allows you, the student, to express yourself on the issues you feel are important.

Our Student Association has elected Student President Bronwyn Brown and Vice President Amy Farley. Bronwyn and Amy will be on hand to support you through your studies, whether that is college related or personal. You can also share ideas on events you want to hold or groups to form. Officer roles which are available for you to get involved in are a great opportunity to share your experience, add skills to your CV and meet students from across the college.

The SA is also about having fun and enjoying student social life giving you a focal point for student activity within the college, whilst at the same time providing you with access to information from various external bodies, including NUS Scotland, Funding and Health.

Follow the SA Facebook page to find out more about activities and how you can get involved.
**Bronwyn Brown | SA President**

Bronwyn has studied with us for 4 years, culminating in her current Business course. She is passionate about changing student life at college, making everyone feel welcome and enhancing connections between everyone across our college community. In her private life, she has been a young carer for her parent and has been involved in several community groups in Stranraer. She is an active LGBTQ+ advocate and activist, always contributing positively to celebratory events in college to improve the student experience and promote respect. She says “college helped me when I was in a bad and dark place. I will make sure students feel safe and happy. They can come to me or any of the Student Association team about anything – college related, or personal.”

**Amy Farley | SA Vice-President**

Amy has been at the college for three years now as a hospitality student. She has been Health and Wellbeing Officer with the Student Association for some time now. As part of her remit, she designed several key mental health improvement projects and helped to produce our college’s Mental Health Agreement. She aims to continue this work to benefit both students and staff now that she has been elected. In private life, Amy is a keen chef with a speciality in baking pastries to share with others. She recently gained social media fame as one of the bagpipers who brought the community of Stranraer (virtually, of course) together as part of the ‘Clap a Carer’ Thursday night events. She is a ‘people’ person with bags of energy and a strong work ethic.
Facilities

Library Services
The Libraries at both Dumfries and Stranraer campuses are there for everyone.

The books are available for you to borrow to help with your studies. We also have a lot of fiction and well-being titles as well.

There are also thousands of eBooks and eResources available for you. The Librarian’s can also support you with finding information, copyright and referencing.

Study Spaces
We are pleased to announce the arrival of our dedicated, individual study spaces to support our students who don’t have access to a personal working space at home, or those who just prefer to come into college to study.

Spaces have been created at both our Dumfries and Stranraer campuses to give individual students desk and PC space for quieter studying.

The Learning Zone
What do the Learning Zones offer?

► Microsoft Office 365
► Access to the Intranet and the Internet
► Email facilities
► Course related software
► Online training courses
► Free printing
► A quiet work environment
► Directed Study classes

Dumfries Campus
Learning Zones 1, 2, 3 and 4 are situated on the ground floor below the library adjacent to Reception. There will always be a member of staff on duty in all Learning Zones to offer IT support and advice.

Stranraer Campus
At Stranraer campus there is a multi-PC Flexible Access Centre, which allows you to use computers and learning materials on a drop-in / book-in basis.

The centre staff are available to support you with using the computers, accessing learning resources and using the internet for research. The staff are also trained in identifying customised learning courses to enable you to improve your IT and internet skills.
Group sessions are often held within the Flexible Access Centre and members of the public are encouraged to enrol on these IT courses which range from Introductory levels in IT to the European Computer Driving Licence (ECDL) and ECDL Advanced.

**Lockdown (COVID-19)**

Due to the national Lockdown, both Dumfries and Stranraer campuses are currently closed. Please read our [news post here](#) and keep checking our social media accounts and website for further updates.

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**Eat, Relax and Refresh**

**Main Canteen – Dumfries Campus**

*During term time only*

You’ll find our welcoming Campus Kitchen, on the ground floor level (Zero) at our Dumfries Campus. Start your day with the our Breakfast Club, it’s free to students, enjoy tea and toast, cereals and a choice of fresh fruit. Lunch offers a choice to suit everyone, from healthy options to heart warming soups and freshly cooked main courses. If you have any special dietary requirements we would be delighted to discuss them with you.

**Coffee / Cafe – Dumfries Campus**

*During term time only*

At our cafe, located on level one, you can enjoy a delicious latte, cappuccino, speciality tea, or indulgent hot chocolate prepared by our Costa trained baristas.

Chilled drinks, sandwiches, rolls, baguettes, boxed salads, tray bakes, scones and cakes are also available to complement your hot beverage. Meet your friends and enjoy your refreshments in this relaxing environment!

**The Shop – Dumfries Campus**

*During term time only*

Healthy snacks & confectionery, hot and cold drinks, sandwich meal deals, grab and go salads. The shop also stocks a useful selection of stationery items and cards.
Canteen – Stranraer Campus  
(During term time only)

At our Stranraer Campus you can enjoy hot beverages and our range of popular sandwiches, rolls, baguettes, wraps, scones, tray bakes and cakes in a friendly informal atmosphere.

Restrictions (COVID-19)

Due to restrictions the canteens, Costa and Zest are not currently open and may not immediately be available on your return to campus.

At Zest we give our students at both campuses the opportunity to train in a real life working environment, this allows them to ‘practice’ the job roles they are hoping to be employed in. Our students are led by Lecturers to take on roles within the kitchen and restaurant which meet their course objectives.

Delicious lunch & express services are offered to staff and students at both campuses during term time. The students produce and serve a three course lunch menu each week. The express service offers a range of tasty take away options.

(During term time only)

Zest Facebook Page >

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Leisure and Recreation

Whether you are the active type or someone who prefers less strenuous activities, there is something to suit all abilities.

Facilities available include the sports hall and The Workout – fitness suite. Lunchtime activities may be available and could include 5-a-side football, badminton and circuit training.

There may also be the opportunity for you to participate in a range of sports through Scottish Student Sport and other organisations. Should you have a particular request regarding a recreational activity then let us know and we will do our best to provide it if at all possible.

The Workout (Dumfries)
Our state of the art sport and fitness facility at our Dumfries campus includes:

► a vastly extended gym with the latest fitness equipment
► changing facilities including for those with limited mobility
► a multi court sports hall
► physiotherapy room
► first aid room
► When formal classes are not using the facility, The Workout is open to all learners after an induction is completed, ask reception for further details.

Sports Hall (Dumfries)
The sports hall is spacious and contains three marked Badminton courts with sufficient space around each. Lunchtime activities may be available and could include 5-a-side football, badminton and circuit training. There may also be the opportunity for you to participate in a range of sports through Scottish Student Sport and other organisations. Should you have a particular request regarding a recreational activity then let us know and we will do our best to provide it if at all possible.

The Ryan Centre (Stranraer)
You know what they say “Healthy Body, Healthy Mind” so make sure you take advantage of the sporting and recreational facilities available to you at the Ryan Centre (situated opposite the main entrance to the Stranraer Campus). Students can gain unlimited access to the following: fitness suites, fitness classes, swimming during public swimming sessions, sports courts for badminton, table tennis and indoor tennis and inclusive fitness guidance for a £25 per month fee.

Restrictions (COVID-19)
Due to restrictions the sports hall, Workout and The Ryan Centre may not immediately be available on your return to campus.
Did you know that at College Academy there are a number of qualifications that you can study while you are at school?

Schools and colleges are dedicated to working together to ensure young people are given the opportunity to gain vocational experience and to study a subject that might not be available to you at school. Planning for the future is essential in a world of new technologies and changing employment opportunities.

College Academy is presenting our most ambitious and varied set of qualifications to date. Our offers are based on the growing skills, requirements and employment for Dumfries & Galloway regional economy. By starting your college journey in your senior phase at school you can shorten your education journey and potentially start full-time employment sooner in your chosen career pathway.

Speak to your pupil support teacher or SDS Careers Adviser for more information on College Academy.
Mature Adults
We actively encourage applications from adults to attend on a full time, part time basis, or as an Open Learning student.

We have the facilities, courses and support to suit your particular needs. Whether you wish to upskill or develop new skills after raising a family and wish to enter employment again or making a career change, we can support you every step of the way. Visit one of our Virtual Open Days and find out more about the opportunities and support offered.

Adult Returners
It is never too late to learn and at Dumfries and Galloway College, we are particularly keen to welcome applications from adult returners. We have the facilities, courses and support to suit your particular needs.

Parents | Guardians
We encourage and value parental or guardian involvement and welcome the opportunity of meeting you through visits or at our Virtual Open Days.

You’ll be amazed at the college resources available and how we incorporate the latest technology into learning and skill development. By working together we can ensure the best possible transition from school to a successful and rewarding adult life for our young people.

Modern Apprenticeships

- Get a Job
- Get Experience
- Get Paid
- Get Qualified

A Modern Apprenticeship gives you the opportunity to learn on the job, get the experience you need, gain an industry recognised qualification and get paid all at the same time.

Apprenticeship Courses

If you would like further information, contact us via:

apprenticeships@dumgal.ac.uk
Learning Levels

Throughout this prospectus, you will see the SCQF level and credit points awarded to each programme of study, if it is on the Framework. This may help you decide which learning programme is most suitable for you at this stage in your lifelong learning journey.

The SCQF can:
► help you decide how you progress in your learning;
► help you understand qualifications you are not familiar with;
► help employers understand different types of qualifications and help with the development of your skills;
► help colleges and universities identify the level that has been studied in a particular subject and make it easier to transfer credit points between different learning programmes;
► provide recognition of other areas of your learning that may contribute to your personal development and your goals for the future.

All Scottish colleges and universities are now using SCQF levels and credit points to describe their courses, but only if these have been credit rated into the Framework. Some employers are also using SCQF levels instead of, or as well as, types of qualification when they advertise jobs.

The SCQF can also assist you to compare your qualifications with the rest of the UK and Europe. This is especially helpful if you are planning to study or work outside Scotland. A leaflet called Qualifications Can Cross Boundaries is available to download from the Resources page of the SCQF website.

Awards Explained

Throughout the course sections of this prospectus you will see abbreviated qualifications outlined next to each course title:

Construction: Multi Trade
NPA @ SCQF Level 5
Course code: NCMT | JNCMT

NPA – National Progression Award

Small flexible group awards that are linked to National Occupational Standards / other professional or trade standards. Developed to assess and certificate a defined set of skills in a specialist vocational area. Each NPA varies in terms of credit points.
NC – National Certificates

National Certificates (NCs) at SCQF Levels:

2–3 made up of units with a total credit value of 72 Credit Points.

4–6 made up of units with a total credit value of 72 Credit Points.

They provide learners with the skills and knowledge that employers look for and provide articulation routes to Higher National (HN) programmes.

SVQ – Scottish Vocational Qualifications

Recognise the skills and knowledge needed in employment, i.e. job competence. Successful completion of an SVQ provides clear evidence that the learner works to nationally recognised standards. Each unit defines an aspect of a job / work-role and outlines what it is to be fully competent in that aspect of the job. To be awarded a full SVQ, learners must complete each of the units which make up the award by demonstrating that they are competent in that aspect of the job. Some SVQs or SVQ units are incorporated into other awards / offerings including HNCs and Modern Apprenticeships and some can also be done as independent units.

HNC – Higher National Certificate

This is designed to provide learners with the practical skills and theory based knowledge that employers seek. HNC’s provide articulation to degree programmes, with advanced entry into second year. Some HNC’s exempt learners from taking all or part of the professional examinations needed to gain membership / entry of the associated professional body.

The HNC is designed to SCQF Level 7 and is allocated 96 SCQF points.

HND – Higher National Diploma

This is designed to provide learners with the practical skills and theory based knowledge that employers seek. HND’s also provide articulation routes to degree programmes, often with advanced entry into third year.

The HND is designed to SCQF Level 8 and is allocated 240 SCQF Points.

PDA – Professional Development Awards

Levels 6-12 are designed for candidates already in a career who wish to extend or expand on a skill set, after completing a degree or vocational qualification relevant to their area of interest. Credits vary depending on the PDA.

SFW – Skills for Work

These courses focus on employability skills needed for achievement in the workplace and offer learners opportunities to learn the necessary skills through a range of practical experiences linked to specific areas. These courses can offer learners pathways to further education, employment and training opportunities.

For further information on learning levels and awards, try SCQF’s interactive framework.
Applying Guide

Supporting Information

To complete your application form you will need the following:

► Your School information
► Previous qualifications & pending qualification information.
► Your passport / visa (if outside the EU)
► Your Scottish Candidate Number (if you have one)
► Your previous Student ID number (if you have one)
► You can start and save your application form to continue at a later point if you don’t have everything you need.

Personal Statement

As part of your application, you will be required to write a personal statement – this is your chance to tell us how great you are and why you want to study at college. Your personal statement should be a minimum of 250 words and should give us an insight into you as a person. We’ve put together a few things to consider when writing your personal statement.

Think about...

► Why you have chosen the course you’re applying for and what makes you suitable for it
► What you’d like to do in the future – any career goals you may have. If you haven’t decided yet, don’t panic.
► Your previous qualifications and how they’ve helped you
► Your strengths, things you can do well and skills, things which will help you succeed
► Your hobbies and interests
► Any groups or classes you attend in your spare time
► Any work or volunteering you currently do or have done in the past
► Make sure your statement is well written – ask someone to have a read through or organisations such as SDS are available to help. You can contact them on 01387 272500 (Dumfries) or 01776 889793 (Stranraer).
Your Application Timeline

**Invitation to Interview | February–May**

After submitting your application, if you meet the entry criteria you will be invited to an Interview & Information Session. You must confirm your attendance by email at least 5 days in advance of the date.

**Interview Outcome / Offers | February–May**

Within 14 days of your interview, we’ll email you with the outcome.

This could be:

- Unsuccessful
- 2nd interview required
- Successful – we’re progressing your application to a final review and we’ll email you the outcome. This will either be a conditional, unconditional or waiting list offer.

Offers will be emailed on 23rd March, 25th May and 29th June so the date you applied will be reflect which of these dates you receive your outcome email.

**Funding Applications | June**

If you have received a conditional or unconditional offer, the next step is to apply for funding – keep an eye on your email where we will send a link for you to apply.

**Progressing Student Offers | July**

If you are a progressing student, you will have your internal outcomes processed by 2nd July and then sent either unconditional offers or rejections.

**Clearing Interviews | June–August**

All applications that are submitted from June onwards will be classed as clearing and invited to an Interview & Information session in August.

**Place Confirmation & Enrolment | July – August**

If your place has been confirmed, you will receive a link inviting you to enrol on your course – please complete enrolment as soon as you can.

**Online Orientation | July – August**

Once you have completed your enrolment, you will receive an invitation for your online orientation which you will need to confirm your attendance for. Remember, you will only receive enrolment and orientation links when your place on the course has been confirmed.

**SQA Results | August**

SQA results are processed and any conditional offers are processed and either sent an unconditional offer or a rejection.

**Courses Start | August**

Courses start August 2021

**Late Applications / Waiting Lists | August – September**

Waiting lists and late applications will be processed.
Passport to College (NQ) @ SCQF Level 3
Course code: NPTC | JNPTC

Course Overview:
The aim of the course is to:

► Provide individuals with a series of ‘taster sessions’ in a range of curriculum areas in the college
► Develop skills and confidence
► Support individuals to develop and plan for their next steps
► Support those needing assistance in making the transition from school/unemployment to work

There will be an opportunity to gain a number of qualifications, which will be delivered in an exciting and learner friendly way.

Entry Requirements:
No formal academic qualifications are required.

Apply now – Dumfries
Apply now – Stranraer
In today’s fast-changing business environment we all need to keep our skills up to date in order to keep pace with the ever-changing demands of our jobs.

As a major employer in the South of Scotland, Dumfries and Galloway College knows only too well the challenges that face the world of business and administration. These areas often reflect the rapid changes and developments in the computing and information technology industries.

Through adapting new technologies and teaching methods, our Business programme area provides students with up to date skills and knowledge for a wide variety of careers in this area.

Administrators set up and maintain systems and procedures that ensure the smooth running of an organisation. Like business managers, they are employed in every kind of industry, including: government, health service, education, insurance, banking, customer service, armed services, creative services, engineering and construction.
Accounting HNC @ SCQF Level 7
Course code: HACC

Course Overview:
The HNC Accounting is a general accounting award that allows candidates to gain skills and knowledge in book-keeping, financial accounting and management accounting using manual and computerised techniques.

The primary aim of the HNC is to provide learners with a range of competencies to meet the requirements and demands of the Accounting Industry.

The award gives learners scope to develop and progress in a variety of ways within organisations of all types and sizes and to progress to further academic and professional qualifications either prior to taking up an accounting position or in parallel with it.

Entry Requirements:
One of the following:
► Two Highers at C or above in appropriate academic subjects or equivalent
► Successful completion of Advanced Business Administration & IT course and a satisfactory internal reference
► Successful completion of Higher Business Management & IT course and a satisfactory internal reference.

Entry may still be possible for mature students depending on their prior knowledge and experience.
Course Overview:
The study of business management places the key elements of basic knowledge and introduces some theoretical components from a number of disciplines. It enables candidates to acquire knowledge and understanding of the role and operation of a business, to develop analytical skills, to apply skills to business situations and to communicate by means of written or spoken language.

This course should benefit all learners, whether they subsequently follow a career in business. At this level, learners will gain from both the theoretical underpinning and the vocational relevance of the study of the contemporary business environment. The course can provide the incentive for candidates to consider the prospect of establishing their own business. The underpinning knowledge and understanding gained from the course will be a valuable resource for those who do explore this route and should help promote the success of any venture on which they embark. The course provides an excellent broad knowledge of business and business management related topics and allows students to develop their IT application skills to an extremely high standard in Microsoft Office.

Entry Requirements:
One of the following:
- 4 National 4 awards
- 3 Intermediate 2 awards
- 3 National 5 awards at C or above
- 4 Standard Grades at 3 or above
- 4 Intermediate 1 awards
- equivalent qualifications

Entry may still be possible for mature students depending on their prior knowledge and experience.

All applicants must attend an Information and Interview Session prior to being offered a place on the course.

If you are currently studying at the college, you will also require a positive Progressing Learner Reference.

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Business HND @ SCQF Level 8
Course code: DBUA

Course Overview:
The HND extends the range of competencies covered in the HNC and enables learners to consider and revisit core business issues and develop a depth of understanding from a managerial perspective.

An e-Business focus also exists in the programme allowing learners to expand their studies in Information & Communication Technology (ICT) and business by studying e-Commerce & Business ICT.

Time will also be spent looking at self-employment and starting your own business.

Opportunities exist to enable learners to attend part-time on an individual subject basis.

Entry Requirements:
The HND Business is a 30 credit, 2 year programme with the HNC Business course covering the first 15 credits over the first year.

► Successful completion of HNC Business (15 credits).
► Successful completion of HNC Business from another establishment.

Business HNC @ SCQF Level 7
Course code: HBUA | JHBUA

Course Overview:
This is a broad, general qualification giving learners scope to develop and progress in a variety of ways within business organisations of all sizes, including ones, which learners may set up themselves.

By studying this programme, you will develop suitable competencies and industry knowledge to enhance an administrative, commercial or managerial career. You will develop other relevant skills that employer’s value such as customer handling skills, meeting deadlines, attention to detail, personal target setting, enterprise and effectively dealing with clients, managing your own performance and that of others.

This award will also include a Professional Development Award in Team Leadership and Management which meets the needs of individuals who wish to develop as managers or leaders within industry.

Entry Requirements:
One of the following:
► 4 National 4 awards
► 3 Intermediate 2 awards
► 3 National 5 awards at C or above
► 4 Standard Grades at 3 or above

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Business Venture Programme (NQ) @ SCQF Level 6
Course code: JSBVP

Course Overview:
Do you have thoughts of starting your own business but don’t know where to start? Then this course is for you! The course has been specifically designed for anyone who has thoughts of starting up their own business and want to learn about how to put their idea into fruition.

The National Progression Award (NPA) in Enterprise and Business is relevant to anyone considering starting a business, or with an interest in doing so. The focus of the qualification is on pre-enterprise activity, with the aim of developing the knowledge and skills required to start a business. Alongside learning how to market your product, how to promote on social media, design your own website and take the best photography shots, this course will give anyone who is considering starting up their own business venture the skills to do so.

The principal aims of the programme are to enhance and develop enterprising skills and attitudes, develop knowledge to support business start-up activity, develop knowledge and skills in promoting a business, enhance and develop knowledge of customer management techniques and provide practical, experiential learning about starting a business and transferable skills for employment. During the programme the students will also develop a set of skills that are relevant and transferable to the workplace.

The qualification can attract a wide range of students from school leavers, young adults, trades people interested in self-employment, anyone looking to change career, those facing redundancy or unemployment and anyone interested in starting a business.

Working with external partners such as Business Gateway will provide students who wish to progress their business idea with further support.

Entry Requirements:
One of the following:
► 4 National 4 awards
► 3 Intermediate 2 awards
► 3 National 5 awards at C or above
► 4 Standard Grades at 3 or above
► 4 Intermediate 1 awards
► equivalent qualifications.

Entry may still be possible for mature students depending on their prior knowledge and experience.
If you are currently studying at the college, you will also require a positive Progressing Learner Reference.

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Dumfries and Galloway College is proud of its use of technology in everything we do as an organisation, from our own business operations to the knowledge and skills we pass on to our students. Staff in our Computing programme area are regularly updating the programmes we offer to ensure they include the latest developments in this fast-growing and fascinating industry.

Computing and computer technology are part of just about everything that touches our lives e.g the TV we watch, the music we listen to, the transport we use, way we work and especially the way we communicate. Computing offers a variety of disciplines that provide rewarding and challenging careers as well as satisfying personal interests. This industry has jobs for both those who like to work with people, and for those who prefer to ‘hide away’ and write programs. Computing quite rightly is very often associated with innovation and developments in computing and information technology tend to drive it. This promotes national competitiveness.
Introduction to Computing and IT @ SCQF Level 4
Course code: NICT

Course Overview:
The course has been designed for those who have no, or little experience of computing and IT who want a good grounding for employment but also offers an opportunity to progress onto further areas of FE study.

The course covers the use of Microsoft Office applications software and other computing topics including Digital Gaming, Computer Games Development, Internet Safety and Online Communications.

Other topics studied include Digital Media, Web Development, Digital Numeracy and Digital Communication Methods. The programme also includes the SQA nationally recognised computing qualification PC Passport (Beginner) and an introduction to computer programming using Java.

A good starter course for those interested in IT and computing! It is an ideal access course for anyone wishing to gain the knowledge and confidence to then progress to further FE study in any discipline.

Entry Requirements:
► No formal qualifications or experience are required for this programme, but applicants must demonstrate the ability to work at Intermediate 1 level and show a keen interest in multimedia.

► All applicants must attend an Information and Interview Session prior to being offered a place on the course.

► If you are currently studying at the college, you will also require a positive progressing learner reference.

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Intermediate Computing (NQ) @ SCQF Level 5
Course code: NCMP

Course Overview:
This course introduces learners to several areas of computing including Computer Game Design, Website Design, Computer Hardware, Computer Support, Computer Software Applications and provides a good basis to progress onto a more advanced level 6 qualification or to gain employment as a junior IT trainee.

This programme is aimed at learners who have chosen a career in the field of Information and Communication Technology (ICT). Several of the topics will be taught in computer labs as well as general purpose classrooms and use will be made of the college’s e-Skills lab for the technical support subjects.

The programme is aimed mainly at school leavers with the appropriate entry criteria. However, it also provides an opportunity for adult learners to study a recognised ICT qualification predominantly looking at ICT Hardware and software development at SCQF level 5.

The qualification has the potential to prepare learners for employment in the ICT sector and it is suitable for those who have decided to pursue the ICT Support area of work.

Entry Requirements:
- 4 Standard Grades at 4 or above; 4 Intermediate 1 awards; 4 National 4 awards
- Successful completion of the Certificate in Computing (SCCP) course and a satisfactory internal reference;
- Entry may still be possible for mature students depending on their prior knowledge and experience.
- All applicants must attend an Information and Interview Session prior to being offered a place on the course.
- If you are currently studying at the college, you will also require a positive progressing learner reference.

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Advanced Computing (NQ) @ SCQF Level 6

Course code: NAMP

Course Overview:
This course will enable students to further their learning and knowledge of areas such as Cyber security, Web development, Data science and programming and provides a good basis to progress onto a more advanced HE study or to gain employment as a junior IT trainee. This programme is aimed at learners who have chosen a career in the field of Information and Communication Technology (ICT).

Several of the topics will be taught in computer labs as well as general purpose classrooms and use will be made of the college’s e-Skills lab for the technical support subjects. The programme is aimed mainly at school leavers with the appropriate entry criteria. However, it also provides an opportunity for adult learners to study recognised ICT qualifications at SCQF level 6. The qualification has the potential to prepare learners for employment in the ICT sector and it is suitable for those who have decided to pursue the ICT Support area of work.

Entry Requirements:
► 5 Standard Grades at 2 or above; 5 Intermediate 2 awards; 5 National 5 awards
► Successful completion of the Computing Science @ SCQF Level 5 (NCMP) course and a satisfactory internal reference;
► Entry may still be possible for mature students depending on their prior knowledge and experience.
► All applicants must attend an Information and Interview Session prior to being offered a place on the course.
► If you are currently studying at the college, you will also require a positive progressing learner reference.

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**HNC Computing @ SCQF Level 7**

Course code: HCSC

**Course Overview:**
This programme is a software design/software oriented computing course which has been developed to reflect contemporary technologies and methodologies. The course introduces traditional underpinning concepts of problem-solving whilst developing these within a number of technological advancements including an increase in social media, mobile technology and a focus on software development. This award aims to prepare you for employment at trainee level, further study or to develop IT skills to improve workplace effectiveness.

**Entry Requirements:**
- Two Highers at C or above in appropriate academic subjects or equivalent
- Successful completion of the Advanced Certificate in Computing and a satisfactory internal reference.
- Entry still may be possible for mature students depending on their prior knowledge and experience.
- In addition all applicants should have an SQA Numeracy Core Skill profile (or equivalent) at level 5 or above OR, National 5/Int 2 Mathematics at grade C or above.
- If you are currently studying at the college, you will also require a positive progressing learner reference.

**Computer Science HND @ SCQF Level 8**

Course code: DCSC

**Course Overview:**
This programme builds on the skills and knowledge gained in the HNC to develop an awareness of current professional practices and technologies within the domain of computer science whilst focusing on software and systems development. A key area will develop a range of specialist knowledge and skills that reflect recent, in-demand developments in project management, web servers and database developments.

This award aims to prepare you for employment in an IT-related post at technician level, to prepare you for further study or to develop an employee’s IT skills to improve their effectiveness in the workplace.

**Entry Requirements:**
- The HND Computer Science is a 30 credit, 2 year programme with the HNC Computing (Computer Science) course covering the first 15 credits over the first year.
- Successful completion of the HNC Computing Science (15 credits) and a satisfactory internal reference.
- If you are currently studying at the college, you will also require a positive progressing learner reference.
The Construction Industry has jobs for people with a wide range of skills from craft to professional level. The role of the construction industry is to improve, maintain and preserve the built environment in which we all live and work. This includes: housing, commercial and industrial construction, public sector construction e.g. schools and hospitals, infrastructure projects e.g. roads, railways, airports, power stations and offshore installations. In the construction sector, one in four of all jobs are in skilled trades such as carpenter, roofer and painter.

Building Services Engineering involves the design, installation and maintenance of the internal facilities of all buildings – industrial, commercial and domestic. Building Services Engineering has four key industries: air conditioning and refrigeration, electrotechnical, heating/ventilating and plumbing. The staff in the Construction programme area at Dumfries and Galloway College are proud to boast of many student successes in national and international competitions, which reflects their commitment and support offered to our students.
Construction Skills @ SCQF Level 4 (C&G)
Course code: CCSK | JCCSK

Course Overview:
If you are interested in starting a career in the construction industry but are not sure what particular trade area you want to pursue then this is the course for you. This is an exciting opportunity to take that first step towards a career that is both satisfying and rewarding.

Entry Requirements:
No formal academic qualifications are required, however applicants must:

► Display a passion for a career in the construction industry during application and interview
► Demonstrate the ability to work at SCQF level 4
► If currently at college studying construction, achieve a positive learner reference from your personal tutor confirming that you have the ability to successfully complete this course.
► Attend an information and interview session should you be offered one, on the given date and time.

Prior to the Information and Interview session you will be required to research the answers to the preset question detailed in the ‘Information and Interview Session Requirements’ section.

During the Information and Interview session, applicants will have a short interview with a member of staff to reveal their answers to the preset questions and discuss their suitability for the course prior to a decision being made about their application.

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Construction: Multi Trade
NPA @ SCQF Level 5
Course code: NCMT | JNCMT

Course Overview:
This qualification allows candidates to learn, develop and practice the skills required for employment and/or career progression in construction. This can be an introductory course or progression from a previous course such as the City and Guilds Level 4 Construction Skills Course (or equivalent).

The course is suitable for school leavers or adults who have a real interest in construction craft operations across a range of disciplines, each one having a balance of practical and knowledge activities required to develop the necessary skills and techniques for the industry. This course is recognised by the industry as a pre-apprentice programme and will enhance the learner’s opportunities in finding employment in the construction industry.

Entry Requirements:
If currently at college studying construction, achieve a positive learner reference from your personal tutor confirming that you have the ability to successfully complete this course.
OR
achieve 3 Intermediate 1 awards or 3 Standard Grades at 4 or above or 3 National 4 awards (or equivalent). If you are currently working towards these grades you may still apply, subject to you passing the required grades.
OR
Entry may still be possible particularly for mature students, depending on prior knowledge and construction experience, please note this down in your application details and further discussion can take place at interview stage.

Applicants must also:
► Display a passion for a career in the construction industry during application and interview.
► Demonstrate the ability to work at SCQF level 5.
► Be motivated and have a good time keeping and attendance history.
► Current students at the college will also require a Positive Progressing Learner Reference.
► Attend an information and interview session should you be offered one on the given date and time.

Prior to the Information and Interview session you will be required to research the answers to the preset question detailed in the ‘Information and Interview Session Requirements’ section.

During the Information and Interview session, applicants will have a short interview with a member of staff to reveal their answers to the preset questions and discuss their suitability for the course prior to a decision being made about their application.
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Learners should be prepared to be actively involved in looking for an employer who may take them on for work experience, whilst this is not a compulsory part of the course it would be beneficial for progressing onto the next stage; guidance will be available from staff.

**Construction: Multi Trade Returners (NQ) @ SCQF Level 5**

**Course Overview:**

This qualification allows candidates to further learn, develop and practice the skills required for employment and/or career progression in construction. This can only be entered by progression from Construction: Multi trade course (or similar).

This course is recognised by the industry as a pre-apprentice programme and will enhance the learner’s opportunities in finding employment in the construction industry.

**Entry Requirements:**

Successful achievement of Construction: Multi trade course (or similar) and a positive learner reference from your personal tutor.

You should be prepared to be actively involved in looking for an employer that may take you on for work experience. Whilst this is not a compulsory part of the course, it would be beneficial for progressing onto the next stage; guidance will be available from staff.

The college will provide you with all PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) for which you will be responsible to look after and wear. Safety footwear is always compulsory within our workshops.

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Plumbing (NQ) @ SCQF Level 5
Course code: NPLU

Course Overview:
This course provides a good introduction to working as a plumber as well as including necessary core skills that employers value such as: numeracy, communications and Information Communications Technology (ICT).

You will gain an understanding of some of the basic installation and servicing principles required in the plumbing industry and get an insight into the working environment in which a plumber might be expected to operate.

It is hoped that the course will enhance the student’s chance of getting an employer to sponsor them for progression to Domestic Plumbing and Heating at SCQF level 7, which is the first year of the apprenticeship.

Time is also spent learning about the wider role of the plumber and how he/she interacts with clients, other trades and professionals from the construction industry.

Entry Requirements:
If currently at college studying construction, achieve a positive learner reference from your personal tutor confirming that you have the ability to successfully complete this course.

OR

Achieve at least 1 National 5 at C or above in Maths, English, ICT or a science.
If you are currently working towards these grades you may still apply, subject to you passing the required grades.

OR

Entry may still be possible particularly for mature students, depending on prior knowledge and construction experience, please note this down in your application details and further discussion can take place at interview stage.

Applicants must also:
► Display a passion for a career in plumbing and heating during application and interview.
► Demonstrate the ability to work at SCQF level 5.
► Be motivated and have a good time keeping and attendance history.
► Current students at the college will also require a positive progressing learner reference.
► Attend an information and interview session should you be offered one on the given date and time.

Prior to the information and interview session you will be required to research the answers to the preset question detailed in the ‘Information and Interview Session Requirements’ section

During the information and interview session, applicants will have a short interview with a member of staff to reveal their answers to the preset questions and discuss their suitability for the course prior to a decision being made about their application.
Safety footwear, hi viz vests and head protection is always compulsory within our workshops and the college will provide you with all PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) for which you will be responsible to look after and wear.

Learners should be prepared to be actively involved in looking for an employer who may take them on for work experience, whilst this is not a compulsory part of the course it would be beneficial for progressing onto the next stage, guidance will be available from staff.

**Diploma In Painting and Decorating @ SCQF Level 5 (C&G)**

Course code: CDPD

**Course Overview:**

This is a nationally-recognised course covering proper use of tools and equipment. The course covers several practical based units such as: preparation, painting, wallpaper hanging, scaffolding and theory units about the construction industry.

The practical element of the course accounts for the majority of the time spent at college and the remainder is taken up by classroom-based tasks such as: basic construction drawing skills, health and safety, scaffolding, construction technologies and mandatory core skills.

It is hoped that the course will enhance the student’s chance of getting an employer to sponsor them for progression to Painting and Decorating SVQ Level 3, which is the first year of the apprenticeship.

The course is industry recognised as a pre-apprenticeship course and will enhance the learner's opportunities in finding employment in the decorating industry.

**Entry Requirements:**

To be 16 years of age or over by 30th September and any one of the following:

If currently at college studying construction, achieve a positive learner reference from your personal tutor confirming that you have the ability to successfully complete this course.
OR
Achieve at least 1 National 5 at C or above in Maths, English, ICT or a science. If you are currently working towards these grades you may still apply, subject to you passing the required grades.

OR
Entry may still be possible particularly for mature students, depending on prior knowledge and construction experience, please note this down in your application details and further discussion can take place at interview stage.

Applicants must also:
► Display a passion for a career in painting and decorating during application and interview.
► Demonstrate the ability to work at SCQF level 5.
► Be motivated and have a good time keeping and attendance history.
► Current students at the college will also require a positive progressing learner reference.
► Attend an information and interview session should you be offered one on the given date and time.

Prior to the Information and Interview Session you will be required to research the answers to the preset question detailed in the ‘Information and Interview Session Requirements’ section.

During the Information and Interview Session, applicants will have a short interview with a member of staff to reveal their answers to the preset questions and discuss their suitability for the course prior to a decision being made about their application.

Safety footwear, hi viz vests and head protection is always compulsory within our workshops and the college will provide you with all PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) for which you will be responsible to look after and wear.

Learners should be prepared to be actively involved in looking for an employer who may take them on for work experience, whilst this is not a compulsory part of the course it would be beneficial for progressing onto the next stage. Guidance will be available from staff.
**Diploma In Bench Joinery @ SCQF Level 5 (C&G)**

**Course code:** CDBJ

**Course Overview:**
This is a nationally-recognised course covering proper use of tools and equipment. The course covers several practical based units such as; wood working machine use, jointing techniques, door construction, stair construction and theory units about the construction industry.

The practical element of the course, making a door and making a stair, accounts for the majority of the time spent at college and the remainder is taken up by classroom-based tasks such as: basic construction drawing skills, health and safety, scaffolding, construction technologies and mandatory core skills.

It is hoped that the course will enhance the student’s chance of getting an employer to sponsor them for progression to Carpentry and Joinery SVQ Level 3, which is the first year of the apprenticeship. The course is industry recognised as a pre-apprenticeship course and will enhance the learner’s opportunities in finding employment in the construction industry.

**Entry Requirements:**
To be 16 years of age or over by 30th September and one of the following:
If currently at college studying construction, achieve a positive learner reference from your personal tutor confirming that you have the ability to successfully complete this course.

**OR**
Achieve at least 1 National 5 at C or above in Maths, English, ICT or a science.
If you are currently working towards these grades you may still apply, subject to you passing the required grades.

**OR**
Entry may still be possible particularly for mature students, depending on prior knowledge and construction experience, please note this down in your application details and further discussion can take place at interview stage.

Applicants must also:
► Display a passion for a career in carpentry and joinery during application and interview.
► Demonstrate the ability to work at SCQF level 5.
► Be motivated and have a good time keeping and attendance history.
► Current students at the college will also require a positive progressing learner reference.
► Attend an information and interview session should you be offered one on the given date and time.

Prior to the Information and Interview Session you will be required to research the answers to the preset question detailed in the ‘Information and Interview Session Requirements’ section.
During the Information and Interview Session, applicants will have a short interview with a member of staff to reveal their answers to the preset questions and discuss their suitability for the course prior to a decision being made about their application.

Safety footwear, hi viz vests and head protection is always compulsory within our workshops and the college will provide you with all PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) for which you will be responsible to look after and wear.

Learners should be prepared to be actively involved in looking for an employer who may take them on for work experience, whilst this is not a compulsory part of the course it would be beneficial for progressing onto the next stage, guidance will be available from staff.

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If you have an artistic flair, you will find a course and friendly supportive staff to help develop your talents at Dumfries and Galloway College.

We have programmes for all abilities, covering a wide range of the creative industries. We have the latest technology and a perfect environment with excellent panoramic views to inspire creativity.

This programme area encourages students to find their own unique strengths and guides them down a career path that supports their skills and talents.
Course Overview:
This is an introductory foundation course in creative industries providing a breadth of activities and approaches across a range of media. The programme framework covers three stages to allow learners to explore, create and then present their creative work.

The majority of the course will be spent building skills and expanding your experience across various aspects of creativity, in the areas of Art and Design, Photography and Visual Communication (Graphic Design with Moving Image). This course allows you to explore a variety of creative subjects and become prepared for a job market which expects individuals to have multiple skills and to think in innovative and creative ways. The course has a blended delivery approach including online and face to face study. Your digital skills will be enhanced through creative digital work and elements of online learning.

All learners will study the three areas of the creative industries curriculum offered at the college allowing their artistic and creative skills to flourish in the building of an individual, visually exciting portfolio of work for progression to further study or into employment.

Entry Requirements:
► No formal academic qualifications required
► Applicants should demonstrate ability to work at National Level 4
► Student should bring examples of creative work to interview

Current college students will require a positive progressing learner reference and core skills development.

Examples of Creative Work
You will need to submit your examples of creative work prior to your interview.

Please email: admissionemail@dumgal.ac.uk with images of your work, a website or Instagram link. If you have any technical difficulties, please let us know.

You can show us your work via your webcam during your Teams interview but please let us know in advance if this is how you plan to show your full portfolio.

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Art & Design NC@ SCQF Level 6  
Course code: CART  

Course Overview:  
The National Certificate in Art & Design programme will develop your skills, confidence and awareness in a range of 2D and 3D media, offering you a rich learning experience.

Entry Requirements:  
► A portfolio of work  
► Successful interview  
► 3 National 5 awards at C or 3 intermediate 2 awards or Foundation Studies in Creative Industries (qualifications ideally include English and Art)  
► Current college students will require a positive progressing learner reference and core skills development  
► Entry may be possible for mature students without the stated academic qualifications depending on their prior knowledge and experience

Examples of Creative Work  
You will need to submit between 5 - 8 examples of creative work prior to your interview. Please email: admissions@dumgal.ac.uk with images of your work, a website or Instagram link. You can show us work via your webcam during your Teams interview but please let us know in advance if this is how you plan to show your full portfolio.

Art & Design HNC @ SCQF Level 7  
Course code: HART  

Course Overview:  
This programme has a central focus of building a strong portfolio of creative art and design materials. You will explore a full range of creative subjects and will be encouraged to experiment to develop your knowledge and skills, as well as an impressive portfolio. A proportion of your studies will be self-directed, allowing for the development of critical thinking, planning and self-evaluation skills. You will also be taught skills such as time management and professional studio practice.

By the end of the course of study, you will have had opportunities to refine a broad range of Art and Design skills in two and/or three dimensional areas, demonstrating a thorough grounding in research, analysis and concept development using a range of media and techniques and processes which may include: observational/developmental drawing, painting, printmaking, ceramics, sculpture, public art, textiles, mixed media and contextual studies.

Entry Requirements:  
► A portfolio of work  
► Successful interview  
► Two Highers at C or above or equivalent or successful completion of the Certificate in Art and Design (qualifications ideally include English and Art)  
► Current college students will require a positive progressing learner reference and core skills development

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Entry may be possible for mature students without the stated academic qualifications depending on their prior knowledge and experience.

You may be asked to complete an art-based skills task as part of your interview.

Applicants who do not bring their portfolio will be asked to reschedule their appointment.

**Examples of Creative Work**

You will need to submit between 5 - 8 examples of creative work prior to your interview.

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You can show us work via your webcam during your Teams interview but please let us know in advance if this is how you plan to show your full portfolio.

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**Art & Design HND @ SCQF Level 8**

Course code: DART

**Course Overview:**

This course provides students with the opportunity to take part in a wide variety of art and design disciplines, allowing them to discover for themselves where their artistic future lies. It also prepares students for degree level courses. The course has a central focus of building a strong portfolio. This will consist of a full range of creative subjects in order to encourage experimentation, knowledge and skills. Learners will develop an understanding of interdisciplinary connections between the various subject areas within Art and Design and develop a critical thinking capacity and reflective evaluation processes within the visual arts field. You will also be taught skills such as time management and professional studio practice.

**Entry Requirements:**

One of the following:

- Completion of HNC Art & Design (15 credits)
- Successful presentation of a portfolio of work

**Examples of creative Work**

You will need to submit between 5 - 8 examples of creative work prior to your interview.

Please email: admissions@dumgal.ac.uk with images of your work, a website or Instagram link.
Photography NC @ SCQF Level 6
Course code: CPHO

Course Overview:
The National Certificate in Photography course includes the SQA National Certificate (NC) in Photography at SCQF level 6. Applicants should have some degree of aptitude for, and a genuine interest in, photography that can be nurtured and developed over the course of the programme.

This course is suitable for school leavers or individuals wanting to re-skill, re-train, widen or enhance their current skills. This is a blended course which integrates online and face to face delivery. The course does have a completely online pathway for those who are not able to attend college. On successful completion of this course, progression routes are available to HN study.

Entry Requirements:
► Examples of creative work
► Successful interview– Via Teams
► 3 National 5 awards at C or 3 intermediate 2 awards or Foundation Studies in Creative Industries or equivalent (qualifications ideally include English and Art/Graphics)
► Entry is possible for mature students without the stated academic qualifications depending on their prior knowledge and experience

You will need your own suitable equipment in order to complete this course of study via the blended learning pathway, to include:
► DSLR camera
► A computer with internet access and a minimum speed of 5MB
► Tripod
► Flash
► Lens
► You will additionally need a 35mm SLR Camera and access to a simple darkroom set up (your subject tutor can advise you regarding this at interview). Blended learners will use college facilities.

Examples of creative Work
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You can show us work via your webcam during your Teams interview but please let us know in advance if this is how you plan to show your full portfolio.

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Photography HNC @ SCQF Level 7
Course code: HPHO

Course Overview:
HNC in Photography is an exciting blended learning programme. This course is for motivated individuals with a passion for photography seeking an opportunity to further their knowledge and gain a qualification.

This course is designed to reflect the ever-changing professional photographic industry. Students are able to spend the majority of their time working on practical projects, with underpinning theory being addressed. Whether your inclination is towards fine art photography, commercial photography or the world of digital media photography and manipulation, we have the course for you. As a creative, you will be challenged to examine your current practice and thinking about photography and build your knowledge by means of practical assignments, tutorials, group discussions and research.

Students undertaking this course have access to an excellent range of equipment, studios, film darkroom, digital darkroom and Apple Mac facilities.

The course does have a completely online pathway for those who are not able to attend college. Please ensure you discuss this option at your interview if you know you cannot physically attend the college as there will be additional requirements/resources you will need prior to the course start date.

Entry Requirements:
► A portfolio of work
► Successful interview
► Two Highers at C (including photography) or above or equivalent or successful completion of the National Certificate in Photography (qualifications ideally include English and Art/Photography)
► Entry may be possible for mature students without the stated academic qualifications depending on their prior knowledge and experience

You may be asked to complete a skills test as part of your interview. Applicants who do not bring their portfolio will be asked to reschedule their appointment.

Online Pathway only:
You will need your own suitable equipment in order to complete this course of study via the online pathway, to include:
► DSLR camera (with video capability)
► A computer with internet access and a minimum speed of 5MB
► Tripod
► Flash
► Lens

Examples of Creative Work
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Photography HND
@ SCQF Level 8
Course code: DPHO

Course Overview:
This course is designed to reflect the ever-changing professional photographic industry.

Students are able to spend the majority of their time working on practical projects. Students undertaking this course have access to an excellent range of camera equipment, studios, film darkroom, digital darkroom and Apple Mac facilities.

This is a blended course which integrates online and face to face delivery. The course does have a completely online pathway for those who are not able to attend college. Please ensure you discuss this option at your interview if you know you cannot physically attend the college as there will be additional requirements/resources you will need prior to the course start date.

You will be challenged to review your present thinking about photography and to build on that basis by means of practical work, discussion and research. Live briefs and commercial projects are an integral part of the course.

Entry Requirements:
► Completion of HNC Photography (15 credits)
► Current college students will require a positive progressing learner reference and core skills development
► Successful interview
► Portfolio of work

Examples of creative Work
You will need to submit your examples of creative work prior to your interview.

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Visual Communication  
(Graphic Design with Moving Image)  
NQ @ SCQF Level 6  
Course code: CVIC

Course Overview:
Graphic Design with Moving Image combines the development of innovative and creative thinking with technological and digital skills. Through use of both digital and traditional media you can develop your skills to enhance your current career or career prospects. Students have previously gone on to study higher education courses and now work in a range of professions, these include: Graphic Designers, Animators, Freelance Professionals, Magazine Directors, Multidisciplinary Designers and Print Specialists. This course is suitable for school leavers or for those wanting to re-skill, re-train, widen or enhance their current skills.

This is a blended course which integrates online and face to face delivery. The course does have a completely online pathway for those who are not able to attend college. Please ensure you discuss this option at your interview if you know you cannot physically attend the college as there will be additional requirements/resources you will need prior to the course start date. On successful completion of this course progression routes are available to HN study.

Entry Requirements:
- Examples of creative work
- Successful interview—via Teams
- 3 National 5 awards at C or 3 intermediate 2 awards or Foundation Studies in Creative Industries or equivalent (qualifications ideally include English and Art/Graphics)
- Entry is possible for mature students without the stated academic qualifications depending on their prior knowledge and experience knowledge and experience.

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Visual Communication
(Graphic Design with Moving Image)
HNC @ SCQF Level 7

Course code: HVIC

Course Overview:
The HNC in Graphic Design with Moving Image combines the development of innovative and creative thinking with technological skill. Through use of both digital and traditional media you can develop your skills towards exciting careers. Students have previously continued their studies and gone on to become Graphic Designers, Animators, Freelance Professionals, Magazine Directors, Multidisciplinary Designers and Print Specialists. This is a blended course which integrates online and face to face delivery.

The course does have a completely online pathway for those who are not able to attend college. Please ensure you discuss this option at your interview if you know you cannot physically attend the college as there will be additional requirements/resources you will need prior to the course start date.

This course encourages you to further develop your creative and analytical thinking alongside higher level key skills required for progression to higher level study and working in the graphic design, moving image and illustration sectors.

Entry Requirements:
► A portfolio of work
► Successful interview
► Two Highers at C or above or equivalent or successful completion of the Level 6 in Visual Communication (qualifications ideally include English and Art/Graphics)
► Entry may be possible for mature students without the stated academic qualifications depending on their prior knowledge and experience.

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Visual Communication  
(Graphic Design with Moving Image)  
HND @ SCQF Level 8  
Course code: DVIC

Course Overview:
This course leads to HND certification in Visual Communication.

This course provides you with the opportunity to personalise your learning and develop your creative and technical skills, analytical thinking and professional practice within a specialist area of visual communication. These skills and experience will support your progression to studies at degree level and working in the graphic design, moving image or illustration sectors.

This is a blended course which integrates online and face to face delivery. The course does have a completely online pathway for those who are not able to attend college. Please ensure you discuss this option at your interview if you know you cannot physically attend the college as there will be additional requirements/resources you will need prior to the course start date.

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Entry Requirements:
► Completion of HNC Visual Communication (15 credits)
► Current college students will require a positive progressing learner reference and core skills development
► Successful interview
► Portfolio of work

Examples of Creative Work
You will need to submit your examples of creative work prior to your interview.

Please email: admissionemail@dumgal.ac.uk with images of your work, a website or Instagram link. If you have any technical difficulties, please let us know.

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The satisfaction that comes from watching a child progress and develop makes Childcare and Early Education a very rewarding career. There’s never been a better time to work in this area. It’s a fast-growing sector with offers of employment at all levels.

Childcare and Early Education is an important career, you will play an incredibly valuable role in shaping the lives of future generations. It’s a career you can be proud of. If you have passion, enthusiasm, and of course love working with children, we have a course to suit your needs that will take you on a rewarding career path.
Playwork and Childcare (NQ) @ Level 5
Course code: N5EC / JN5EC

Course Overview:
This full time course is an ideal first stage qualification if you are interested in progressing into the childcare sector.

On successful completion of this course you can progress through early education courses such as NC Early Education and Childcare. It may be possible for you to undertake work experience as part of this course allowing you to gain work based employability skills.

Entry Requirements:
The minimum entry requirements are:
► A real interest and motivation to work with children and families in an early years setting and 5 National 4 qualifications (or equivalent) 2 of which must be a B pass or above: 1 of which must be English OR
► satisfactory attainment of an SCQF Level 4 course, along with evidence of work experience within an early learning/ childcare setting OR
► Peers Early Education Partnership (PEEP) learners – 4 credits @ level 4.
► You need to include your interest, motivation and work experience in a well written statement on your application.
► You need to be able to have the capacity to attend all college based classes, all online classes and any offer of work placement that may be given 100% of the time.
► You need to be 16 years or above at the start of the course.
► Applications are encouraged from mature students who do not possess formal qualifications but have appropriate understanding and skills to meet the academic demands of the course.

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Child, Health and Social Care
NC @ Level 5
Course code: NCHS

Course Overview:
This is an exciting new course at Dumfries campus and is perfect for students who wish to consider their options prior to specialising in child, health or social care.

Working in an early education and childcare setting or working in health and social care are both specialised fields. If you wish to pursue a career in either sector then this introductory course will give you a thorough foundation in subjects relevant to each area and offer you the ideal platform from which you can progress.

Entry Requirements:
The minimum entry requirements are:

► You need to demonstrate a real interest and motivation towards undertaking this college programme AND

► 5 National 4 qualifications (or equivalent) 2 of which must be at a B or above: 1 preferably English OR Satisfactory attainment of an SCQF Level 4 course

► You need to include your interest, reasons and enthusiasm for wanting to do this programme and any relevant work experience you have had in a written statement on your application.

► **You need to be 16 years or above at the start of the course.**

► You need to have the capacity to attend all college based and online classes, with attendance where offered for work placement, 100% of the time.

► Applications are encouraged from mature students who do not possess formal qualifications but have appropriate understanding and skills to meet the academic demands of the course.

► A satisfactory Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) check may also be required to enable participation in potential work experience.
Early Education and Childcare NC @ Level 6
Course code: NEEC | JNEEC

Course Overview:
It is now widely recognised that effective early learning and childcare experiences have a key role in future life chances and achievement. Research has demonstrated that play, both structured and as an unstructured free flow child led immersive experience, can benefit childrens’ social, emotional, physical, cognitive and language development. It’s much more than just lots of fun! This course demands a significant amount of research and writing to be undertaken as you learn about the theory and practices relevant to the early learning and childcare sector.

This course is seen as a prerequisite to the HNC in Childhood Practice and provides an integrated programme of theory and practice at SCQF level 6. It gives you the opportunity to develop skills, knowledge and understanding to enable you to work effectively in certain posts within the sector.

A focus of the course is the substantial work placement element that provides essential links with local organisations and supports the development of employability skills, and enhances opportunities for career prospects.

Entry Requirements:
The minimum entry requirements are:
► A real interest and motivation to work with children and families in an early years setting and 5 National 4 qualifications (or equivalent) 2 of which must be a B pass or above: 1 of which must be English OR
► Satisfactory attainment of an SCQF Level 4 course, along with evidence of work experience within an early learning/ childcare setting OR
► Peers Early Education Partnership (PEEP) learners – 4 credits @ level 4.
► You need to include your interest, motivation and work experience in a well written statement on your application.
► You need to be able to have the capacity to attend all college based classes, all online classes and any offer of work placement that may be given 100% of the time.
► You need to be 16 years or above at the start of the course.
► Applications are encouraged from mature students who do not possess formal qualifications but have appropriate understanding and skills to meet the academic demands of the course.

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Childhood Practice  
HNC @ Level 7  
Course code: HCHP / JHCHP 

Course Overview:  
This programme is a nationally recognised qualification for people who want to work in a variety of early learning and childcare settings, supporting children and young people with varying needs. Effective early learning and childcare experiences are now known to have significant influences towards positive outcomes and future life chances for all children.

The central focus of this programme is to provide you with a deep understanding of working with children and young people and develop your ability to apply theory into your practice, including the importance of anti-discriminatory practice. The course aims to cultivate a reflective professional workforce that continuously improves quality practice and attain the practical aptitudes required by a practitioner in the sector.

On successful completion of this programme you will be eligible to register with the Scottish Social Service Council (SSSC) at practitioner level. The flexibility in the framework of this HNC makes the award suitable for full and part-time learners.

Entry Requirements:

• A real interest in the Practitioner Role, working with children and families  
• An understanding that good communication skills are essential for working and delivering good quality early learning and childcare  
• A minimum of 2 relevant Higher, including English at Grade C or above  

OR  
• 1 Higher English at level C or above and a relevant course at SCQF level 6 (such as Foundation Apprenticeship in Social Services Children and Young People)  

OR  
• NC Higher Early Education and Childcare, NC Higher Health and Social Care, SVQ Social Services: Children and Young People (or equivalent),  

OR  
• Peers Early Education Partnership (PEEP) Learners: 6 credits @ level 6 with either significant experience in the sector and/or 1 additional Higher, preferably English.  
• Relevant sector experience in a formal early learning and childcare or school setting.  
• To include a detailed and well written personal statement that is accurate, outlines your early learning and childcare work experience, explaining how you’ve taken part in planning and facilitating experiences for children and young people and demonstrates your commitment and enthusiasm for working in the sector. It should be no less than 250 words.  
• To go through an interview process, including an individual written task, requiring prior research around a relevent topic within early learning and childcare. To have the capacity to commit to a demanding course and be able to attend 100% to all college based classes, online classes and be able
to attend a work placement at the required starting and finishing times demonstrating complete professional reliability to the setting.

- To be eligible to become a member of the PVG scheme.
- Ideally be 18yrs or over
- If you are currently studying at the college, you will also require a positive progressing learner reference.

Access To HNC Childhood Practice (SWAP) (NQ) @ SCQF Level 6
Course code:SACP

Course Overview:
This exciting programme is designed for adults with no or few qualifications who want to become involved in a career in childhood practice or early years. Work in early years is changing in Scotland and there are good career opportunities in a rewarding and key area for the development of the future life chances of children and families. The programme is specifically developed for those who wish to progress to HNC and make a difference.

This programme provides the opportunity for progression to an HNC Childhood Practice course. The HNC provides good career opportunities and if you wish you can progress to degree study. (The HNC Childhood Practice is the first year of the BA Childhood Studies/BA Childhood Practice degree at UWS and other universities with an articulation agreement in place).

The course is challenging and considerable study will be required out with college time. You must be able to cope with the demands placed on you for study and work placement as you are developing a career path where others are reliant on you to be there for them.

The programme includes work placement in an early learning and childcare setting and a variety of both practical and theoretical study.
Entry Requirements:
► This programme is designed for adults who have been out of education for at least 3 years, who left school without any qualifications or have qualifications which are now out of date and are therefore unable to apply to HNC.
► There will be a requirement to become a member of the Protecting Vulnerable Groups Scheme (PVG Scheme).
► Applications may only be accepted from those residing in Scotland.
► Applicants will be required to undertake a literacy test as part of the entry interview which is scored.
► If you already hold the entry criteria for HNC or university study, you will not be eligible to apply for this programme. Those who already hold degrees, HND or HNC are also not eligible for this programme.
► Final selection for entry to this course will involve an interview with college staff delivering on the HNC programme.
► 100% attendance is required for this programme.
► Please note this course is only for those interested in pursuing a career within the Early Learning and Childcare sector.

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Just about anything with moveable parts has been worked on by mechanical engineers and there are job opportunities in many areas including transport, energy, health, defence, manufacturing and building.

Nowadays, increasing numbers of engineers of all persuasions are undertaking work that has a link to sustainable energy. It will provide a small but significant number of opportunities for a wide range of engineering graduates.

Electrical engineering technicians are involved in the generation, supply and use of electricity. This is vital to providing our homes and industries with light and energy. Technicians support the work of engineers in a wide range of areas, including research and development, design and technical drawing, maintenance and quality control / assurance.
Transport Maintenance @ SCQF Level 4 (IMI)
Course code: CCVM / JCCVM

Course Overview:
This course is an excellent stepping stone into the motor vehicle industry. This qualification is designed as a pre-apprentice course and covers most of the basic technical elements required within the motor vehicle repair industry. The course provides essential knowledge for service technicians working on light vehicles (cars and vans) in all garage types. This course is a mix of hands on practical activities and theory allowing candidates to gain technical knowledge and valuable skills required for employment in the motor vehicle industry.

Entry Requirements:
► You should be able to study at Intermediate 1 level or above, or have completed the Institute of the Motor Industry (IMI) Award for the Introduction to Vehicle Technology.
► Entry may still be possible for mature candidates depending on prior experience and knowledge.
► You will be required to attend an Information and Interview Session before the commencement of the course.

Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Principles @ SCQF Level 5 (IMI)
Course code: CDLV / JCDLV

Course Overview:
This full time diploma course has been developed to provide a progression from the IMI Certificate in Vehicle Maintenance award. The programme also offers a standardised approach to learning and assessment of the underpinning knowledge required for the Modern Apprenticeship and satisfies all the requirements of the Motor Industry Training Councils (MITC) and national standards. The diploma offers you a full time course that gives you an enhanced knowledge and understanding of light vehicle maintenance and repair, building on the prior learning from year one of the IMI Certificate course.

Entry Requirements:
► Successful completion of the IMI Certificate in Vehicle Maintenance Award or National 5’s in Maths, English and a Science subject.
► You will be required to attend an Information and Interview Session before commencement of the course.
► During this session applicants may need to provide evidence that they meet the entry criteria for the course or complete an on-line core skills profile assessment.
Electrical Engineering NC @ SCQF Level 5
Course code: NEEL

Course Overview:
This is a nationally recognised award in electrical engineering. It should be viewed as the first year of a two year course to allow you to obtain the SCQF level 6 National Certificate Programme.

If you are looking to be employed within the electrical engineering sector as well as gain skills and knowledge of the renewables industry then this is an excellent starting point as a stepping stone towards being a technician or an electrical apprentice.

Entry Requirements:
• One of the following: 4 National 4s at Grade 4, 4 Standard Grades at 4 or above or the equivalent at Intermediate 1.
• Entry may still be possible for mature students depending on prior skills and knowledge.
• You will be required to attend an Information and Interview Session with the course tutor prior to being offered a place on the course and industry accredited.
• If you are currently studying at the college, you will also require a positive progressing learner reference.

Electrical Engineering NC @ SCQF Level 6
Course code: NEEC

Course Overview:
This is a nationally recognised award in electrical engineering. This course satisfies one key element of the Modern Apprenticeship framework for engineering. It provides an excellent and thorough grounding into the disciplines that relate to electrical engineering and introduces the concept of domestic renewable systems. If you are looking to be employed within the electrical engineering sector or move towards the renewables industry then this is an excellent qualification to support you in becoming a technician or apprentice. The course also includes Performing Engineering Operations (PEO) EAL qualification, recognised by industry as the first year of a Modern Apprenticeship in engineering.

Entry Requirements:
• Four National 5, four standard grades at credit level or equivalent Intermediate 2, ideally including maths or a science or completion of the NC in Electrical Engineering at SCQF level 5.
• Entry may still be possible for mature students depending on prior skills and knowledge.
• You will be required to attend an Information and Interview Session with the course tutor prior to being offered a place on the course.

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Electrical Power Engineering - Wind Turbine @ SCQF Level 6 (C&G)
Course code: CWTT

Course Overview:
This award is designed for school leavers with acceptable qualifications, progressing students from SCQF level 5 or 6 courses, or mature learners who upon completion wish to enter the wind turbine maintenance sector. This highly successful programme will develop your skills, confidence and awareness of all the inter-related technologies both mechanical and electrical to allow you to develop a career within the Windfarm/Turbine industry. It will also aim to develop your study skills as a learner.

This is a focused program devised by employers, the Energy Skills Partnership and associated colleges.

Entry Requirements:
• Five National 5s at C or above or successful completion of the National Certificate in Electrical Engineering at SCQF Level 5 or 6 programme or 5 Standard Grades at 3 or above, which must include maths and preferably also physics or extensive relevant work experience.
• If you are currently studying at the college, you will also require a positive progressing learner reference.

Electrical Engineering HNC @ Level 7
Course code: HELE

Course Overview:
The award is designed for individuals with acceptable qualifications or mature learners who upon completion wish to enter the engineering and service industries at technician level. This highly successful programme will develop your skills, confidence and awareness of Electrical Engineering. It will also aim to develop your study skills as a learner. Successful completion of this course may allow progression to the HND in Electrical Engineering.

Entry Requirements:
• Once we have received your application you will be asked to attend an informal information and interview session. This may be virtual either through Microsoft Teams or by phone but remember to tell us all about yourself in your personal statement!
• This is a key aspect of the application process. You must confirm your attendance should you be offered an appointment.
• During the Information and Interview Session, we will ensure the entry requirements and your aspirations and career plan are appropriate for the course and the level of course you have applied for. It is therefore important that you prepare well for this.

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**Introduction to Engineering and Renewable Energy (NQ) @ SCQF Level 4**  
Course code: SERE

**Course Overview:**
This is a broad based engineering course that covers all areas of engineering. The course contains units on Electrical Engineering, Motor Vehicle, Fabrication and Welding & Mechanical Engineering as well as a project on Renewable Engineering. This will give the learner the opportunity to access a wide variety of subjects and complete practical tasks in all areas. It will enable the learner to fully embrace engineering skills that are found in modern industry and feel confident in helping with career path development.

This programme will develop your skills confidence and awareness of engineering practices and skills. It will also aim to develop your study skills as a learner. This is a broad based engineering course that will give the learner the opportunity to access a wide variety of courses. It will enable the learner to fully embrace engineering skills that are currently found in the industry.

**Entry Requirements:**
- No formal qualifications are required, however, evidence that you can work at National 3/4 level is desirable. An evident interest in developing practical skills in the field of engineering will be explored during your advice session.

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**Electrical Engineering HND @ Level 8**  
Course code: DELE

**Course Overview:**
The HND in Electrical Engineering at SCQF level 8 is a continuation of the HNC in Electrical Engineering at SCQF level 7 and will progress the extensive learning achieved in the HNC. The course will be taught by staff with industrial experience and will prepare you for a role as a Technical Engineer or allow progression to the second year of a degree programme at many universities.

**Entry Requirements:**
- To apply for this course you will need to have completed an HNC in Electrical Engineering at SCQF level 7
- If you are currently studying at the college, you will also require a positive progressing learner reference.

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Medical Engineering
HNC @ SCQF Level 7
Course code: HMEC

Course Overview:
The award is designed for suitably qualified school leavers or mature learners who have an interest in engineering and wish to gain employment in the engineering industry as a Mechanical Engineering Technician or Engineering Maintenance Technician. Successful completion of the award also provides a sound foundation for anyone who wishes to study engineering at higher level.

Entry Requirements:

► One of the following: 2 Highers (one must be a maths or physics-related higher), National Certificate Course in Engineering at SCQF level 6 or equivalent or suitable skills in a related area.

► Entry may still be possible for mature students depending on prior skills and knowledge.

► You will be required to attend an Information and Interview Session with the course tutor prior to being offered a place on the course.

Manufacturing Engineering
NC @ SCQF Level 6
Course code: NEME

Course Overview:
The award is designed for suitably qualified school leavers or mature learners who have an interest in engineering and wish to gain employment in the engineering industry as a Mechanical Engineering Technician or Engineering Maintenance Technician. Successful completion of the award also provides a sound foundation for anyone who wishes to study engineering at higher level.

Entry Requirements:

► One of the following: 4 National 5s at Grade B or above or the equivalent at standard grades, alternatively successful completion of the Engineering Fabrication & Welding - NC at SCQF level 5 or a related engineering NC at level 5.

► Entry may still be possible for mature students depending on prior skills and knowledge.

► You will be required to attend an Information and Interview Session with the course tutor prior to being offered a place on the course.
The Hairdressing, Beauty and Complementary Therapy industries are expanding at a rapid rate, creating a range of careers and a need for staff with the knowledge of current industry practices and techniques.

Our courses are aimed at preparing you for a range of careers at all levels. We are proud of our excellent professional industry standard hairdressing salons and tranquil beauty therapy rooms.

Our links with industry and local salons have provided us with many work placements for our students and in the development of the courses we offer.

We feel sure you will find the programme to suit your needs.
Hairdressing Multi Skills (NQ) @ SCQF Level 5
Course code: SMSH | JSHMS

Course Overview:
If you want to pursue a career in hairdressing, this new course can help you master the basic skills you’ll need. You’ll have the chance to take part in a wide range of activities including competitions, presentations, workshops and demonstrations. This Multi Skills hairdressing course will provide you with hands-on skills and theoretical knowledge of all aspects of hairdressing. You’ll learn a wide range of hairdressing techniques, gaining practical experience along the way.

Work experience is an essential part of the course, so you’ll need to find a work placement at a hairdressing salon one day per week.

Entry Requirements:
Minimum entry requirements:

► Two National 4 qualifications;
OR
► Other equivalent qualifications or experience.
► You must be at least 16 years of age by 23rd August 2021
► Additional selection requirements

Hairdressing Multi Skills (NQ) @ SCQF Level 6
Course code: JSHRM

Course Overview:
This new progressive course will build on your existing basic hairdressing skills and help you develop more creative techniques suited to the current industry. All technical units on this course not only allow you to hone your existing skills but you will also develop creativity and advanced techniques.

Throughout this course, you have the chance to take part in a variety of activities, including hairdressing seminars, workshops and demonstrations from industry experts. This Multi Skills Hairdressing course will provide you with hands-on skills and theoretical knowledge of all aspects of hairdressing. You’ll learn a wide range of hairdressing techniques, gaining practical experience along the way.

Work experience is an essential part of the course. You will need to find a work placement at a hairdressing salon one day per week.

Entry Requirements:
Minimum entry requirements

► Two National 4 qualifications;
OR
► Other equivalent qualifications or experience.
**Hairdressing HNC @ SCQF Level 7**
Course code: HHAI

**Course Overview:**
The HNC Hairdressing course is intended for hairdressers currently working in the profession who are seeking an advanced certificate in hairdressing. This course will provide you with the highest qualification currently in hairdressing. The course is designed for experienced stylists or newly qualified stylists who want to further their studies. All technical units build and develop your existing skills and knowledge as a stylist, giving you the opportunity to design and create looks based on current fashion. A unit in specialised hair and scalp allows you to develop a deeper understanding of hair loss and implications of conditions and how to treat. This is a valuable tool for the current market of clientele suffering hair loss. You’ll also learn to advance in your communication skills via writing and presenting. Your course will be interactive using a variety of methods to ensure your learning and progression needs are met.

On successful completion of this course, you’ll be awarded an HNC Hairdressing.

**Entry Requirements:**
- National Qualification at SCQF level 6 or SVQ level 3 in Hairdressing; OR
- A minimum of 3 years’ experience within the hairdressing profession OR
- Other equivalent qualifications or experience.

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**Hairdressing NC @ SCQF Level 6**
Course code: SHHR

**Course Overview:**
This course will build on your existing basic hairdressing skills and help you develop more creative techniques suited to the current industry. All technical units on this course not only allow you to hone your existing skills additionally, but you will also develop creativity and advanced techniques. Lecturers teaching on your course are equipped with vast experience and expertise in hairdressing and learning and teaching methods. Lecturers continually upskill in professional development. Your course will be interactive using a variety of methods to ensure your learning and progression needs are met. Units are lecturer led, however, we fully encourage you to take ownership of your own learning. The department has strong links with industry, work experience is an essential part of the course, and as such, you will be required to secure a work placement in a hairdressing salon one day a week for the full duration of your course.

On successful completion of this course, you will be awarded a Level 6 National Certificate Group Award in Hairdressing.

**Entry Requirements:**
- NQ/NC qualification at SCQF level 5 or SVQ level 2 in Ladies Hairdressing OR
- Other equivalent qualifications or experience.

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Apply now – Dumfries
Beauty Therapy Multi Skills (NQ) @ SCQF Level 4
Course code: JSBTM

Course Overview:
This new course gives you a great introduction to beauty therapy, you’ll also be encouraged to gain valuable work experience through helping with community and college events.

When we look good, we feel good and as we know, our personal well-being is vital to good health. Beauty Therapy professionals play an important role in this by helping us to look and feel our best. They also get to be part of a diverse and ever evolving industry, which is both rewarding and challenging to work in.

Entry Requirements:
Minimum entry requirements:

► 2 National 5 qualifications at Grade C or above preferably English and a Science subject;

OR

► NQ/NC qualification at SCQF level 5 in Beauty Care;

OR

► Other equivalent qualifications or experience.

Beauty Therapy Multi Skills (NQ) @ SCQF Level 5
Course code: JSBMS

Course Overview:
This new course offers a great foundation for building on your Beauty studies, and also develops existing skills if you’re progressing from Level 5. Most units are both practical and theory based. The beauty industry offers exciting career opportunities, and this course will provide you with the practical skills and detailed theoretical knowledge required for a wide variety of roles, and/or possible entry to higher level courses.

You’ll will have a chance to work on live clients in a commercial salon. To be successful in this profession you must be caring, creative, committed and hardworking. You’ll also need to be self-motivated, a good team player and enjoy working with people.

Entry Requirements:
Minimum entry requirements:

► 3 National 5 qualifications at Grade C or above preferably English and a Science subject;

OR

► NQ/NC qualification at SCQF level 5 in Beauty Care;

OR

► Other equivalent qualifications or experience.
Beauty Therapy HNC
@ SCQF Level 7
Course code: HBEA

Course Overview:

This course offers a high-level beauty qualification which will provide you with knowledge of current beauty treatments and techniques. You will gain experience in using a wide range of products and will gain the advanced skills to develop knowledge, skills and sound understanding along with practical expertise in all aspects of the beauty therapy industry, thereby enabling candidates to work confidently and competently within this industry to secure employment in a variety of settings within the beauty industry such as salons, spas and cruise liners.

This year focuses on more advanced treatments, techniques and product ranges as well as business planning, retailing, and gaining employment. Do you have a keen interest in therapy treatments, combined with health and wellbeing, and enjoy working with people? If so, this could be the course for you.

This advanced level course develops skills involved in complementary therapies, including a variety of massage techniques and health and wellbeing. It will encourage you to examine alternative methods of enhancing general health and allow you to gain experience and confidence in working with clients. You will be able to participate in volunteering opportunities throughout the year, offering treatments in a variety of settings.

On successful completion of the course, you will be a qualified practitioner, eligible for professional membership and insurance as a Complementary Therapist.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Materials
A beauty kit and uniform must be purchased for this course, details are given at interview.

Dress code
You will wear a college uniform and purchase a beauty kit as directed by the department. Details regarding this are given at interview.

Entry Requirements:
Minimum entry requirements:
► NC Beauty Therapy;
OR
► NC at SCQF level 6 in Beauty Care;
OR
► Other equivalent qualifications or experience.
Complementary Therapies
HNC @ SCQF Level 7
Course code: HCTH

Course Overview:
The Higher National Certificate (HNC) in Complementary Therapies provides learners with an industry recognised qualification and the knowledge and skills necessary to work within the Complementary Therapies industry. This course explores how the body works in health and how to maintain wellbeing. As well as developing your practical skills. The practice of the complementary and holistic therapeutic approach has become extremely popular in the UK for supporting health and wellbeing. This can simply be an indulgent treatment experience at a spa or salon. However, it can also be used in the support and management of an individual coping with health issues, and in line with conventional medicine to bring an individual’s health back into balance.

Entry Requirements:
Minimum entry requirements:
► Higher; minimum of two in academic subjects, preferably subject relevance, e.g English, Biology, Chemistry
► NQ Unit/s at SCQF level 6 in appropriate subject area, e.g Wellness Therapies
► SVQ/NVQ at level 3 in appropriate subjects.
► HNC/HND Beauty Therapy

Beauty Therapy Multi Skills (NQ) @ SCQF Level 5
Course code: JSBMS

Course Overview:
This new course offers a great foundation for building on your Beauty studies, and develops existing skills. Most units are both practical and theory based. The beauty industry offers exciting career opportunities, and this course will provide you with the practical skills and detailed theoretical knowledge required for a wide variety of roles, and/or possible entry to higher level courses.

You’ll will have a chance to work on live clients in a commercial salon. To be successful in this profession you must be caring, creative, committed and hardworking. You’ll also need to be self-motivated, a good team player and enjoy working with people.

Entry Requirements:
Minimum entry requirements:
► 3 National 5 qualifications at Grade C or above preferably English and a Science subject;

OR
► NQ/NC qualification at SCQF level 5 in Beauty Care;

OR
► Other equivalent qualifications or experience.

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Beauty and Make-Up Artistry (NQ) @ SCQF Level 5
Course code: SBMA

Course Overview:
This is an exciting new full-time course designed for those wishing to work within the Beauty or Make-up industry. Offering a wide range of cosmetic application techniques this course prepares the candidate for work in the world of make-up with added design flair for those wishing to enter the world of make-up artistry or beauty.

This course provides the qualifications you need to gain a junior role within the make-up industry, develop creative skills in the application of make-up and learn the basic skills in beauty therapy or to progress to advanced level of study.

Entry Requirements:
► You must be 16 years or over before the course start date
► Three Intermediate 1s at Grade C and above (including English)
► Three National 4s (including English)
► If you don’t have formal qualifications but have relevant life and/or work experience, your application will still be considered.

Beauty Care and Make-Up Artistry (NQ) @ SCQF Level 5
Course code: N2MA

Course Overview:
An excellent introduction to beauty and make-up; this course provides the qualifications you need to gain a junior role within the Beauty Industry, or entry to higher level courses. You will study basic beauty treatments for face, body and nails, make-up application techniques for the beauty salon and related subjects to National Certificate level. You will be taught by a motivated team with an excellent range of industrial experience who deliver student focused learning. On successful completion of this course, you will be awarded a Level 5 National Certificate Group Award in Beauty Care.

Additional Information
Materials
A kit and uniform is required for this course & will be provided by the college.

Students may be given the option to purchase an additional college approved kit for some specialist units.

Dress code
For practical class, the college approved uniform must be worn, with suitable footwear (details will be supplied).

Entry Requirements:
► Three National 4 qualifications including English OR
► NPA Cosmetology OR
► Other equivalent qualifications or experience.
**Beauty Care NC @ SCQF Level 6**

Course code: NBEC

**Course Overview:**

This course offers a high-level beauty qualification which will provide you with knowledge of current beauty treatments and techniques.

You will gain experience in using a wide range of products and will gain the advanced skills to develop knowledge, skills and sound understanding along with practical expertise in all aspects of the beauty therapy industry. Thereby enabling candidates to work confidently and competently within this industry to secure employment in a variety of settings within the beauty industry such as salons, spas and cruise liners.

This year focuses on more advanced treatments, techniques and product ranges as well as business planning, retailing, and gaining employment. Do you have a keen interest in therapy treatments, combined with health and wellbeing, and enjoy working with people? If so, this could be the course for you.

This advanced level course develops skills involved in complementary therapies, including a variety of massage techniques and health and wellbeing. It will encourage you to examine alternative methods of enhancing general health and allow you to gain experience and confidence in working with clients. You will be able to participate in volunteering opportunities throughout the year, offering treatments in a variety of settings.

On successful completion of the course, you will be a qualified practitioner, eligible for professional membership and insurance as a Complementary Therapist.

**Entry Requirements:**

- NC Beauty Therapy;
- OR
- NC at SCQF level 6 in Beauty Care;
- OR
- Other equivalent qualifications or experience.

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Dumfries and Galloway College is helping to train the carers of the future by offering a wide range of courses in Health and Social Studies. There are courses available to suit all learning levels for a career in this field, from Access through to HNC level.

Our programme area provides in-depth knowledge and skills delivered by committed and supportive staff and we are especially proud of our links with local employers and the work placement opportunities they offer our students. Our courses have a strong vocational emphasis and provide the opportunity to study areas such as health and social care services provision, human growth and development, creative and therapeutic activities, nutrition, human anatomy and physiology.

Many former students have established careers in a variety of disciplines including residential care, nursing and social work.
Child, Health and Social Care NC @ SCQF Level 5
Course code: NCHS

Course Overview:
This is an exciting new course at Dumfries campus and is perfect for students who wish to consider their options prior to specialising in child, health or social care.

Working in an early education and childcare setting or working in health and social care are both specialised fields. If you wish to pursue a career in either sector then this introductory course will give you a thorough foundation in subjects relevant to each area and offer you the ideal platform from which you can progress. This course has been designed to provide an overview of each industry; early education and childcare and social care. The course covers a wide subject range and is relevant to current industry requirements.

Entry Requirements:
The minimum entry requirements are:
► You need to demonstrate a real interest and motivation towards undertaking this college programme AND
► 5 National 4 qualifications (or equivalent) 2 of which must be at a B or above: I preferably English OR Satisfactory attainment of an SCQF Level 4 course,
► You will also be required to take part in an interview ready to talk about a question you have prepared to discuss.
► You need to include your interest, reasons and enthusiasm for wanting to do this programme and any relevant work experience you have had in a written statement on your application. You need to be 16 years or above at the start of the course.
► You need to have the capacity to attend all college based and online classes, with attendance where offered for work placement, 100% of the time.
► Applications are encouraged from mature students who do not possess formal qualifications but have appropriate understanding and skills to meet the academic demands of the course.
► A satisfactory Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) check may also be required to enable participation in potential work experience.
► For progressing students successful completion of the previous course and a positive progressing learner reference.

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Health and Social Care Theory (NQ) @ SCQF Level 6
Course code: SSCT

Course Overview:
This is an exciting programme potentially leading to further study at HNC level. The course will be classroom based and online. Attention to detail, a thirst for learning, and a desire to work with older adults to enable independence will be essential for those who apply for this programme. You will gain insight into why it is important to meet needs, theories around behaviour and society.

Considerable time will be spent learning through our website, and additional time will be needed to study outwith the college hours.

Students who have a supportive network around them tend to achieve more success on these courses where the ability to devote the time needed to study is a must.

You will be doing a lot of independent research online as well as written work.

Entry Requirements:
Minimum entry requirements

► You must have 4 relevant National 5 level qualifications at B or above. Preference will be given to those whose qualifications include English and Maths.

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Health and Social Care Practice (NQ) @ SCQF Level 6
Course code: SVCA | SVCA

Course Overview:
The programme is designed to lead directly from college to employment and aims to prepare you for a career in health and social Care. It will provide the opportunity to integrate theory with practice involving a significant placement with a service user group. Applicants who successfully complete this programme will gain an SVQ 2 in Health & Social Care as well as a National Progression Award in Re-ablement Management. The programme includes a work placement in a care setting. A very current qualification in National Progression Award in Re-ablement makes this a very desirable exit level for learners seeking employment.

You must be able to cope with the demands of this level of study, much of which is independent and practical placement whilst also supporting people who may be at a vulnerable time in their lives. Attendance is expected at 100% at both college/online and placement.

Entry Requirements:

► You must be over 18 years old at the start of the programme to allow you to attend practical placement

► There will be a requirement to become a member of the Protecting Vulnerable Groups Scheme (PVG Scheme)

► You must be able to commit to 100% attendance at college and placement for the academic year
You must be physically and mentally capable of supporting individuals in a care setting.

Progressing Students: Successful completion of the National 5 Care Programme with one B grade or above, and a positive tutor reference. You must have had excellent attendance and engagement throughout your previous programme and no more than 2 reassessments.

Other applicants: Two National 5 passes at B or above or equivalent qualifications.

Applications from adult returners who have indicated an interest and aptitude for health and social care will also be considered for access to this programme.

For those who already possess any SVQ2 units in the care sector it may be possible to complete SVQ Level 3.

Applicants should be actively seeking work in the care sector as this can be used for placement.

All applicants should ensure they have completed the application form accurately with a supporting statement of no less than 250 words.

Some units on the programme are entirely online and the pace set by your lecturer.

Understanding Youth Work and Community (NQ) @ SCQF Level 6

Course code: SYWC

Course Overview:

This is an exciting programme potentially leading to further study at HNC level. The course will be classroom based and online. Attention to detail, a thirst for learning, and a desire to work with adults, young people and community groups will be essential for those who apply for this programme. You will gain understanding of working in youth work, and communities and the ethics of working with community groups. You will also gain an insight into society and theories around individual and group behaviour.

Considerable time will be spent learning through our website, and additional time will be needed to study outwith the college hours. You will be expected to volunteer, be working in or gain a placement to allow successful completion of the programme.

Students who have a supportive network around them tend to achieve more success on these courses where the ability to devote the time needed to study is a must.

You will be doing a lot of independent research online as well as written work.

Entry Requirements:

- You must have 4 relevant National 5 level qualifications at B or above including English and Maths.
- It is ideal if you are currently working or volunteering with community groups.
Your personal statement in your application must be no less than 250 words

You must be over 18 years old at the start of the programme

You must be eligible to join the Protecting Vulnerable Groups scheme (PVG) with no criminal record. OR

Other equivalent qualifications or experience.

Access to Humanities (SWAP) (NQ) @ SCQF Level 6

Course code: SHUM

Course Overview:

**New entry criteria this year only 21/22 – You no longer have to have been out of education for a substantial period of time, nor do you have to be over 21 – come and join us if you want to meet may university course entry criteria within a year!**

This programme is a Scottish Wider Access Programme (SWAP) which provides a route to university for adults who are returning to education after a substantial period of time. It may lead to progression to a number of degrees at UWS and other universities with a SWAP agreement. The course is challenging and contains a combination of units that will require considerable study outwith College time.

Students with a good support network tend to be more successful. Learners must be able to cope with the demands of study at SCQF6 and demonstrate the potential to go on to study a degree. You must have the resilience for the physical and mental demands of study as well as the time and motivation to succeed. Attendance is required at 100% whether the class is in the campus or online.

The numeracy and literacy tests at interview are there because there are 3 maths units and SCQF 6 English units on the programme and you must demonstrate that you have the potential to study successfully at this level.
Entry Requirements:

- This programme is designed for those who left school without any qualifications, or have qualifications which are now out of date and are therefore unable to apply to University.
- Applications may only be accepted from those residing in Scotland.
- Your personal statement in your application must be no less than 250 words.
- Applicants will be required to undertake a numeracy and literacy test as part of the entry interview which is scored.
- If you have started at university then dropped out before finishing you will also not be eligible to apply.
- 100% attendance is required for this programme.

Nursing (SWAP) (NQ)  
@ SCQF Level 6
Course code: SNUR | JSNUR

Course Overview:
This programme provides a route to university for adults who are returning to education after a substantial period of time. The course is a Scottish Wider Access Programme (SWAP) and contains a combination of units that meet the entry criteria for entry to the first year of nurse training at university. The course is challenging and considerable study will be required outwith college time. Students with a good support network tend to be more successful. Learners must be able to cope with the demands of study at SCQF6 and demonstrate the potential to go on to study a degree. You must have the resilience for the physical and mental demands of study as you are progressing to a career path where your focus must be on the needs of others. Attendance is required at 100% whether the class is in the campus or online.

Entry Requirements:

- This programme is designed for adults over the age of 21, who left school without any qualifications or have qualifications, which are now out of date and are therefore unable to apply to university.
- There will be a requirement to become a member of the Protecting Vulnerable Groups Scheme (PVG Scheme).
- Applications may only be accepted from those residing in Scotland.
- You must be eligible to join the PVG scheme with no criminal record, which would mean you could not join
Applicants will be required to undertake a numeracy and literacy test as part of the entry interview which is scored.

If you are currently studying in the college, have undertaken a programme of study within the past 3 years (5 years if you have studied at SCQF level 6), or if you already hold the entry criteria for university you will not be eligible to apply for this programme. Those who already hold degrees, HND or HNC are also not eligible for this programme.

Final selection for entry to the University of West Scotland (UWS) course will involve an interview with UWS early in the year (please note that this date is subject to change).

Your personal statement in your application must be no less than 250 words.

100% attendance is required for this programme.

Please note this course is only for those interested in nursing as a career.

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**Working with Communities HNC @ SCQF Level 7**

Course code: HWCO

**Course Overview:**

This HNC is an exciting opportunity for those want a career in community learning and development and in a wide range of community settings including youth work, adult education or community work.

It is a qualification that offers a range of skills and experiences which will equip learners to work effectively and reflectively in the wide-ranging field of community learning and development. Those with experience will become equipped with the required underpinning knowledge in regard to community work, theory and practice. You will learn the importance of ethics in relation to practice. This HNC has been developed as a practitioners course but may offer a route to study at university.

In addition, you will study a wide range of relevant subjects including group work, sociology, principles of community learning and development, approaches to learning, youth work and managing resources, ensuring you will be well prepared for degree-level study or employment.

This is a particularly challenging course at SCQF 7, you must consider that it is the right time in your life to study. Students who have support from a circle of family and or friends do tend to study more successfully. If you currently work in a different field, will you be able to continue this with the amount of time required.
for study and placement? Have you good all round health to attend 100%, and have you the resilience to cope with the potential stresses of meeting standards and deadlines, do you have the motivation and determination to complete this course successfully?

**Entry Requirements:**

- A minimum of two relevant Highers at B or above, including English and ideally National 5 Maths
- A Foundation Apprenticeship in Social Services & Healthcare will count as one Higher, you must meet the other entry requirements above.
- SVQ 3 will also meet entry requirements.
- You must become a PVG (Protecting Vulnerable Groups) member.
- Consideration will be given to those with considerable experience of working in a community learning and development setting who do not meet the academic entry requirements.
- Make sure your application is accurate and detailed as it helps us to decide if you are to be invited for interview.
- Your personal statement in your application must be no less than 250 words. You may want to research how to write a personal statement here: https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/how-write-ucas-undergraduate-personal-statement
- If you are on a current SCQF level 6 programme such as Introduction to Youth Work and Communities, Health and Social Care Theory or Health and Social Care Practice then there are progression requirements set by the department which you must meet and include but are not limited to: Successful completion of current course, engagement and attendance, positive tutor reference, number of resits. These applications will be considered carefully on merit.
Social Services HNC @ SCQF Level 7

Course code: HSSS

Course Overview:
The award is specifically for learners who are currently working within the field of health and social care but who have not yet been able to register with the Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) as practitioners. It will allow learners to integrate the theory with current practice to provide an informed approach to health and social care.

The main aim of the HNC is to provide an integrated course of values, skills and knowledge, to equip you and other learners to work effectively in a range of care settings. It also aims to provide an award flexible enough to meet the needs of employers. Included in the award are three SVQ units which can assist learners in gaining the joint award of SVQ level 3 in the future. Learners who may already have gained the SVQ3 Health and Social Care award are only required to complete the theoretical units to achieve the HNC award and will, therefore, be based as part-time. You must be able to cope with the demands of this level of study, and practical placement whilst also supporting people who may be at a vulnerable time in their lives. Attendance is expected at 100% at both college and placement. Students who have the support of friends and/or family in their studies are usually more successful.

Entry Requirements:
► You must be over 18 years old at the start of the programme to allow you to attend practical placement
► You should be currently working in the field of Health and Social Care
► Your personal statement in your online application must be no less than 250 words, you may want to research how to write a good personal statement here: https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/how-write-ucas-undergraduate-personal-statement
► Make sure your application is accurate and detailed as it helps us to decide if we will invite you for interview
► There will be a requirement to become a member of the Protecting Vulnerable Groups Scheme (PVG Scheme)
► You must be able to commit to 100% attendance at college and placement for the academic year
► You must be physically and mentally capable of supporting individuals in a care setting

You Should have one of the following:
► Two Highers at B or above and considerable relevant experience in a paid or voluntary capacity in a care setting, and National 5 Maths if you plan to progress to University.
► One Higher at B or above and an NPA in Reablement
► One Higher at B or above and a Foundation Apprenticeship in Social Services and Health
► Those with SVQ level 3 qualifications in Health & Social Care will not be eligible for full-time funding
► Progressing learners from this area must meet the entry criteria and have a positive learner reference and in
addition, must have had excellent attendance and engagement throughout their previous programme and no more than 2 reassessments or remediation.

► All applicants should ensure they have completed the application form accurately with a supporting statement of no less than 250 words (see interview session requirements).

Healthcare Practice
HNC @ SCQF Level 7
Course code: HHCP

Course Overview:
HNC Healthcare Practice is for those who want a career in the NHS and care services, particularly nursing. It will help you develop knowledge and skills as a Health Care Support Worker in acute, clinical and community settings.

If you want to go further and study Adult Nursing, Mental Health Nursing, or Learning Disability Nursing, this qualification may enable you to apply to university. Preference will be given to those already working in the NHS as a Health Care Support Worker, who want to further their career through study and practice.

It is a challenging course and will require considerable independent study. You must be able to cope with the demands of this level of study, and practical placement whilst also supporting people who may be at a vulnerable time in their lives. Attendance is expected at 100% at both college and placement.

Entry Requirements:
► A minimum of two relevant Highers at C or above, including English and ideally National 5 Maths

► A Foundation Apprenticeship in Social Services & Healthcare will count as one Higher, you must meet the other entry requirements above.

► A relevant course at SCQF Level 6 or equivalent such as Health and Social Care Theory @ SCQF Level 6 with a good Tutor reference
► SVQ 3 will also meet entry requirements.
► You must become a PVG (Protecting Vulnerable Groups) member
► Consideration will be given to those with considerable experience of working in a social health care setting who do not meet the academic entry requirements.
► Make sure your application is accurate and detailed as it helps us to decide if you are to be invited for interview.
► You must be 18 years old at the start of the course.
► Applicants whose first language is not English should have ESOL Higher or equivalent
► Your personal statement in your application must be no less than 250 words. You may want to research how to write a personal statement here: https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/how-write-ucas-undergraduate-personal-statement
► Read the additional entry requirements carefully before making an application.

![IMPORTANT COURSE UPDATE](image)

Applications for this course are now on a waiting list.
Don’t want to wait to start studying?
Would you like to check our SWAP Access to Humanities course which also meets the entry criteria for a range of university courses including nursing and social work?

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The hospitality sector includes all businesses that provide food, beverages, and/or accommodation services as well as some more specialist services – these include:

Contract food service providers, events hospitality, services, hotels, clubs, pubs, bars and nightclubs, restaurants, ships, trains, aircraft and plenty more. There are jobs at all levels. This industry will not appeal to anyone looking for a job Monday to Friday–nine to five as very few people who work in this industry have regular hours, and many work shifts. You need to be ready for change, excitement and a busy lifestyle.

Merchant ships often carry Catering Officers - especially ferries, cruise liners and large cargo ships. In fact, the term “catering” was in use in the world of the merchant marine long before it became established as a land-bound business. The industry is often affected by events out with its own control.
Pathway to Hospitality & Tourism (NQ)
@ SCQF Level 4
Course code: SPHT | JSPHT

Course Overview:
This course will introduce the skills and knowledge you will need for a career in the hospitality and tourism Industry. The course also provides you with lots of transferrable skills that will help you progress your career in any industry. Together we will develop your skills in customer service, hospitality, professional cookery, events, tourism and activity tourism. We will also improve your employability and money management skills.

This new course has been designed to develop the future workforce for our regions exciting hospitality and tourism industry.

Entry Requirements:
► No formal academic qualifications are required
► A willingness to try new things and work with others
► If you are currently studying at Dumfries & Galloway College, you will also require a positive progressing learner reference.

Hospitality NC
@ SCQF Level 5
Course code: NHOS

Course Overview:
This course will provide you with a broad education for a career in hospitality, equipping you with both knowledge of the industry itself and practical skills for working in it.

Entry Requirements:
• Four National 4 awards or equivalent, OR
• Successful completion of a SCQF Level 4 programme in Hospitality or related subject
• Other qualifications and/or experience

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Hospitality HNC @ SCQF Level 7
Course code: HHOS

Course Overview:
This course provides you with a valuable qualification for employment in an exciting, vibrant and ever-changing industry. Hospitality is a growth sector of industry both locally and internationally. There are many varied opportunities for students after completing their HNC in hotels, restaurants, bars, clubs, contract catering and events. You may want to continue with your studies and the HNC allows you to progress to HND Hospitality Management.

Entry Requirements:
► Two Highers at Grade C or above;
OR
► National Qualification at SCQF level 6 in Hospitality;
OR
► Other equivalent qualifications or experience

Professional Cookery NC @ SCQF Level 5
Course code: SPCO | JSPCO

Course Overview:
Professional cookery has never been as popular as it is today. This course is an excellent opportunity for you to study and prepare for a career as a chef with excellent career opportunities and progression routes open to those who successfully achieve the qualification. The SCQF level 5 Professional Cookery course gives you an opportunity to prepare, cook and serve a range of both sweet and savoury dishes in our industry standard training kitchen.

Entry Requirements:
► National Progression Award (NPA) at SCQF level 4 in Professional Cookery;
OR
► Three National 4 qualifications including English and Mathematics or Numeracy;
OR
► Other equivalent qualifications or experience
**Professional Cookery NC @ SCQF Level 6**

Course code: SPCK | JSPCK

**Course Overview:**

The SCQF level 6 Professional Cookery Course gives you the opportunity to build upon the basic skills that were acquired on successful completion of the NC SCQF level 5 Professional Cookery course. The course will enhance skills in the preparation, production and finishing of a wide range of sweet and savoury dishes in both our purpose-built, state of the art training kitchen and in our training restaurant, Zest. An excellent choice for students aiming to gain employment in the catering industry or to progress onto further study at the college. Delivered by highly qualified chef lecturers who all have extensive experience in the catering industry. The main focus of the course is in the development of skills and knowledge, which are required in order to work in a professional kitchen environment. Your understanding of food, menus and hygienic working practices increase.

**Entry Requirements:**

► Professional Cookery qualification at SCQF level 5; OR
► Any SCQF level 5 qualification in Professional Cookery, eg NVQ or SVQ level 2;  
► Other equivalent qualifications/ experience.

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**Professional Cookery HNC @ SCQF Level 7**

Course code: HHOC

**Course Overview:**

If you are an aspiring chef and would like to develop your skills and knowledge in professional cookery and kitchen management, the HNC Professional Cookery is a great place to start.

You will experience advanced, modern cookery techniques and look at food product development. The training environment is learner-centred and focuses on current industry standards.

**Entry Requirements:**

► Two Highers at Grade C or above; OR
► National Qualification at SCQF level 6 in Professional Cookery; OR
► Other equivalent qualifications or industry experience.

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Behind every successful player is a team of sport professionals. The world of sport and physical recreation through coaching, physical education, leisure management, sports science, physiotherapy, and many other areas provides a rich variety of interesting and rewarding career opportunities. These opportunities are expanding all the time and this is likely to continue well into the future.

In relation to exercise, many hospitals and primary care trusts are starting to appoint specialists with exercise backgrounds in rehabilitation and health promotion, this highlights the job opportunities and the increasingly important role played by physical exercise in maintaining the nation’s health.
Pathway to Sport, Fitness and Health (NQ) @ SCQF Level 4
Course code: SSFH

Course Overview:
This course is designed to introduce you to the Sport and Fitness industry at an introductory level which will prepare you for progression onto a Sport & Fitness SCQF Level 5 course or into employment into the exciting Sport & Fitness Industry. You will gain practical skills and experience in a variety of sports and fitness contexts.

Entry Requirements:
► No formal academic qualifications are required however, an interest in Sport and Fitness is essential.

Sport and Fitness (NQ) @ SCQF Level 5
Course code: NSFI

Course Overview:
This course will develop your knowledge and skills for working in the sport & fitness industry. The learning you do on this course links directly to the skills employers are looking for. You will gain experience and confidence from a range of practical and theory activities that will make you more employable.

Entry Requirements:
► Four National 4 awards or equivalent, OR
► Successful completion of a SCQF Level 4 programme in Sport & Fitness. OR
► Other qualifications and/or experience
**Sport and Fitness (NQ) @ SCQF Level 6**
Course code: NSFH

**Course Overview:**
This course will give you a range of practical and theory-based skills in sports and fitness. You will develop your ability to plan and deliver sport and fitness activities. Through participation in a wide range of classes you will improve your leadership skills, gain valuable experience and make yourself more employable.

**Entry Requirements:**
- Three National 5 Awards or equivalent
- Successful completion of a SCQF Level 5 Sport & Fitness Programme
- Other qualifications and/or experience

**Fitness, Health and Exercise HNC @ SCQF Level 7**
Course code: HSPO

**Course Overview:**
This course will introduce you to the skills and knowledge you will need for a career in the fitness, health & exercise industry. On successful completion of your course you can register for the Register of Exercise Professionals (REPS) Level 2 Personal Trainer accreditation.

A PVG (Protecting Vulnerable Groups) check must be successfully completed as part of this course. The learner will be required to pay for this. Learners will also be required to purchase a sports kit. Further information will be provided at your ‘Information and Interview Session’.

**Entry Requirements:**
- Two Highers at grade C;
- SCQF level 6 qualification in a sports related subject;
- Other equivalent qualifications or experience.
- If you are currently studying at Dumfries & Galloway College, you will also require a positive progressing learner reference.
- All applicants will be invited for an Information and Interview Session.
Fitness, Health and Exercise
HND @ SCQF Level 8
Course code: DSPO

Course Overview:
This course will further develop the skills and knowledge you will need for a career in the fitness, health & exercise industry. On successful completion of your course you can register for the Register of Exercise Professionals (REPS) Level 3 Personal Trainer accreditation.

A PVG (Protecting Vulnerable Groups) check must be successfully completed as part of this course. The learner will be required to pay for this. Learners will also be required to purchase a sports kit. Further information will be provided at your ‘Information and Interview Session’.

Entry Requirements:
• A HNC in Fitness, Health and Exercise qualification along with a positive reference.

Coaching and Developing Sport HNC @ SCQF Level 7
Course code: HSCD

Course Overview:
This course will introduce the skills and knowledge you will need for a career in sports coaching and/or sports development. Together we will examine the principles of good coaching practice, as well as developing your practical and theoretical knowledge of coaching and sports development.

A PVG (Protecting Vulnerable Groups) check must be successfully completed as part of this course. The learner will be required to pay for this. Learners will also be required to purchase a sports kit. Further information will be provided at your ‘Information and Interview Session’.

Entry Requirements:
► Two Highers at grade C;
OR
► SCQF level 6 qualification in a sports related subject;
OR
► Other equivalent qualifications or experience.
► If you are currently studying at Dumfries & Galloway College, you will also require a positive progressing learner reference.
► All applicants will be invited for an Information and Interview Session.
Coaching and Developing Sport HND @ SCQF Level 8
Course code: DSCD

Course Overview:
This course will further develop the skills and knowledge you will need for a career in sports coaching and/or sports development. Together we will examine the principles of good coaching practice, as well as developing your practical and theoretical knowledge of coaching and sports development.

A PVG (Protecting Vulnerable Groups) check must be completed as part of this course. The learner will be required to pay for this. Further information will be provided at your ‘Information and Interview Session’.

Entry Requirements:
• A HNC Coaching and Developing Sport qualification along with a positive reference.

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Dumfries and Galloway College helps to develop individuals who have additional support needs – this is another rewarding area for the college and our committed and friendly staff help students to cope with and overcome problems that arise because of sensory impairments, limited physical mobility, or behavioural, emotional or learning difficulties.

Through the courses on offer in this area the teaching and support staff encourage students to develop self-confidence and independence, and to reach their potential. We adapt conventional teaching methods to meet individual needs. Students can progress to other learning levels in the faculty area and also other parts of the curriculum. Some students can also progress to supported / open employment.
**Personal Development Skills (NQ) @ SCQF Level 1**

Course code: NLST

**Course Overview:**
This one-year course is ideal if you are an adult returning to education or if you are leaving school and transitioning to further education.

You can explore during the year whether college is a suitable place to continue your learning. The course centers on developing your independence and life skills through a range of practical and leisure classes at SCQF level 1. The course will enable you to develop the knowledge, understanding, confidence and essential skills to maximise your potential to manage life and your future opportunities.

**Entry Requirements:**
- No formal academic qualifications are required.
- All applicants must attend an interview with college staff to establish if this course is right for you.

**Lifeskills (NQ) @ SCQF Level 2**

Course code: NSK1 | JNSK1

**Course Overview:**
If you would like a supported learning environment to enable you to reach your full potential this programme may be the perfect platform for you. This is a one-year full time programme and is suitable for you if you are transitioning from school to further education, or if you are an adult learner wishing to return to education to further your learning at SCQF level 2. It is also suitable for you if you are a progressing college student and are ready to move further towards independence and you have demonstrated ability to work at SCQF level 2.

This programme is designed to build the following:
- your confidence,
- enhance your life skills,
- your skills for independent living,
- your employment skills, and
- increase your personal and social development.

You will have opportunities on this course to spend some time out in the community practicing and applying a range of knowledge and skills you will be developing.

**Entry Requirements:**
The minimum entry requirements are:
- You will have already attained some SQA level 2 qualifications and demonstrated ability to work consistently at this level.
You will take part in a discussion with a member of our team to determine the suitability of the course for you.

Enthusiasm to undertake a full time college programme and have the capacity to attend all lessons.

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Lifeskills (NQ) @ SCQF Level 3
Course code: NSK2

Course Overview:
The purpose of this course is to develop skills that will support you for life. It is an ideal programme if you have successfully completed the Lifeskills 1 course or a similar learning programme at SCQF Level 2. You will develop personal and employability skills through a variety of topics and will be given support to develop your own personal learning and support plan to meet your personal needs and aspirations. Working with others is one area that is emphasised throughout this programme and is embedded in a variety of learning activities, projects and themes. You may have the opportunity to participate in a work experience placement within the college or in a local supported employment setting. This course offers you a great way to develop your skills and abilities towards supported employment or volunteering.

Entry Requirements:
- The minimum entry requirements are
- Evidence of SQA qualifications at SCQF Level 2 in all subject areas
- you must have the ability to engage and participate at the level required for this course.
- you will take part in an interview/transition process to establish if this course is suitable for you.
- you must also be able to demonstrate your ability to work independently and with others.

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Get Ready For Employment (NQ) @ SCQF Level 3

Course code: JSGRE

Course Overview:
This course is help you to develop skills that will support you for life. It is an ideal programme if you have successfully completed the Lifeskills 1 course or a similar learning programme at level 2. You will develop personal and employability skills through a variety of topics and will be given support to develop your own personal learning and support plan to meet your needs and aspirations.

Working with others is one area that is emphasised throughout this programme and is embedded in a variety of learning activities, projects and themes. You may have the opportunity to participate in a work experience placement within the college or in a local supported employment setting. This is a great way to develop your skills and abilities towards supported employment or volunteering.

Entry Requirements:
The minimum entry requirements are:
► Evidence of SQA qualifications at SCQF level 2 in all subject areas
► you must have the ability to engage and participate at the level required for this course.
► you will take part in an interview/transition process to establish if this course is suitable for you.
► you must also be able to demonstrate your ability to work independently and with others.

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Project Search @ SCQF Level 3

Course code: SPRO

Course Overview:
This course is perfect if you want to work, are unsure what work would be suitable for you or you would like some support to help you to get that job. We aim to provide you with a programme of study which develops not only your confidence, practical and physical skills for life, but has a strong focus on enabling you to develop skills for employability, independent/supported living, self-advocacy, working with others and citizenship. You will develop competitive, transferable and marketable job skills.

On the programme you will receive the following:
► work-based individual instruction,
► coaching, support and feedback from your instructor,
► support from your job coach
► Internship/s within a business setting
► Help and guidance from managers and mentors during your internships.

Entry Requirements:
► No formal academic qualifications are required. You may progress directly from school or the community or from college Lifeskills programmes but must be able to work at Access 3/Level 3.

All applicants must attend an interview session prior to being offered a place on the appropriate course and demonstrate capacity to be considered for potential employment opportunities.

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Prince’s Trust Team
Programme @ SCQF Level 5
Course code: SPRI

Course Overview:
Our Prince’s Trust is an award winning and sector leading programme. The programme offers students the opportunity to improve motivation, qualifications, confidence and existing talents while learning new skills. Due to COVID-19, the course starting on 22nd March will be delivered online.

The programme will allow participants to improve self-reliance and self-esteem setting targets for the development of interpersonal skills while working in a group to plan and carry out a project. The vocational project will be related to the world of work and gives participants the skills on exit to progress to employment or training.

The Princes’ Trust team helps young people to rebuild their self-esteem. The team is a 12-week programme of personal development and training.

It aims to re-engage young people, helping them to think about their future and prepare a post-programme development plan. As this course is online – you can apply to do this course from anywhere in the region.

Entry Requirements:
► No formal academic qualifications are required.

Are you 16-25, seeking direction and ideas for your future, we have something to get you going.
Progression Partners

The Crichton Campus in Dumfries is Scotland’s first multi-institutional Campus, hosting the University of Glasgow (UG), University of the West of Scotland (UWS), the Scottish Agricultural College (SAC) and Dumfries & Galloway College (DGC).

The College works very closely with the University of the West Scotland and University of Glasgow to develop local articulation routes for degree study.

Both universities welcome applications from students with relevant College qualifications. The College also has a partnership agreement with the Open University (OU).

For more information on the Crichton Campus, please visit the Crichton Trust website below:

www.crichton.co.uk/education/academic-campus/
The University of Glasgow considers HNC/D qualifications and Highers, subject to minimum grade requirements and relevance to the degree for which you are applying.

Many of our degree programmes are offered part-time as well as full-time. A Summer School is available part-time in June and July. The university is keen to welcome students from across Dumfries & Galloway, providing a great opportunity to enrol on a degree programme at The University of Glasgow considers HNC/D qualifications and Highers, subject to minimum grade requirements and relevance to the degree for which you are applying.

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University of the West of Scotland (UWS) welcomes applications from students with relevant Highers or HNC/D qualifications. Many of the courses available at Dumfries & Galloway College can provide access to full and part-time University courses, but the point of entry will vary depending on the content and relevance of your qualifications.

The BA (Hons) programme has been expanded to provide entry routes to all HND holders regardless of the discipline. It may also be possible to articulate onto similar degree programmes at our other campuses or other degree programmes at our campuses in Ayr, Hamilton and Paisley.

Additional areas may include Accounting, Business Technology, Computer Networking, Digital Art, Film-making and Screenwriting, Science, Engineering and Sport. For full details visit www.uws.ac.uk

For more information or to assess your qualifications and confirm your progression from College to University, please contact Marketing & Communications:

University of the West of Scotland
Dumfries Campus
T: 01387 345845
E: dumfries@uws.ac.uk
Visit: www.uws.ac.uk

General enquiries about UWS can also be directed to UWS colleagues based in the Student Link located downstairs in The Crichton Library in Dumfries & Galloway College Building.

Articulation arrangements and course provision may change. For the latest arrangements, please contact UWS.
The Open University

Dumfries and Galloway College is working with The Open University in Scotland (OU) to create flexible opportunities for students who wish to progress on a part-time basis from their Higher National study to a degree. Anyone studying HNC, HND or a range of other courses at the college will be able to count credit from their studies towards an Open University degree.

The Open University’s BA or BSc (Open) degree allows students to choose from a wide range of OU modules tailored to their personal and vocational needs. This allows students to either build on the subject areas studied in college or provides the flexibility to develop skills and knowledge in other subject areas. Students with an HND can count up to 240 credits towards the OU’s 360 credit BA or BSc (Open) with Honours. Similarly, a student with an HNC can count between 90 and 120 credits towards the 300 credit BA/BSc (Open) or the 360 credit BA/BSc (Open) with Honours. Honours degrees in named subjects are also available and the level of credit transfer awarded for previous study will differ depending on the degree chosen.

Open University ‘Learning Space’
Past college students have the benefit of continued use of the College as a study facility. Open University students and staff across Dumfries and Galloway have access to a range of support and study facilities within the College at both the Dumfries and Stranraer campuses. This includes library services, IT facilities and support, social spaces where OU students can get together and information about OU study opportunities.

Financial support for part-time study
Three quarters of OU students are in employment and the OU system of supported open learning is designed with their needs in mind. Students are able to fit study around other commitments such as working full or part-time, or looking after a family. Students whose individual income or replacement living cost benefit is £25000 a year or less can study for free by applying for a Part-Time Fee Grant to cover the fees.

Visit The OU’s College Routes website for more information www.openuniversity.co.uk/collegeroutes
Green Skills Academy

Green Skills Courses

At Dumfries and Galloway College, we recognise green energy is the future and we offer a range of education and training opportunities to allow you to learn new skills, upskill your existing knowledge or reskill in this area to help you achieve a more sustainable future and career path.

Find out more
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Stay one step ahead.