



# UNIVERSITY CENTRE SOUTHPORT

2019 - 2020

PROSPECTUS



*Knowledge  
is power.*

*Information  
is liberating.*

*Education  
is the premise of  
progress, in every  
society, in every  
family.”*

*Kofi Annan.*

# Contents

## UNIVERSITY CENTRE SOUTHPORT



- 6 The Principal
- 8 Our facilities
- 12 Why study at University Centre Southport?
- 13 Our University partners
- 14 A guide to qualifications
- 16 Student support
- 18 Careers and employability

### \*Our courses

- 20 PRE-ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION
- 22 ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION
- 24 HIGHER APPRENTICESHIPS
- 27 **BUSINESS MANAGEMENT**
  - 28 FOUNDATION DEGREE BUSINESS MANAGEMENT
- 31 **CHILDREN & FAMILY STUDIES**
  - 32 FOUNDATION DEGREE WORKING WITH CHILDREN & FAMILIES
  - 34 BA (HONS) WORKING WITH CHILDREN & FAMILIES {TOP UP}
- 37 **COMPUTING & IT**
  - 38 FOUNDATION DEGREE COMPUTING & IT
  - 40 BSc (HONS) COMPUTING & IT {TOP-UP}

- 43 **CREATIVE ARTS**
  - 44 FOUNDATION DIPLOMA ART & DESIGN
  - 46 HND FILM & TV PRODUCTION
  - 48 HND GAMES DESIGN
  - 50 HND GRAPHIC DESIGN
  - 52 HND PERFORMING ARTS
  - 54 HND PHOTOGRAPHY
- 57 **CRIMINOLOGY & SOCIAL SCIENCE**
  - 58 FOUNDATION DEGREE CRIMINOLOGY & SOCIAL SCIENCES
  - 60 BA (HONS) CRIMINOLOGY & SOCIAL SCIENCES {TOP UP}
- 63 **ENGINEERING**
  - 64 HNC ENGINEERING
- 67 **FORENSIC SCIENCE**
  - 68 FOUNDATION DEGREE FORENSIC SCIENCE
- 71 **HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE**
  - 72 FOUNDATION DEGREE HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE
  - 74 BSc (HONS) HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE {TOP UP}
- 77 **TEACHING**
  - 78 PGCE/CERTIFICATE IN EDUCATION & TRAINING
- 80 Visit us
- 82 Fees and Finance
- 82 Applying to University Centre Southport
- 84 Important information for prospective students
- 85 Study local
- 86 University Centre Southport Graduation

\*Information is correct at the time of going to press. Every effort is made to ensure accuracy.

The College reserves the right to withdraw or amend courses, entry requirements, fees and details included in this publication, or any other supporting publications or advertisements.

Courses are offered subject to viability of group size, minimum and maximum numbers, as defined by the College. Acceptance on to a course is at the discretion of Southport College.

This publication, produced in June 2018, supercedes any other publication or advertisement promoting these courses.

©Southport College 2018



# The Principal



I am delighted to welcome you to our University Centre Southport prospectus. Here you will find a wealth of information on the higher level qualifications offered in Southport. We aim to give all our students an exceptional experience and the University Centre and our specialist facilities provide the best possible environment for higher level studies.

Our foundation degree and degree level courses are designed to prepare you for success in your chosen field and, in many instances, are validated by a range of partner universities, meaning you can obtain a full honours degree whilst studying at the University Centre Southport.

As a University Centre, we are in the unique position of being able to offer degree level study in a smaller, more specialised environment. Our students benefit from being able to access all of the University Centre facilities, as well as those of the relevant partner university, whilst also enjoying the benefits of a smaller, more specialised provision.

We offer affordable course fees, smaller class sizes, unrivalled levels of support and expert tuition from our highly experienced, industry practiced professionals. Our higher education programmes can also be studied flexibly, alongside work, family or other commitments and where possible, we aim to offer students the opportunity to gain an array of relevant, professional experience through work on live briefs and projects.

We truly believe that our University Centre is a great place to study and succeed.

Please do take the opportunity to visit us at our next Open Evening, where I am sure you will be impressed.

I do hope to have the opportunity to welcome you at the University Centre soon.

**JOHN CLARKE, PRINCIPAL**





# Our facilities

University Centre Southport offers fantastic classroom spaces and study zones for Higher Education students. Here you will find a well-stocked University Centre full of books and other learning resources, as well as offering the opportunity to self-loan a laptop or use a quiet study area.

## 1 Art and Design

Our Art and Design students have access to state-of-the-art facilities including Mac computers, clothes printing presses, screen printing facilities, computer-controlled embroidery machines, 3D printers and modern, airy studio spaces.



## 2 Childcare and Health and Social Care

Our newly-refurbished Tony Leigh building contains a purpose-built simulated hospital ward and nursery, providing childcare and health and social care students with access to an unrivalled, practical setting which emulates a live working environment.



## 3 Computing and IT

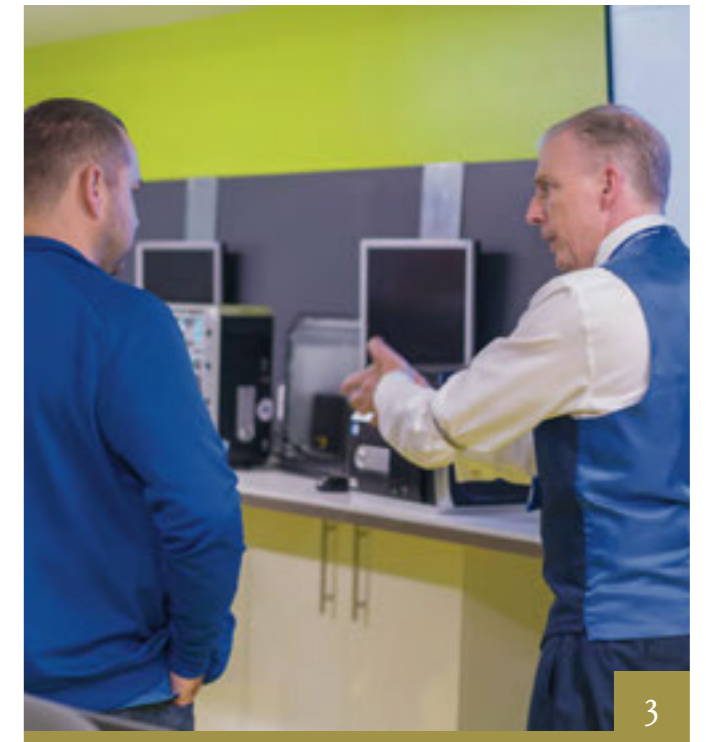
University Centre students benefit from free access to modern Windows based PCs with simulated infrastructure and networking facilities. Following a recent refurbishment, students can expect bright, modern teaching and learning environments and a state of the art technology workshop.



1



2



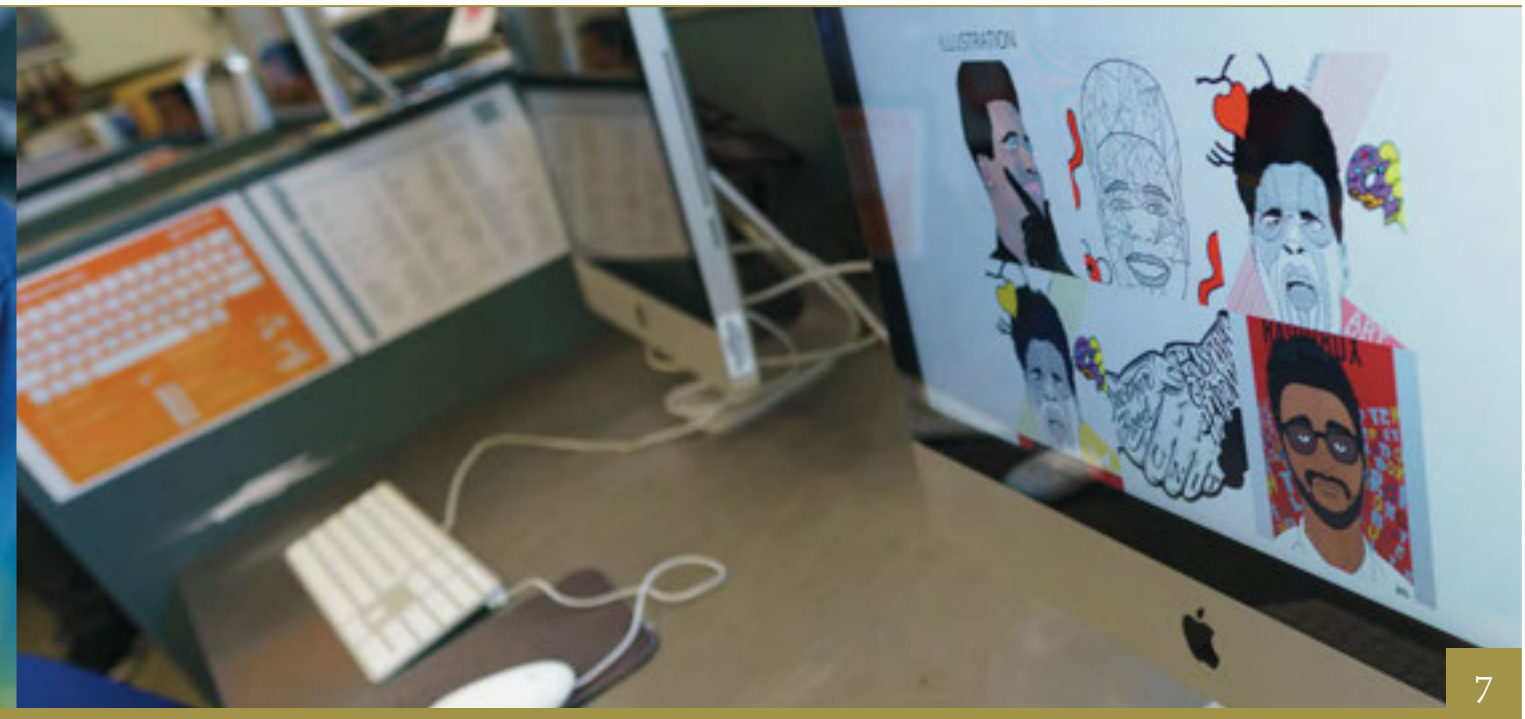
3



# Our facilities



4



7

## 4 Engineering

Become an Engineering student with University Centre Southport and you will benefit from our newly fitted workshop with around £150,000 worth of engineering equipment.



## 5 Film & TV Production

University Centre Higher Education students studying on the HND Film and TV Production programme have access to a fully-equipped TV studio and editing suite, Apple Macs and a purpose built TV studio space.



## 6 Games Design

As a HND Games Design student, you will use the same Hollywood standard computer-generated imagery programmes as those used to create the graphics in Oscar-winning films such as Pirates of the Caribbean and Lord of the Rings.



## 7 Graphic Design

University Centre students have access to a wide range of printing presses, Macs, vast, naturally lit study spaces and a purpose built gallery, to exhibit and sell final pieces.



## 8 Photography

University Centre Photography students have access to high-end digital SLR cameras and lenses, which can be loaned to you throughout your programme of study. Access to computers with photo editing software and other facilities, such as darkrooms and state of the art photography studios, also come as standard.

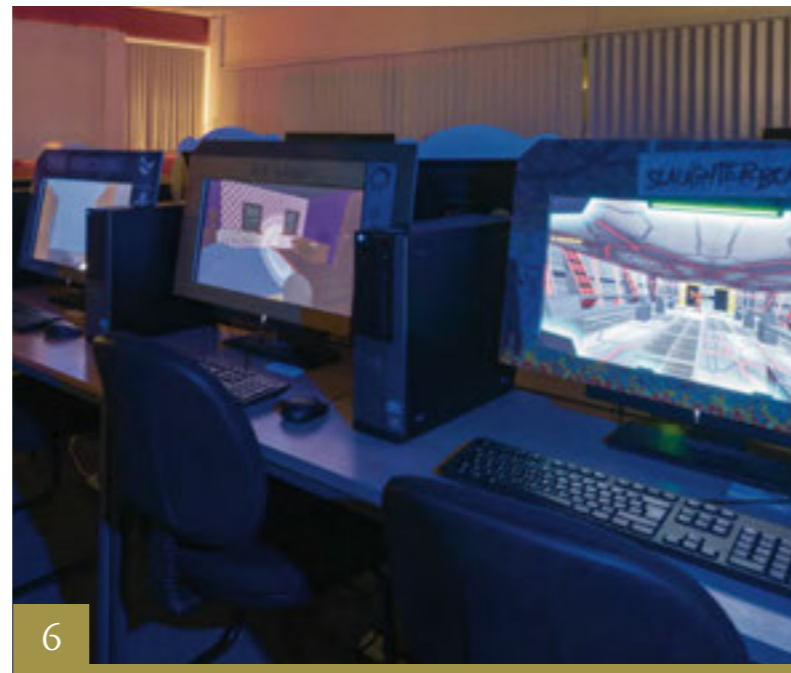


## 9 Science

As a science student you can benefit from access to brand new classrooms, science labs, IT rooms and a range of specialist research books in the library, which can be loaned out for the duration of your studies.



5



6



8



9



# Why study at University Centre Southport?



# Our University partners

## University of Cumbria

The University of Cumbria is a modern and dynamic institution, home to over 10,000 students.

The University of Cumbria's focus is on ensuring that we support you in realising your aspirations. We have a long and proud history through our founding institutions of preparing our graduates for work and life. Our programmes are designed with your future career path and personal development in mind, building the skills you'll need in today's interconnected global economy. Currently, nine out of ten of our students are in employment or further training within six months of graduating.

We create our programmes through employer-focused and stakeholder partnerships to ensure that they will give you the skills needed by employers and practice. We place a strong emphasis on experiential learning, so that you can develop those skills and build confidence in real-world situations, informed by internationally recognised research and practice.

Choosing to take a degree is a life-changing investment in your future, opening doors for you wherever in the world you choose to start your career. We want to be part of your journey.

**Professor Julie Mennell**  
Vice Chancellor



## University of Central Lancashire

University of Central Lancashire, (UCLan) provides first-class facilities and high quality teaching against a background of 'real world' research to encourage innovation, creativity and entrepreneurial thinking. It features flexible learning including full-time, part-time and e-learning options across our undergraduate and postgraduate courses.

UCLan has been at the forefront of developing new degrees in the emerging disciplines of journalism, fashion, forensics and sports science, subjects in which it is still market-leaders. As well as innovative modern degrees such as Continuing Drama Production and Liberal Arts, we believe in investment in traditional subjects such as architecture, engineering, pharmacy and forensic science. UCLan is the largest higher education provider of forensic science, policing and related subjects, in the world.

The University is creating a world-class campus which seamlessly integrates with the vibrant city of Preston, benefitting students, staff, visitors and the wider community. As part of our Masterplan, we have recently created bright and spacious student Social Spaces, which are accessible 24/7, and we are building the new £32 million Engineering Innovation Centre, as well as our flagship £60 million Student Support Centre and new Civic Square.

Whatever your aspirations, our learning and support can help you to get the most out of your time at UCLan. We have a student information centre, the <i>,</i> to help with areas such as careers, counselling, financial or academic advice. With over 25 years' experience, UCLan offers Partner students all the benefits of a large university with all the advantages of our partners' smaller community atmosphere. Being able to study locally is also likely to be a cheaper option for most people.

As a Partner student, you will enjoy the support and resources that your institution can provide - as well as access to a wide range of UCLan facilities, which include online resources, sports centres, the library, student services and the Students' Union.

**For further information on UCLan and the benefits available to you as a Partner Student, please see our website: [www.uclan.ac.uk/partnership](http://www.uclan.ac.uk/partnership)**





# A guide to qualifications

Whatever your starting point we have a qualification to suit you. From Level 2 Pre-Access and Level 3 Access courses designed to prepare you for university up to Level 6 BA and BSc top-up degrees and post graduate teaching qualifications.

## Level 2

### Pre-Access

PRE-ACCESS COURSES are for those who want to progress into Further or Higher Education courses but do not have the necessary qualifications required to go straight into a Level 3 course. The Pre-Access courses are designed to develop students' knowledge and understanding of the chosen subject but also aim to assist in developing the skills necessary for successful completion of Access courses.



## Level 3

### Access to HE

ACCESS COURSES are designed for those who wish to undertake a university level course but did not gain the qualifications needed for entry whilst at school. Each Access programme includes units in several subjects and when put together, all prepare students for the study of a particular subject at degree level. Access courses are designed to help you get back into education and the course tutors will provide all of the guidance and support required to achieve these goals.



## Level 4

### Higher National Certificates (HNC)

HIGHER NATIONAL CERTIFICATES are work related, vocational Higher Education qualifications. HNCs are equivalent to year one of an undergraduate degree but are designed to give you the skills required to put learnt knowledge into effective use in a particular job. HNCs usually take two years to complete if studied on a part time basis, or one year if studied on a full time basis. The qualifications are highly valued by employers in both the UK and overseas and may also count towards membership of professional bodies.



## Level 5

### Higher National Diplomas (HND)

HIGHER NATIONAL DIPLOMAS, like HNCs are work related, vocational Higher Education qualifications. Equivalent to a Foundation Degree, HNDs are designed to give students the skills needed for success in a particular field. Students can study a HND on a full-time basis for two years. Highly valued by employers, HNDs can provide exemption from certain degree modules.

### Foundation Degrees (FdA/FdSc)

FOUNDATION DEGREES are designed to equip you for a particular area of work, as well as providing general skills that are useful in any type of employment. Like other degrees, Foundation Degrees provide a university level qualification but are often designed with a particular area of work in mind; this contribution often comes from employers within the relevant sector. Typically, you'll get the chance to learn in the workplace as well as the classroom by way of a compulsory placement. Foundation Degrees offer a route into Higher Education for people of all ages and backgrounds.



## Level 6

### Honours Degrees BA/BSc {Top ups}

HONOURS DEGREES combine some practical sessions alongside theory based learning. Most Honours Degrees require the completion of a dissertation or other large project in the final year. Students who have completed a HND or Foundation Degree may be eligible to 'top up' to an Honours Degree.



## Professional Qualifications

### Teacher Training

UNIVERSITY CENTRE SOUTHPORT offers a range of teacher training courses for those looking to teach students age 16 and above. For those first steps towards becoming a teacher, we offer the Certificate in Education and Training, Preparatory or Introductory. Alternatively we offer the full Certificate of Education, or finally for those already holding an honours degree or equivalent, a PGCE.





# Student support

With small class sizes and excellent facilities, University Centre Southport offers a welcoming and supportive learning environment. Working closely with dedicated lecturers and peers, students will relish the benefits of more contact time with tutors and a wide range of support for the duration of their programme.

## Student Information Centre

ALL STUDENTS are able to make use of the Student Information Centre, a one stop shop for advice and guidance. The friendly team of Student Advisers are available five days per week offering advice on everything from student loans and childcare funding to counselling support.



## Student Guidance

OUR DEDICATED STUDENT GUIDANCE TEAM provide high quality, impartial careers advice, helping you choose the right course for you. They are also here to help our students overcome any barriers they may be facing, aiming to enable everyone to stay on their chosen programme and achieve their full potential.

**You are welcome to contact them anytime for course information and guidance on 01704 392704 or via email: [guidance@southport.ac.uk](mailto:guidance@southport.ac.uk)**



## Disabled Student Allowance (DSA)

STUDENTS WHO HAVE successfully applied for disabled student allowances (DSAs,) have access to our Learning Support Team at University Centre Southport. This highly experienced team will work with you to ensure you have all the support you need for the duration of your studies, as listed in your letter of entitlement (DSA2).

The team will also work with you and the teaching staff to ensure that you have access to everything required to achieve your potential whilst studying with us.



## Further Information

For more information on our courses please contact our Student Guidance Team on 01704 392704, or email: [guidance@southport.ac.uk](mailto:guidance@southport.ac.uk) or visit [www.southport.ac.uk](http://www.southport.ac.uk).



# Careers and employability

**U**niversity Centre Southport recognises the importance and value of work experience, and we have embedded it into the heart of our Higher Education offer.

Our aim is to help you develop your employability skills through a range of work experience placements, live brief projects or extended industry based assignments.

We aim to provide all students with not only the theory and knowledge needed for success in industry but also the skills and understanding of how these theories are applied in professional settings; a vital ingredient for success in the real world as you bridge the gap from student to professional.

We have close links with a range of industry partners, allowing our students to take full advantage of the live work experience opportunities available on a vast range of courses. When you become a University Centre Southport student, you will benefit from the insight of leading industry professionals and Southport College alumni through workshops, lectures and talks. You will also have the opportunity to take part in industry competitions, exhibitions and international trips and visits designed to immerse you in your chosen sector.

## Here are just some the organisations we work with:

- Bijou Cinema Southport
- Dovehaven Care Homes
- Farmageddon
- Fletchers Solicitors
- Hey Amigos Bar Southport
- Ilford & Harman Technology
- Lattimers
- Liverpool Heart and NHS Trust
- Liverpool Women's NHS Foundation Trust
- Mersecare
- Rad Wraps
- Royal Academy Arts
- Samaritans UK
- Sefton Veterans
- Sound City Liverpool
- Southport and Orm Kirk NHS Trust
- Southport Flower Show
- Stork Technical Services
- The Atkinson Art Gallery
- UCLan
- University of Cumbria



“

As technology moves ever forward and competition becomes stronger we need highly skilled engineers with a higher education to take us forward and meet the challenge head on. Higher Apprentices are our future.”

ALAN ANDREWS | LATTIMER ENGINEERING

 **LATTIMER**



## PRE-ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION

COURSE LEVEL	2
AWARDING BODY	WJEC, EDEXCEL, AQA
DURATION:	1 YEAR, 3 DAYS PER WEEK

The Pre-Access course is ideal for learners who:

- Want to progress into other further or Higher Education courses, or into new work areas
- Are returning or planning to return to work and who are seeking to update and/ or add to their employment skills
- For whatever reason have not previously achieved in education
- Need to develop their literacy and/or numeracy skills

### What will I study?

The pre-access programme allows students to undertake GCSE qualifications, including English, Maths, Psychology and Biology.

#### ASSESSMENT/EXAMINATIONS

Students will sit GCSE examinations during May-June.

#### WHAT CAN I DO AFTER THIS COURSE?

Students can progress onto other Level 3 programmes of study or can progress to an Access to Higher Education Diploma qualification.

#### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants must have a Level 1 qualification in English and maths or be working at Level 1/towards Level 2 in both subjects on completion of an initial assessment.

### How do I apply?

You can apply for the Pre-Access course through our website [www.southport.ac.uk](http://www.southport.ac.uk).

“

I looked at other local colleges but I chose Southport as it's an amazing place to be. The lessons are interesting within a friendly and supportive environment and I've been nurtured by the tutors.”

HANNAH WILLIAMSON | PRE-ACCESS

“I volunteer at the Liverpool Women's Hospital where I currently work in the neonatal unit. I wanted to take the next step in my career and the course combined with my voluntary experience has given me the skills and confidence I need.

I looked at other local colleges but I chose Southport as it's an amazing place to be. The lessons are interesting within a friendly and supportive environment and I've been nurtured by the tutors.”

“My next step is to enrol on the Access to Midwifery course at Southport College which will get me closer to my career goal.”





## ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION

COURSE LEVEL	3	All of the Access to Higher Education programmes last for one academic year, typically between 32 and 34 weeks. Students usually attend college for 3 days per week (15 hours) and are expected to undertake independent study outside of these 15 hours. Access courses are designed to prepare students for undergraduate study and are therefore intense courses that require significant time investment.
AWARDING BODY	OPEN AWARDS	

The Open Awards Level 3 Access to Higher Education Diplomas are specifically designed to help applicants who wish to study at degree level, but do not have the current qualifications required for entry. Access to Higher Education programmes allow students to begin studying course specific subjects whilst also working on units aimed at preparing applicants for undergraduate level study, such as development and research skills.

### ACCESS TO BUSINESS

The course is designed to give students the opportunity to gain the necessary academic qualifications for entry onto a Business Studies or other related degree programme. Students will study a range of subjects including Marketing, Accounting, Business Planning, Business Management and Business Operations, in addition to Personal Development and Research Skills.

### ACCESS TO COMPUTING

This course has been developed to allow students to progress on to computing degree programmes. During the Access course students study a range of computing related subject modules, including Computer Systems Architecture, Networks and Communication Protocols, Event-driven Programming, Database Principles and Design and Web Design and Development.

### ACCESS TO EDUCATION

The Access to Education programme intends to allow students to enter a Teacher Education degree or related degree. It provides a comprehensive introduction to relevant academic and National Curriculum subjects and allows students to study modules including Education Studies, Psychology, Research Skills and English Literature.

### ACCESS TO HEALTH & CARING PROFESSIONS

This programme has been designed to allow students to progress into nursing degree programmes or the other professions allied to medicine. It can also be used to gain entry to degrees in a range of applied social science subjects. Modules studied whilst on the programme include Health Studies, Health Sciences (Biology), Psychology and Personal Development.

### ACCESS TO NURSING AND MIDWIFERY

This programme has been developed to allow students to progress to nursing and midwifery degree programmes or other health related courses such as Physiotherapy or Public Health. During the programme you will study a range of subjects including Human Biology, Health Studies, Psychology and Research Skills. This programme offers the 21 credits of Biology required for some Higher Level Health Programmes.

### ACCESS TO SOCIAL SCIENCE

The Access to Social Science programme is concerned with the study of contemporary social issues and problems and this course emphasises a multidisciplinary approach to the subject. Whilst on the programme you will study a range of subjects including Sociology, Psychology, Criminology and Personal Development.

### ACCESS TO SCIENCE

This programme has been designed to allow students to progress onto science related degree programmes or other allied medical professions. Studying Biology, Chemistry and Physics, alongside additional units in maths, English and personal development, the Access to Science is aimed at preparing students for study at undergraduate level.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Entry requirements may vary slightly between programmes and therefore all potential applicants are recommended to visit [www.southport.ac.uk](http://www.southport.ac.uk) and search for their chosen Access programme. Typically however, entry requirements include:

- All Access programmes - GCSE English and maths at Grade C (new Grade 4) or above
- Access to Education, Science and Midwifery - As above plus GCSE Science at Grade C (new Grade 4)
- Applicants who possess Adult literacy and numeracy at Level 2 may also meet the minimum entry requirements; this can be discussed at interview



“The staff on the Criminology programme are truly inspirational, they have provided the right level of support at all times and worked tirelessly to help me achieve my dream career.”

DEOBRAH VITEZ | FORENSIC SCIENCE

- Those wishing to pursue degree programmes in Education or embark upon a Health related qualification will also require recent relevant experience in a school/health setting/caring role
- It is recommended that all applicants also check the specific entry requirements of their preferred universities

### ASSESSMENTS

Assessment methods between Access courses vary but may include reports, essays, coursework, projects, case studies and centre set examinations. For full details on individual Access programme assessment methods, please visit [www.southport.ac.uk](http://www.southport.ac.uk) and search for your chosen course.

### Applications

Applications for all Access to Higher Education programmes are made via [www.southport.ac.uk](http://www.southport.ac.uk).

“A friend was already enrolled on this course and recommended it to me. I'd been out of education for a long time and with two young children my time was limited. However, my family were very supportive and it was good for my children to see me work hard for what I want; we even sit together to do our homework.

My teachers have been incredibly supportive and motivating and I've loved my time in the labs working on practical assignments. The Access to Science course can be challenging but it is rewarding and it's prepared me for university.

The staff on the Criminology programme are truly inspirational, they have provided the right level of support at all times and worked tirelessly to help me achieve my dream career.

I'm intending to work within the forensic science field but I'm also interested in criminal law. I would definitely recommend the course to anyone considering furthering their education.”



## HIGHER APPRENTICESHIPS

As the popularity of on the job training has grown, so too has the breadth and variety of training on offer. Apprenticeships can be studied at intermediate, advanced or higher levels and some higher level apprenticeships also include the equivalent of a foundation degree or HND.

Higher Apprenticeships allow students to develop their skills in employment, whilst working towards a higher level qualification. Higher Apprentices are paid for their time in employment and are able to benefit from working in their chosen industry, utilising the skills and expertise of senior staff.

Higher Apprenticeships are not only a great way of earning and learning but also offer a viable alternative to the traditional Higher Education route, with the added benefit of not requiring student finance.

As with all apprenticeships, in order to undertake a Higher Apprenticeship, you must have an existing contract of employment and the support of your employer, as well as the opportunity to put your skills into practice.

“**My Apprenticeship is all paid for by my employer. It is a fantastic opportunity, allowing me to learn on the job, whilst earning a salary. Once completed, I will be in the unique position of holding a degree level qualification whilst also having six year's worth of work experience, allowing me to practice as a fully qualified Civil Engineering professional.**”

Higher Level Apprenticeships can take anything between 12 months and 4 years to complete.

For the latest information on Apprenticeships visit: [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

CAMERON JENKINSON | HIGHER APPRENTICESHIPS

“Southport College offered a great course with fantastic tutors, who worked hard to help me achieve an excellent grade and secure the Apprenticeship I am now on. My Apprenticeship is all paid for by my employer. It is a fantastic opportunity, allowing me to learn on the job, whilst earning a salary. As a Higher Apprenticeship, it will take me right up to degree level and my degree itself will also be paid for by my employer. Once completed, I will be in the unique position of holding a degree level qualification whilst also having six year's worth of work experience, allowing me to practice as a fully qualified Civil Engineering professional.”

“

There's no point in starting a business unless you're going to make a dramatic difference to other people's lives. So if you've got an idea that's going to make a big difference to other people's lives, then just get on and do it.”

*Richard Branson.*

## BUSINESS MANAGEMENT



# FOUNDATION DEGREE BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

COURSE LEVEL	4 & 5
AWARDING BODY	UNIVERSITY OF CUMBRIA
UCAS CODE	N200
DURATION	2 YEARS FULL-TIME

This Foundation degree programme provides students with an understanding of theoretical knowledge and practical skills required in the business management sector. Students are exposed to a variety of business modules to gain a greater understanding of the business environment and an insight into which area of business management they would like to progress to.

The programme provides opportunities to apply academic knowledge and practical skills within the workplace. This can be done via formal work placements, part-time employment experiences or employer driven live briefs.

## What will I study?

You will study a number of units including:

### YEAR 1 – LEVEL 4

- Fundamentals of Business Environment
- Introduction to Business Finance
- Management Accounting
- Managing People and Organisations
- Principles of Marketing
- The Business Environment

### YEAR 2 – LEVEL 5

- Business Start Ups
- Human Resources Management Theory and Practice
- International Economics
- Organisational Behaviour
- Research Methods and Application
- Responsibility, Ethics and Sustainability in Practice

### ASSESSMENT/EXAMINATIONS

You will be assessed using a variety of methods including written assignments, presentations, set exercises, exams, debates, academic posters, websites and portfolio work.

### WHAT CAN I DO AFTER THIS COURSE?

The Foundation Degree in Business Management is designed to equip students with the academic, research, analytical, presentation and problem solving skills needed for success in a range of business related careers. The FdA also equips students with the skills needed for progression onto a Level 6 top up, subject related honours programme.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must have successfully gained a minimum of 48 UCAS points. Other qualifications or relevant life/work experience may also be considered.

### ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS:

- A minimum of 2 A Levels
- BTEC National Diploma/Extended Diploma
- Access to Higher Education Diploma
- Level 3 NVQ
- Successful interview, supported by personal statement and portfolio.
- All applicants will additionally require GCSE English at Grade C or equivalent. Mathematics at GCSE Grade C will also be desirable.
- Non-native English speakers or those who have not studied the final two years of school in English must be able to demonstrate a capability in English at a standard commensurate with IELTS 6.0, with a minimum of 5.5 being awarded on individual sections.

## How do I apply?

You can apply for the Foundation Degree in Business Management through UCAS, see page 82 for further information on how to apply.

The programme is designed to equip students with academic, research, analytical, presentation and problem solving skills ideally suited for a range of careers in the Business Management industry or progression onto a Level 6, subject related, honours programme.



“

It is with children that we have the best chance of studying the development of logical knowledge, mathematical knowledge, physical knowledge, and so forth.”

*Jean Piaget.*

A close-up photograph of a woman with long hair, smiling warmly. She is holding two identical stuffed monkey toys, one in each hand. The toys are light-colored with darker brown accents on their faces and bodies. The woman is wearing a watch on her left wrist. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light color.

## CHILDREN & FAMILY STUDIES





# FOUNDATION DEGREE WORKING WITH CHILDREN & FAMILIES

COURSE LEVEL	5
AWARDING BODY	UNIVERSITY OF CUMBRIA
UCAS CODE	L6L4
DURATION	2 YEARS FULL-TIME

This course allows you to achieve a nationally recognised qualification that offers career progression and professional development whether you are already working in the sector or are looking to do so. This programme is ideal for anyone who wants to make a difference to the lives of children, young people and families. With an emphasis on interdisciplinary working, allowing you to explore how different professions would approach the area under study, the programme will develop the knowledge and skills you need for a career across a range of professional areas, or for entry into further higher level study.

## What will I study?

You will study a number of units including:

- Professional Skills with Children, Young People, Families and Communities
- Play and Creative Development in Diverse Contexts
- An Introduction to Practitioner Research
- Equality, Diversity, Inclusion and Anti-oppressive practice (through work based learning)
- The Internet, Media & Society
- Identity, Personality and Social Justice

## ASSESSMENT/EXAMINATIONS

You will be assessed using a variety of methods including essays, presentations, project work, assignments and portfolios.

## WHAT CAN I DO AFTER THIS COURSE?

The children's workforce and social care services include; early years, education, social care, health and wellbeing, sport and culture, youth work, community work, crime and justice. This provides you with a large range of employment options. Our recent graduates have gone on to work in a wide variety of these organisations as front line staff and project managers. The programme offers an excellent introduction to the wider children's workforce and social care arena, the types of work within it and the career routes that lie ahead; this keeps your career options open and the modules dedicated to professional skill development and opportunities to engage with the real world of work, ensure you are confident in your career choice at the end of the foundation degree. Alternatively you may choose to continue on to the BA (Hons) Working with Children and Families Level 6 Top up, also delivered here at Southport, and tailored to maximise your employability.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

You will be invited to an interview for the course as the potential to succeed can be measured in a number of ways including academic qualifications and skills obtained outside academic study such as work experience.

Examples of satisfactory qualifications. All of which can be discussed at interview:

- GCSE in English Language at grade C/4 or above (or equivalent)
- A minimum of 2 A Levels
- BTEC National Diploma/Extended Diploma
- Access to Higher Education Diploma
- Level 3 NVQ or other work based qualification
- Non-native English speakers or those who have not studied the final two years of school in English must be able to demonstrate a capability in English at a standard commensurate with IELTS 6.0, with a minimum of 5.5 being awarded on individual sections.

## How do I apply?

You can apply for the Foundation Degree Working with Children & Families through UCAS, see page 82 for further information on how to apply.

Applicants will need to have a successful interview, supported by a personal statement and portfolio, and a suitable reference. If you are offered a place we require you to comply with an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) background clearance check.



ABIGAIL GRAY | FOUNDATION CHILDREN AND YP SERVICES

“I am so glad that I decided to stay and progress onto the Foundation Degree.”

“I decided to study at University Centre Southport as I previously studied the Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care at Southport College, so knew that the staff and facilities were good. I am so glad that I decided to stay and progress onto the Foundation Degree as I am learning up-to-date, relevant knowledge about a subject I am passionate about. All of the facilities needed for success are available at the University Centre, including a large library and purpose built classrooms and smaller rooms for private study. The staff are also great, being very friendly, fair and supportive. For anyone considering this programme, I would recommend that if they have a passion for taking on new information and have an open mind to other thoughts and opinions then go for it as my time here has provided me with the knowledge, skills and understanding needed for success in my future career.”



## BA (HONS) WORKING WITH CHILDREN & FAMILIES {TOP-UP}

COURSE LEVEL	6
AWARDING BODY	UNIVERSITY OF CUMBRIA
UCAS CODE	26Z8
DURATION	1 YEAR FULL-TIME

The one year top-up is available to students who successfully complete the Foundation Degree in Working with Children & Families or Foundation Degree Children's Work Force Practice or a related foundation degree/equivalent. This course is the ideal preparation for a range of vocations working with children and families in the early years, teaching, youth work, social work, family liaison, children's centres and more.

### What will I study?

The programme contains generic modules, pathway modules and a dissertation linked to this pathway.

Modules studied include

- Personal and Professional Development: Leadership and Management
- Youth Justice
- Multi-Agency Working in Safeguarding and Child Protection
- Transitions in Children's Lives
- Dissertation

### ASSESSMENT/EXAMINATIONS

Variety of assessment methods including case studies, reports, time constrained assessments, essays and presentations.

### WHAT CAN I DO AFTER THIS COURSE?

The course is for students who know they want to work with children and young people and/or families but are unsure which career route to take.

Past students have embarked on careers in teaching or social work, as family liaison workers, with the probation service, or in youth and community work, sometimes after further education and/or training.



### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Foundation Degree in Children, Young People & their Services or Foundation Degree in Working with Children & Families or a related foundation degree equivalent.  
(Subject related HNDs may also be accepted).

### How do I apply?

You can apply for the BA Working with Children and Families (Top-up) through UCAS, see page 82 for further information on how to apply.

“The teaching staff on the programme are very passionate about their subject.”

MATTHEW HARGREAVES | BA WORKING WITH CHILDREN & FAMILIES

“I chose University Centre Southport, after completing my previous qualification via distance learning as I wanted to achieve a degree without finding myself in huge amounts of debt. The College is close to home and has all of the course specific facilities that are needed for success at a higher level.

A lot of the other students in my group completed their Foundation Degree here, so most have known each other for almost three years but I have not found this to be a problem, as they have all been very welcoming. The teaching staff on the programme are very passionate about their subject and they too have been very warm and welcoming. My advice to anyone considering the course is to make sure that this is something you really want to do, as it is a full degree programme so is just as demanding as going to a larger university but the group sessions with smaller class sizes really allow you to have confidence in your abilities, through regular feedback from peers and teaching staff.”

“

Technology is nothing.  
What's important is that  
you have a faith in people,  
that they're basically good  
and smart, and if you give  
them tools, they'll do  
wonderful things with  
them.”

*Steve Jobs.*

A person is shown from the chest up, holding a breadboard with various electronic components and wires. The person is wearing a dark t-shirt. The background is a solid olive green color. The text 'COMPUTING & IT' is overlaid on the right side of the image.

COMPUTING & IT



## FOUNDATION DEGREE COMPUTING & IT

COURSE LEVEL	5
AWARDING BODY	UNIVERSITY OF CUMBRIA
UCAS CODE	11
DURATION	2 YEARS FULL-TIME

This course will develop your range of knowledge and professional skills in web development, computer systems and networking, database design and software development.

### What will I study?

You will study a number of units including:

- Computer systems
- Introduction to networking
- Procedural programming
- Systems analysis
- Website design
- Computing graphics
- Project management
- Database systems
- Web applications development
- Object-Oriented Programming in C#
- Emerging technologies
- Professional skills for ICT

### ASSESSMENT/EXAMINATIONS

You will be continually assessed through a series of graded assignments, formal examinations and practical work. Assignment work is subject to checks by external examiners to ensure that national standards are met.

### FURTHER STUDY AND CAREER OPTIONS:

On successful completion of the course you could find employment as a network planner/engineer, database administrator/manager, programmer, mobile app developer or server-side/AJAX web developer.



The course has been wonderfully presented, the lecturers take their time to explain every concept in a way that makes sense.”



### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants are required to have a minimum of 48 UCAS points fulfilled by at least one of the following entry requirements:

- At least 2 A Levels
- BTEC National Certificate/Diploma
- International Baccalaureate
- Access to Higher Education Diploma
- Foundation Diploma
- Level 3 NVQ or other work based qualification

### APPLICANTS ARE ALSO EXPECTED TO HAVE:

- GCSE grade C in maths and English
- Or hold equivalent certificates such as Numeracy Level 2, Literacy Level 2, Functional Skills English, Functional Skills maths or Key Skills.

We also accept other relevant qualifications or work/industry experience. Work/industry experience must show knowledge of and commitment to the course. You will need to demonstrate an ability to study at a Higher Education level.

### How do I apply?

You can apply for the Foundation Degree in Computing & IT through UCAS, see page 82 for further information on how to apply.

FAVOUR OGWUCHE | FOUNDATION COMPUTING & IT

“I moved to Southport from Scotland to begin the Foundation Degree in Computing and IT. This was a big change but a great move for me, as I have found all of the staff at the college to be absolutely wonderful. They are all highly skilled in their subject area and present the course information in a wonderful manner. My personal experience has taught me that the staff are always willing to help with any issue and I have had such a wonderful time so far.

The course has been wonderfully presented, the lecturers take their time to explain every concept in a way that makes sense and the group sessions have allowed me to work with other likeminded individuals, both inside and outside of the classroom.

I hope to progress from the course into a software engineering role, that will allow me travel the world, none of which would be possible without the knowledge I have gained from my lecturers here at the college. For anyone considering the course, I would advise them to go for it without hesitation. I truly believe any individual will find themselves fitting in comfortably here at University Centre Southport and I can honestly say everything I have seen so far has completely met, if not exceeded my expectations.”



## BSC (HONS) COMPUTING & IT {TOP-UP}

COURSE LEVEL	6
AWARDING BODY	UNIVERSITY OF CUMBRIA
UCAS CODE	I170
DURATION	1 YEAR FULL-TIME

This one-year top-up is available to students who successfully complete the Foundation Degree in Computing & IT or a related foundation degree equivalent (such as HND Computing). The programme aims to give you a range of higher-level knowledge and skills in mobile app development, cloud computing and distributed computing technologies.

### What will I study?

You will study a range of topics including:

- Database design and implementation
- Cloud computing
- Distributed programming and technologies
- The independent project
- Mobile applications

### ASSESSMENT/EXAMINATIONS

Continuous assessment through a series of assignments, formal examinations and practical work. Assessment is subject to checks by an independent external examiner to ensure that national standards are met.

### WHAT CAN I DO AFTER THIS COURSE?

On successful completion of the course you could find employment as a professional mobile app developer, network planner/engineer, database manager, or server-side/AJAX web developer.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

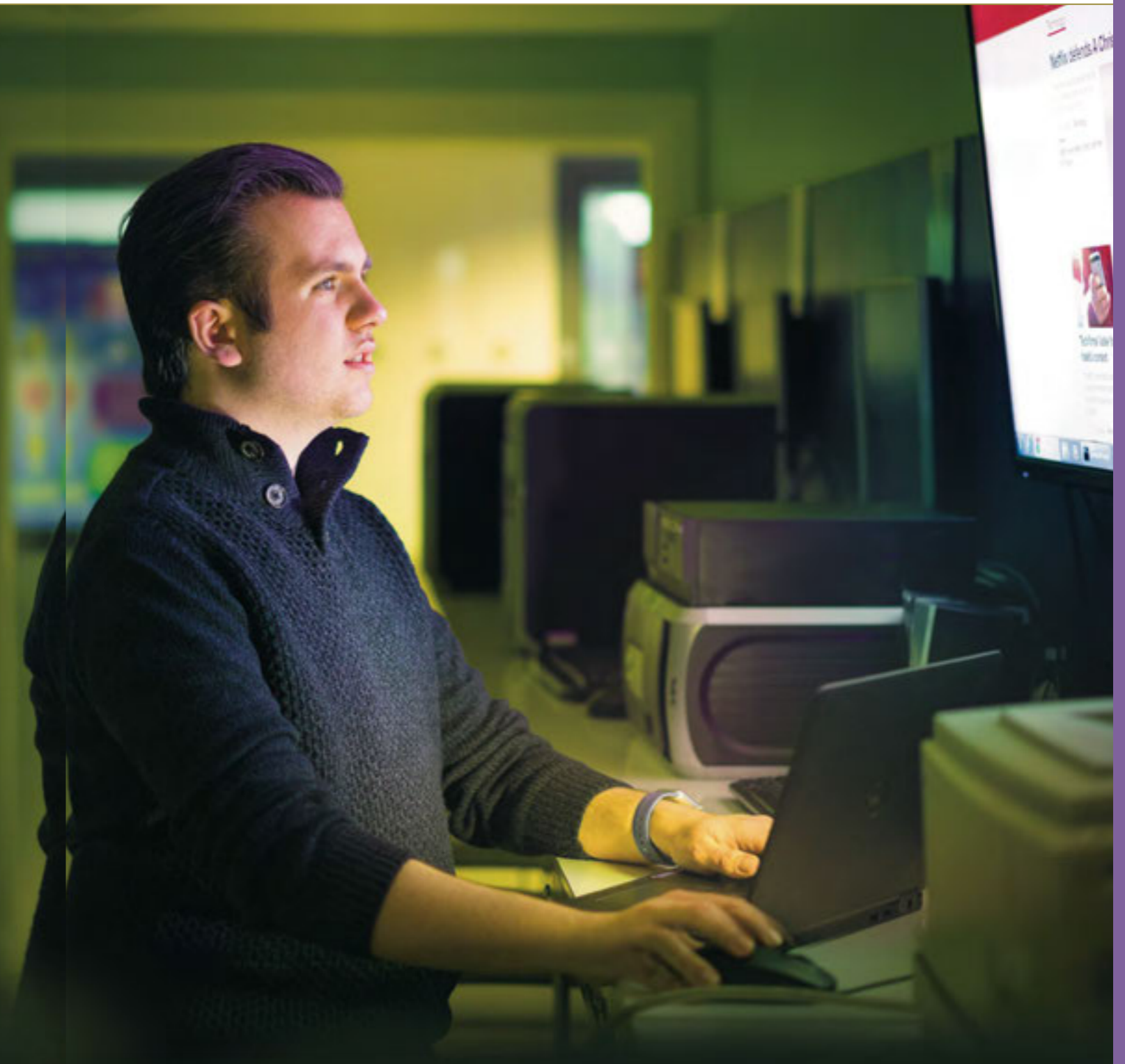
Foundation Degree in Computing & IT or a related foundation degree equivalent (such as HND Computing).

### How do I apply?

You can apply for the BSc Computing & IT (top-up) through UCAS, see page 82 for further information on how to apply.

“If your future career plans involve computer science in any way, this course offers a fantastic next step. My time at University Centre Southport has not only allowed me to study on a full honours degree programme but has provided inspiration for what I would like to do with my future.”

# BSC



JOSH MOORCROFT JONES | COMPUTING & IT

“I chose to attend University Centre Southport because not only did it offer a local, familiar and friendly environment but the course content was perfectly suited to my interests and future career plans.

Undeniably, the best part of the course has been the consistent opportunity to learn something new. The course has provided an enjoyable challenge and a level of support that is far beyond what I would have expected from a University programme.

All of the staff, on the programme and beyond, have been friendly and eager to help, providing a comfortable and safe learning environment, with resources that are perfectly suited to the requirements of the course. If your future career plans involve computer science in anyway, this course offers a fantastic next step. My time at University Centre Southport has not only allowed me to study on a full honours degree programme but has provided inspiration for what I would like to do with my future.

On completion of the BSc I plan to study on a PGCE programme, so that I can become a secondary school teacher.”

“

There's always room out there for the hand-drawn image. I personally like the imperfection of hand drawing as opposed to the slick look of computer animation. But you can do good stuff either way. The Pixar movies are amazing in what they do, but there's plenty of independent animators who are doing really amazing things as well.”

*Matt Groening.*



## CREATIVE ARTS



## FOUNDATION DIPLOMA ART & DESIGN

COURSE LEVEL	4
AWARDING BODY	UAL
DURATION	1 YEAR, 4 DAYS PER WEEK

The Level 4 Foundation Diploma in Art & Design offers you the opportunity to explore and develop your artistic practice in preparation for a university degree. You will study a diverse range of materials, techniques and processes to enable you to build a strong portfolio of work.

The course includes a large amount of practical work, which is supported by written work. In addition to the course's timetabled hours, you will also be expected to undertake approximately 10 hours of independent study every week.

### What will I study?

You will study a number of units including:

- Fine art
- 3-Dimensional design
- Fashion and textiles
- Graphic design and illustration
- Preparation for progression
- Printmaking
- Drawing including life drawing

You will also undertake a personal specialist project with your final work being exhibited at the annual College Art, Design & Media Show in June.

### FACILITIES

Art and Design students have access to state-of-the-art facilities, including Apple Mac computers, clothes printing presses, screen printing facilities, computer-controlled embroidery machines, 3D printers and modern studio spaces.

### ASSESSMENT/EXAMINATIONS

You will be continuously assessed through the production of your portfolio: there are formal assessment points during the year. You will also be externally assessed for your final specialist assignment.

### WHAT CAN I DO AFTER THIS COURSE?

On successful completion of the course you may progress on to degree courses such as: Fashion Design, Fine Art, Graphic Design, Multimedia, Advertising, Embroidery, Illustration, 3D Design, Interior Design, Textile Design and Product Design.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

- Merit grade Extended Diploma in a related subject such as Art and Design, Graphic Design, Photography
- Or equivalent such as two A Levels in related subjects
- Portfolio that demonstrates a good standard of work
- Acceptance on to the course is also subject to a satisfactory interview

### How do I apply?

You can apply for the Art & Design Level 4 Foundation Studies course through our website [www.southport.ac.uk](http://www.southport.ac.uk).



The course has given me the confidence to take the next step, a degree in Fine Art at LJMU, and I look forward to pursuing the rest of my career doing something I love.”



MELANIE CORNES | FOUNDATION DIPLOMA | ART & DESIGN

“I chose to go to University Centre Southport as its local and it had the course that I wanted to do. It was daunting at first, especially as a single parent, but I've had a lot of guidance, support and encouragement not only from my tutors but also from the College as a whole.

The Art Foundation course gives you a chance to be creative in your own style and it's been really fun. I've enjoyed pushing boundaries and experimenting with different materials. You can tell how much the tutors love art as it shows in their teaching and I've liked that as Art Foundation students we have our own classroom with individual work stations.

My advice to anyone wanting to join this course is to just do it; it was the best decision I've made and I wish I'd done it sooner! The course has given me the confidence to take the next step, a degree in Fine Art at LJMU, and I look forward to pursuing the rest of my career doing something I love.”

NEW  
for  
2018

## HND FILM & TV PRODUCTION

COURSE LEVEL	5
AWARDING BODY	PEARSON
UCAS CODE	M3P5
DURATION	2 YEARS, FULL-TIME

The course provides you with a “Film School” experience which equips prospective film-makers with the skills to create a film from start to finish. You will learn how to develop ideas, write scripts, produce, direct and edit films using a range of resources, including digital SLR cameras, professional level HD video cameras, editing software and Apple Mac computers.

The course focuses on moving image production, so there is a large focus on short film production, documentary, experimental film, multi-camera studio programmes, foundation visual effects skills and video editing.

### What will I study?

You will study a number of units including:

- Film studies
- Script writing
- Television studies
- Practical skills for moving image production
- Camera and lighting techniques
- Fiction production for the moving image
- Music video production
- Moving image documentary production
- Director for moving image production
- Producer for moving image production
- Research techniques
- Specialist subject investigation
- Project design, implementation and evaluation

Throughout the course you will create a portfolio of quality work including films, adverts and music videos to show prospective employers. You will also undertake career development and work experience as part of the course.



“The course focuses on moving image production, so there is a large focus on short film production, documentary, experimental film, multi-camera studio programmes, foundation visual effects skills and video editing.”

### ASSESSMENT/EXAMINATIONS

You will be continuously assessed through a series of graded assignments. Your assignment work is also subject to checks by external examiners to ensure that national standards are met.

### WHAT CAN I DO AFTER THIS COURSE?

On successful completion of the course you could find employment within the TV & Film industry using the industry experience and portfolio of work you have developed throughout the course. You will have also acquired the skills to set up your own production company or write and produce your own independent films.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants are required to have a minimum of 48 UCAS points fulfilled by at least one of the following entry requirements:

- At least 2 A Levels
- BTEC National Certificate/Diploma
- International Baccalaureate
- Access to Higher Education Diploma
- Foundation Diploma
- Level 3 NVQ or other work based qualification

### APPLICANTS ARE ALSO EXPECTED TO HAVE:

- GCSE grade C in maths and English
- Or hold equivalent certificates such as Numeracy Level 2, Literacy Level 2, Functional Skills English, Functional Skills maths or Key Skills.

We also accept other relevant qualifications or work/industry experience. Work/industry experience must show knowledge of and commitment to the course. You will need to demonstrate an ability to study at a Higher Education level.

### How do I apply?

You can apply for the HND Film & TV Production through UCAS, see page 82 for further information on how to apply.





# HND GAMES DESIGN

COURSE LEVEL	5
AWARDING BODY	EDEXCEL
UCAS CODE	G4D6
DURATION	2 YEARS, FULL-TIME

The course aims to provide you with knowledge and professional skills in areas of games design, animation and 3D games engines. The course focuses on the technical requirements for constructing computer games, including related aspects such as project management, games engines and design techniques.

## What will I study?

You will study a number of units including:

- 2D Digital Graphics
- 3D Modelling
- 3D Computer Game Engines
- Level Design
- Computer Game Design Techniques
- Production Techniques
- Quality Assurance
- Research Techniques
- Project Design, Implementation and Evaluation
- Career Development

Throughout the course you will create a portfolio of quality work including games, animations and show reels to show prospective employers.

### ASSESSMENT/EXAMINATIONS

You will be continuously assessed through a series of graded assignments. Your assignment work is also subject to checks by external examiners to ensure that national standards are met.

### WHAT CAN I DO AFTER THIS COURSE?

On successful completion of the course you could find employment within the games industry using the industry experience and portfolio of work you have developed throughout the course. Alternatively you may choose to use your skills in related industries such as film and television animation.

“I would highly recommend the HND Games Design programme, as it provides all of the skills you need and offers the chance to work on a wide range of technologies.”

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants are required to have a minimum of 48 UCAS points fulfilled by at least one of the following entry requirements:

- At least 2 A Levels
- BTEC National Certificate/Diploma
- International Baccalaureate
- Access to Higher Education Diploma
- Foundation Diploma
- Level 3 NVQ or other work based qualification

### APPLICANTS ARE ALSO EXPECTED TO HAVE:

- GCSE grade C in maths and English
- Or hold equivalent certificates such as Numeracy Level 2, Literacy Level 2, Functional Skills English, Functional Skills maths or Key Skills.

We also accept other relevant qualifications or work/industry experience. Work/industry experience must show knowledge of and commitment to the course. You will need to demonstrate an ability to study at a Higher Education level.

### How do I apply?

You can apply for the HND Games Design through UCAS, see page 82 for further information on how to apply.

CALLUM TURNER | HND GAMES DESIGN

“I choose University Centre Southport because it offered a very well balanced Games Design HND course compared to other institutions. It was also the closest college to where I live, making it easy for me to travel to and from college. I am enjoying the wide range of skills that I am learning and have found the tutors to be very willing to go out of their way to teach, support and guide.

If you are serious about entering the industry and ready to put in the work required to succeed, I would highly recommend the HND Games Design programme, as it provides all of the skills you need and offers the chance to work on a wide range of technologies.

The course is also ideally suited to anyone who needs to or wishes to work part-time whilst studying, as the condensed timetable and focus on independent learning means that I am only in college two days a week.”



## HND GRAPHIC DESIGN

COURSE LEVEL	5
AWARDING BODY	EDEXCEL
UCAS CODE	W210
DURATION	2 YEARS, FULL-TIME

The HND Graphic Design has been developed to give you the creative and technical skills, understanding and background knowledge required to be successfully employed within the graphic design industry.

Within the course you will explore a variety of visual communication forms including illustration, print, typography, lens based media, time based media and computer aided graphic design; giving you the essential training and skills development required for a range of careers in graphic design and related fields.

### What will I study?

You will study a range of topics including:

- Project design, implementation and evaluation
- Design methods and principles
- Personal style development
- Typographic ideas
- Corporate identity
- Visual communication
- Management of the design and production process
- Digital image creation and development
- Drawing techniques and processes
- Communication with images
- Ideas generation and development
- Contextual and cultural referencing
- Professional practice

You will also undertake a research project, take part in work-based experience such as live briefs and you will have the opportunity to enter your work in to national and international competitions

### ASSESSMENT/EXAMINATIONS

You will be assessed using a variety of methods including case studies, reports, time constrained assessments, essays and presentations.



“I have enjoyed all aspects of the course so far, learning everything from dry point printing to typography and I feel these skills will really help me to achieve my goal of becoming a graphic designer working alongside well-known brands.”

VICTORIA SWIFT | GRAPHIC DESIGN

### WHAT CAN I DO AFTER THIS COURSE?

On successful completion of the course you could find employment within graphic design, advertising and magazine design. Alternatively you may choose to progress on to further study specialising in illustration, web design or digital media.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants are required to have a minimum of 48 UCAS points fulfilled by at least one of the following entry requirements:

- At least 2 A Levels
- BTEC National Certificate/Diploma
- International Baccalaureate
- Access to Higher Education Diploma
- Foundation Diploma
- Level 3 NVQ or other work based qualification

### APPLICANTS ARE ALSO EXPECTED TO HAVE:

- GCSE grade C in maths and English
- Or hold equivalents such as Numeracy Level 2, Literacy Level 2, Functional Skills in English or maths or Key Skills.

We also accept other relevant qualifications or work/industry experience that shows knowledge of and commitment to the course. You will need to demonstrate an ability to study at a Higher Education level.

### How do I apply?

You can apply for the HND Graphic Design through UCAS, see page 82 for further information on how to apply.

“I chose to study at University Centre Southport as the course is exactly what I was looking for and is flexible enough to fit around my busy lifestyle. I am delighted I did as the staff on the programme are both supportive and helpful and the facilities are fantastic; I just wish I had more time to use everything! I have enjoyed all aspects of the course so far, learning everything from dry point printing to typography and I feel these skills will really help me to achieve my goal of becoming a graphic designer working alongside well-known brands.

The programme really is the most friendly course at the most friendly college I have ever attended. My advice to anyone considering studying at University Centre Southport is to go for it because you will really enjoy it!”

NEW  
for  
2018

## HND PERFORMING ARTS

COURSE LEVEL	5
AWARDING BODY	EDEXCEL
UCAS CODE	TO BE CONFIRMED (SEE WEBSITE FOR DETAILS)
DURATION	2 YEARS, FULL-TIME

The HND Performing Arts allows you to study performance within a broad range of vocational and academic contexts created through the delivery of a range of units throughout two stages of study.

You will develop technical competence across a range of performing techniques and skills, enabling you to apply these at an increasingly professional standard. The programme of study will encompass contemporary, innovative, creative work in our industry standard performance spaces and high tech TV and sound production studios.

To help you apply your skills professionally, you will also be encouraged to undertake work placements during the holiday periods, to support securing employment or further progression.

### What will I study?

You will study a number of units including:

- Devising
- Movement
- Creative Arts Professional Practice
- Creative Arts Research Skills
- Naturalistic Acting
- Acting for Camera
- Development of Acting Skills
- Voice and Speech

### ASSESSMENT/EXAMINATIONS

You will be assessed using a variety of methods including workshops, group critiques, performance, essays and presentations.

### WHAT CAN I DO AFTER THIS COURSE?

On successful completion of the course you are prepared for industry auditions and employment. Alternatively, you may wish to progress to a degree course in which case, entry to year 2 or 3 may be possible.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants are required to have a minimum of 48 UCAS points fulfilled by at least one of the following entry requirements:

- At least 2 A Levels
- BTEC National Extended Diploma
- International Baccalaureate
- Access to Higher Education Diploma
- Foundation Diploma
- Level 3 NVQ or other work based qualification

### APPLICANTS ARE ALSO EXPECTED TO HAVE:

- GCSE grade C in maths and English
- Or hold equivalents such as Numeracy Level 2, Literacy Level 2, Functional Skills in English or maths or Key Skills.
- A competent skill set in the use of ICT
- You will need to pass an audition and provide a satisfactory reference.
- Mature students with relevant performance experience may also be considered with other relevant qualifications or work/industry experience that shows knowledge of and commitment to the course. You will need to demonstrate an ability to study at a Higher Education level.

### How do I apply?

You can apply for the HND Performing Arts via UCAS. See page 82 for further information on how to apply.

You will develop technical competence across a wide range of performing techniques and skills.





# HND PHOTOGRAPHY

COURSE LEVEL	5
AWARDING BODY	EDEXCEL
UCAS CODE	W64
DURATION	2 YEARS, FULL-TIME

The HND Photography allows you to study photography within a broad range of vocational and academic contexts created through the delivery of a range of units throughout two stages of study.

You will develop technical competence across a range of photographic techniques and skills, enabling you to apply these skills at an increasingly professional standard. You will be trained in image capture, as well as pre and post-production of images to industry standards. To help you apply your skills professionally, you will also be encouraged to undertake work placements during the holidays.

## What will I study?

You will study a range of topics including:

- Professional practice
- Lens based recording techniques
- Studio practice
- Photographic techniques
- Exhibiting artwork
- Project design, implementation and evaluation
- Advertising, location & fashion photography
- Press photography & photojournalism
- Management of art exhibitions
- Photographic materials techniques & technology
- Visual communication
- Ideas generation and development
- Contextual and cultural referencing

## ASSESSMENT/EXAMINATIONS

You will be assessed using a variety of methods including case studies, reports, time constrained assessments, essays and presentations.

## WHAT CAN I DO AFTER THIS COURSE?

On successful completion of the course you could enter employment as professional photographer or work on a freelance basis. Alternatively, you may wish to progress to a degree course in which case, entry to Stage 2 or 3 may be possible.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants are required to have a minimum of 48 UCAS points fulfilled by at least one of the following entry requirements:

- At least 2 A Levels
- BTEC National Extended Diploma
- International Baccalaureate
- Access to Higher Education Diploma
- Foundation Diploma
- Level 3 NVQ or other work based qualification

## APPLICANTS ARE ALSO EXPECTED TO HAVE:

- GCSE grade C in maths and English
- Or hold equivalents such as Numeracy Level 2, Literacy Level 2, Functional Skills in English or maths or Key Skills.
- A competent skill set in the use of ICT
- Portfolio of photographic work

We also accept other relevant qualifications or work/industry experience that shows knowledge of and commitment to the course. You will need to demonstrate an ability to study at a Higher Education level.

## How do I apply?

You can apply for the HND Photography through UCAS, see page 82 for further information on how to apply.



“The course is a challenging programme that requires a lot of self discipline and the ability to work independently but I would not hesitate to recommend it to anyone.”

SAMANTHA FULSTOW | HND PHOTOGRAPHY

"I chose University Centre Southport because it was local to me and my previous work experience and portfolio were considered to provide entry onto the programme.

Upon visiting the University Centre, I was impressed with the outstanding photography facilities and really liked the separate Higher Education areas.

Studying the HND photography provided me with the opportunity to work with facilities that were new to me, such as the dark room, as well as improving my skills on more familiar projects, such as studio work.

The course is a challenging programme that requires a lot of self discipline and the ability to work independently but I would not hesitate to recommend it to anyone. It is a fun course that really prepares you for the world of work, and affords both the experience and confidence needed to go out on your own and work as a professional photographer."

“

We are in the society of the teacher judge, the doctor judge, the educator judge, the 'social worker' judge; it is on them that the universal reign of the normative is based; and each individual, wherever he may find himself, subjects to it his body, his gestures, his behavior, his aptitudes, his achievements.”

*Michel Foucault.*



## CRIMINOLOGY & SOCIAL SCIENCE



## FOUNDATION DEGREE CRIMINOLOGY & SOCIAL SCIENCES

COURSE LEVEL	5
AWARDING BODY	UNIVERSITY OF CUMBRIA
UCAS CODE	LL13
DURATION	2 YEARS, FULL-TIME

This course has been developed to give you a critical understanding of the offender, the victims, the approaches to managing and reducing crime and issues that develop in these processes.

Within the course you will gain an understanding of human behaviour and how it can be influenced by a variety of internal and external factors. You will apply this understanding to different areas and also explore how societies manage and reduce crime levels and the protections and support offered to victims.

### What will I study?

You will study a range of units including:

- Introduction to the Criminal Justice System
- Introduction to crime and deviance
- Working in the criminal justice sector
- Psychology and criminal justice
- Sociology and crime
- Criminological perspectives
- Criminal law and evidence
- Punishment, sentencing and rehabilitation
- Social research
- Contemporary debates in the Criminal Justice Sector

### ASSESSMENT/EXAMINATIONS

You will be continually assessed through a series of graded assignments, formal examinations and practical work. Assignment work is subject to checks by external examiners to ensure that national standards are met.

### WHAT CAN I DO AFTER THIS COURSE?

On successful completion of the course you may find employment within the criminal justice sector or enhance your career progression if you are already employed.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants are required to have a minimum of 48 UCAS points fulfilled by at least one of the following entry requirements:

- At least 2 A Levels
- BTEC National Certificate/Diploma
- International Baccalaureate
- Access to Higher Education Diploma
- Foundation Diploma
- Level 3 NVQ or other work based qualification

### APPLICANTS ARE ALSO EXPECTED TO HAVE:

- GCSE grade C in maths and English
- Or hold equivalent certificates such as Numeracy Level 2, Literacy Level 2, Functional Skills English, Functional Skills maths or Key Skills.

We also accept other relevant qualifications or work/industry experience. Work/industry experience must show knowledge of and commitment to the course. You will need to demonstrate an ability to study at a Higher Education level.

### How do I apply?

You can apply for the Foundation Degree in Criminology & Social Sciences through UCAS, see page 82 for further information on how to apply.



I previously studied on the Access to Social Science programme, so knew that the teaching staff at University Centre Southport were very supportive.”



KARMEN DAVIES | FDA CRIMINOLOGY

"I chose University Centre Southport because the town centre location provided ease of accessibility. I previously studied on the Access to Social Science programme, so knew that the teaching staff were very supportive. All of the staff really do go out of their way to support and meet all needs and never let anyone struggle.

The teaching staff put their hearts and souls into their teaching and the library staff are amazing too! The library facilities are excellent and rival those of a much larger university, with a fantastic collection of books, late opening times and a huge range of on-line journals to use in assignments. The proof-reading service is also a life-saver.

I study in college for two days per week and am able to access work at home via the moodle system, meaning I am able to combine the course with looking after my two children. The programme itself is a great mix of classroom based learning and relevant field trips, including a recent trip to Liverpool Crown Court, where we saw live cases in action and a visit to a high-risk hospital establishment, followed by a presentation from a consultant. Both trips provided the opportunity to expand on current knowledge and see theory in action.

I aspire to be a Probation Officer or Social Worker and would recommend this course to anyone. It is hard work but completely worth it and is quite honestly one of the best decisions I have ever made in my life."



## BA (HONS) CRIMINOLOGY & SOCIAL SCIENCE {TOP-UP}

COURSE LEVEL	6
AWARDING BODY	UNIVERSITY OF CUMBRIA
UCAS CODE	BACR
DURATION	1 YEAR, FULL-TIME

This course is intended to deliver work-ready BA Hons graduates with the skills necessary to work in the local economy within the public sector or related organisations. It is subject area which can lead in to a number of different career pathways.

### What will I study?

You will study a number of modules including:

- Restorative Justice
- Youth Justice
- Domestic Violence
- Human Rights around the Globe
- Dissertation

### ASSESSMENT/EXAMINATIONS

Assessment throughout the programme will include a blend of typical assessment activities such as written assignments, presentations and reports, alongside innovative and employability focused tasks such as case study analysis, problem based activities and reflective logs. These methods are chosen to encourage knowledge development, practitioner skills, and a range of transferable and professional capabilities such as communication and presentation skills, problem-solving, team work, numeracy and IT skills.

### WHAT CAN I DO AFTER THIS COURSE?

Previous students have been employed in a number of career areas including; social science, education, central & local government, health & social care, law and public services. Jobs directly related to this degree course include; community development worker and housing officer, police officer, prison officer, probation officer, social worker and youth worker.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Students must have completed the Foundation Degree Programme: Criminology and Social Sciences, or have completed a HND (Level 5 study) in a relevant subject area.

### How do I apply?

You can apply for the BA (Hons) Criminology & Social Science through UCAS, see page 82.

“

The staff on the Criminology programme are truly inspirational, they have provided the right level of support at all times and worked tirelessly to help me achieve my dream career.”

JULIE KENYON | BA CRIMINOLOGY

"I would highly recommend studying at University Centre Southport to any potential student as it has genuinely changed my life.

The staff on the Criminology programme are truly inspirational, they have provided the right level of support at all times and worked tirelessly to help me achieve my dream career at 50 years old. I have thoroughly enjoyed the course and have made some great friends.

My learning experience has been superb, I have received help in accessing a range of study materials and PC assistance from the committed and experienced staff in the library resource centre.

The BA Criminology course has allowed me to pursue a career in Child Protection and Criminal Justice; something I have always wanted to do. University Centre Southport has equipped me with full a degree and the ability to change my career, constantly encouraging me to do so and I cannot thank everyone involved enough."



“

I'm not into politics but I am committed to a cause: ensuring design technology and engineering stays on the U.K. curriculum, alongside science and maths - grounding abstract theory, merging the practical with the academic.”

*James Dyson.*

A close-up photograph of a person's hands using a vernier caliper to measure a small, dark object. The person is wearing a dark jacket over a light-colored shirt. The background is a plain, light color. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent green filter.

ENGINEERING





# HNC ENGINEERING

COURSE LEVEL	4
AWARDING BODY	EDEXCEL
UCAS CODE	H100
DURATION	2 YEARS, PART-TIME

This course provides the foundations of understanding required in mechanical engineering to progress into a career within the industry. The programme is suitable for people currently employed within an engineering role and those wishing to gain employment in the future.

## What will I study?

You will study a range of topics including:

- Engineering science
- Analytical methods
- Project design, implementation and evaluation
- Materials engineering
- Engineering design
- Advanced computer-aided design techniques
- Health, safety and risk assessment
- Further Mathematics

### ASSESSMENT/EXAMINATIONS

You will be assessed by a schedule of assignments during the course.

### WHAT CAN I DO AFTER THIS COURSE?

On successful completion of the course you could progress on to a BEng (Hons) degree at university or find employment within the engineering industry.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants are required to have a minimum of 48 UCAS points obtained by at least one of the following entry requirements:

- Minimum of 2 A Levels
- BTEC National Certificate/Diploma
- International Baccalaureate
- Access to Higher Education Diploma
- Foundation Diploma
- Level 3 NVQ or other work based qualification

### APPLICANTS ARE ALSO EXPECTED TO HAVE:

- GCSE grade C in maths and English
- Or hold equivalents such as Numeracy Level 2, Literacy Level 2, Functional Skills in English or maths or Key Skills.

We also accept other relevant qualifications or work/industry experience that shows knowledge of and commitment to the course. You will need to demonstrate an ability to study at Higher Education level.

## How do I apply?

You can apply for the HNC Engineering through UCAS, see page 82 for further information on how to apply.



PAUL MOONEY | HNC ENGINEERING

“  
I would highly recommend the programme to anyone considering completing a higher level qualification in Engineering.”

"I undertook the HNC Engineering whilst recovering from a serious accident and I am so glad that I did. I would highly recommend the programme to anyone considering completing a higher level qualification in Engineering as it has worked wonders for me. All of the staff at University Centre Southport were excellent, offering distinguished levels of learning in a relaxed environment.

The facilities afforded to Higher Education students are also good, with the project work providing an opportunity to really experience what it is like to work with others in an Engineering environment.

The pace is fast, the information covered vast and the learning rate is rapid but completely worth it; without the HNC Engineering qualification I would not have been offered an interview for my current job, which has since taken me around the world. University Centre Southport provided me with new skills and the qualification I needed to move my life forward again; for this, I will be forever grateful."

“

Any action of an individual, and obviously, the violent actions of a crime, cannot occur without leaving a trace.”

*Edmond Locard.*



FORENSIC SCIENCE



## FOUNDATION DEGREE FORENSIC SCIENCE

COURSE LEVEL	4 AND 5
AWARDING BODY	UNIVERSITY OF CUMBRIA
UCAS CODE	F410
DURATION	2 YEARS, FULL-TIME

The FdSc Forensic Science programme is aligned to the QAA Subject Benchmark Statement for Forensic Science, the National Occupational Standards for Forensic Science and three component standards of The Forensic Science Society. The Code of Practice and Conduct from the Forensic Science Regulator have also informed module content, ensuring the programme provides the skills and knowledge needed for employment, is up to date and fit for purpose and has been designed with employers specifically in mind.

### What will I study?

You will study a number of units including:

#### YEAR 1:

- Core Scientific Skills
- Scientific Investigations
- Biology for Forensic Scientists
- Chemistry for Forensic Scientists
- Forensic Disciplines
- Crime Scene Investigation

#### YEAR 2:

- Work-Based Project
- DNA Technology
- Forensic Biology
- Forensic Chemistry
- Evidence, Procedures and Law
- Forensic Medicine

#### ASSESSMENT/EXAMINATIONS

You will be continuously assessed through a series of graded assignments, set exercises, portfolio work, presentations, written reports and exams.

#### WHAT CAN I DO AFTER THIS COURSE?

Upon successful completion of the course, you should have the skills, knowledge and qualifications required to progress onto the BSc (Hons) Forensic Science (top-up) at the University of Cumbria, Carlisle Campus.

#### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants are required to fulfil the following criteria for entry:

- Grade C or above GCSEs in Mathematics, English and Science or equivalent
- Minimum 48 UCAS tariff points including an A Level (or Level 3 equivalent) in a Science subject
- Conditional acceptance can be given to applicants who have yet to gain these qualifications. All applicants are interviewed
- Potential to succeed can be measured in a number of ways including academic qualifications and skills obtained outside academic study such as work experience. We have a points range so we can take into account all of the information on your application form and adjust the offer from the evidence provided.

#### How do I apply?

You can apply for the FdSc Forensic Science via UCAS. See page 82 for further information on how to apply.

The FdSc Forensic Science programme is aligned to the QAA Subject Benchmark Statement for Forensic Science, the National Occupational Standards for Forensic Science and three component standards of The Forensic Science Society.



“

No society can legitimately call itself civilized if a sick person is denied medical aid because of lack of means.”

*Aneurin Bevan.*



## HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE



# FOUNDATION DEGREE HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

COURSE LEVEL	5
AWARDING BODY	UNIVERSITY OF CUMBRIA
UCAS CODE	L512
DURATION	2 YEARS, FULL-TIME

This programme gives learners the opportunity to achieve a nationally recognised qualification that offers both career progression and professional development for those already employed or looking to work in health and social care. This Foundation Degree work-related programme of study is designed to cover the key knowledge, understanding and practical skills required within this sector. The programme allows for learners to apply their knowledge and practical skills in the workplace through formal voluntary work placements or part-time employment experience.

Employment/work experience or voluntary placements are not mandatory for the programme, but current vocational experience whilst studying on the programme is highly recommended.

This programme is designed to equip learners with academic, research, analytical and problem solving skills ideally suited for a range of careers and career progression in the health and social care sectors, focussing on moving up to a supervisory or management position.

## What will I study?

You will study a range of topics including:

- Personal development and study skills
- Values and principles of Health and Social Care
- Communication and multi-agency working
- Applied anatomy and physiology
- Lifespan development and mental health
- The principles and implementation of the duty of care

## ASSESSMENT/EXAMINATIONS

Methods of assessment on the Foundation degree include written assignments, project work, presentations, exams and portfolio evidence.

## WHAT CAN I DO AFTER THIS COURSE?

This course is ideally suited for a range of careers and career progression in the Health and Social Care sectors, focussing on moving up to a supervisory or management position. Successful completion of this course may lead on to positions working with young people and mental health, or you may wish to progress onto the BSc (Hons) in Health and Social Care {Top Up} taught at University Centre Southport and validated by the University of Cumbria.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants are required to have a minimum of 48 UCAS points fulfilled by at least one of the following entry requirements. Other qualifications or relevant life/work experience may also be considered:

- A minimum of 2 A Levels
- BTEC National Diploma/Extended Diploma
- Access to Higher Education Diploma
- Level 3 NVQ

## APPLICANTS ARE ALSO EXPECTED TO HAVE:

- Successful interview, supported by personal statement and portfolio, and suitable reference.
- All applicants will additionally require GCSE English at Grade C or equivalent. Mathematics at GCSE Grade C will also be desirable.
- Non-native English speakers or those who have not studied the final two years of school in English must be able to demonstrate a capability in English at a standard commensurate with IELTS 6.0, with a minimum of 5.5 being awarded on individual sections.

## How do I apply?

You can apply for FdSc Health and Social Care via UCAS. See page 82 for further information on how to apply.



BLESSED DODO | FDA HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE



I will leave University Centre Southport with a full honours degree which will allow me to progress onto a master's degree."

"I chose to attend University Centre Southport as the location is convenient, the fees are much lower than the larger universities and I can work part-time whilst studying. I am very happy with my choice, the atmosphere here is very good, the staff are extremely helpful and I have found everyone everywhere in the college is willing to help and offer support when it is needed.

The facilities are fantastic and the course has allowed me to meet some wonderful people; it has also taken me to another level academically.

The assignments on the course require a lot of research and independent study is key to success but the tutors are just an email away and are always willing to help.

On completion I plan to enrol on the top up, so that I will leave University Centre Southport with a full honours degree which will allow me to progress onto a master's degree."



## BSC (HONS) HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE {TOP UP}

COURSE LEVEL	6
AWARDING BODY	UNIVERSITY OF CUMBRIA
UCAS CODE	H3S8
DURATION	1 YEAR, FULL-TIME

This one-year top-up is available to students who successfully completed the FdSc in Health and Social Care or equivalent foundation degree subject. The programme aims to provide you with the opportunity to achieve a nationally recognised qualification that offers both career progression and professional development and is designed for those already in employment in the Health and Social Care sectors and those learners that are looking for future employment and careers in the sectors.

### What will I study?

- Contexts of Multi Agency Working
- Critical Perspectives of Mental Health
- Public Health, Addiction and Critical Debates
- Managing Self and Others

### ASSESSMENT/EXAMINATIONS

Continuous assessment through a series of assignments, formal examinations, presentations and practical work. Assessment is subject to checks by an independent external examiner to ensure that national standards are met.

### WHAT CAN I DO AFTER THIS COURSE?

On successful completion of the course you could find employment working with service users in areas such as children and families, health promotion, services for older people, community development and mental health.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Foundation Degree in Health and Social Care or a related foundation degree equivalent or HND.

### How do I apply?

You can apply for the BSc (Hons) Health and Social Care (Top Up) through UCAS, see page 82 for further information on how to apply.

“

The staff in the Health and Social Care department have been an absolute inspiration. Juggling degree level study with full-time work and home commitments is not easy but those moments where I felt like giving up were quickly overcome as the tutors were always available to provide advice, empathy and support.”

B S



JOAN SHANNON | BA HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

“Becoming a student at University Centre Southport marked my return to education after a long period of absence. Naturally, I was a little apprehensive but any fears were soon alleviated by fantastic tutors and peers, who have shared my journey with me.

The staff in the Health and Social Care department have been an absolute inspiration. Juggling degree level study with full-time work and home commitments is not easy but those moments where I felt like giving up were quickly overcome as the tutors were always available to provide advice, empathy and support.

I have worked in health care services for many years but I feel the qualifications I have gained at University Centre Southport will allow me to continue climbing the career ladder. My advice to anyone considering a degree here is to go for it, I have had a wonderful time here and will be very sad to leave.”

“

Instead of worrying about teaching the curriculum or making sure that you've got a strict classroom environment, build your relationships first. Get your kids on board, connect with them, find out what it is that they're interested in. Build the relationship, build that trust. And then everything else can happen.”

*Andria Zafirakou.*

WORLD TEACHER OF THE YEAR.



TEACHING



## PGCE/CERTIFICATE IN EDUCATION & TRAINING

COURSE LEVEL	4
AWARDING BODY	UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL LANCASHIRE (UCLAN)
UCAS CODE	W640 APPLY DIRECTLY TO UNIVERSITY CENTRE SOUTHPORT
DURATION	3 HOURS PER WEEK 30 WEEKS PER YEAR FOR 2 YEARS YOU CAN OPT TO STUDY THIS AS EITHER A DAYTIME OR EVENING COURSE

The Certificate in Education (Education and Training) and Postgraduate Certificate in Education (Education and Training) are nationally recognised qualifications for teachers, trainers and tutors in the Further Education and Skills Sector. The qualifications are open to all in service, pre-service and pre-employment teachers, trainers and tutors in the Lifelong Learning Sector or suitably qualified people who wish to enter the profession. Full Award trainees would be expected to use resources they have designed and evaluated, deliver learning across a range of levels, subjects and learner types, and contribute to a range of programmes of varying lengths.

### The qualification is comprised of the following:

#### YEAR ONE

- An initial assessment of literacy, numeracy and ICT skills and commencement of the Professional Development Portfolio
- **Module One: Preparation for Education and Training**  
Designed to give you a taster of teaching and prepare you to teach this module will introduce you to teaching and learning as a process. During this module you will develop the personal and practical skills that you will need in a teaching or training role
- **Module Two: Teaching, Learning and Assessment**  
Teaching and Reflecting on own Practice; including 75 hours of teaching practice/placement within a subject specialism and 4 hours of observed practice
- **Module Three: Curriculum Design and Assessment**  
In this module you will look at schemes of work and their design you will also examine forms of assessment and analyse the alignment within your own subject area

#### YEAR TWO

- **Module Four: Action Research: Deconstructing Practice**
- **Module Five: Developing Teaching, Learning and Assessment**  
Professional Values and Inclusive Practice
- **Module Six: Developing Teaching, Learning and Assessment**  
Teaching and Reflecting on others Practice; including 75 hours of teaching practice/placement within a subject specialism and 4 hours of observed practice

#### CERTIFICATE IN EDUCATION TRAINEES UNDERTAKE:

- 3 modules at Level 1 HE/Level 4 NQF and 3 Modules at Level 2 HE/Level 5 NQF.

#### PGCE TRAINEES UNDERTAKE:

- Three modules at Level 1 HE/Level 4 NCF, 1 module at Level 3 HE/ Level 6 NQF and 2 modules at Masters Level 4 HE/Level 7 NQF.

#### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants must meet the following minimum entry requirements:

- A minimum of a Level 3 qualification in their own subject specialism
- An appropriate level of education (5 GCSEs minimum at C and above or equivalent - to include English)
- Potential to complete 150 hours of teaching which may be voluntary over the course of the programme
- Successful interview and presentation with course tutor
- The ability to communicate fluently, accurately and effectively in professional spoken English (IELTS 7.5 or equivalent)
- Applicants wishing to progress to PGCE will need an honours degree or equivalent

#### ASSESSMENT/EXAMINATIONS:

You will be assessed using a range of methods including portfolios, teaching observations, presentations and projects.

#### Further study and career options:

The programme can lead to QTLS status (Qualified Teacher in the Learning and Skills Sector).



“

I have really enjoyed the variety of units on the programme, learning new skills, interacting with peers and developing my wider learning.”

JO COUGHLAN | PGCE AND CERT ED

“I decided to undertake the PGCE at University Centre Southport as the evening classes were convenient and fitted around my home and work life.

As I already worked at the college, I knew that the teaching staff were committed, knowledgeable, understanding and hardworking and throughout my course, those teaching staff were always there to help and guide me every step of the way.

I have really enjoyed the variety of units on the programme, learning new skills, interacting with peers and developing my wider learning. For anyone considering a career in teaching, I would definitely recommend the PGCE at University Centre Southport. The programme has undoubtedly helped me to secure my teaching job and I would not be where I am today without the qualification.”



# Visit us

University Centre Southport aims to give all of our students an exceptional experience with higher level programmes designed to meet the needs of the local economy. This, coupled with our specialist facilities and dedicated University Centre provision, provides the best possible environment for success at a higher level.

## Accessible location

University Centre Southport is in a central location, easily accessible from Southport's main train station and just a short walk from the main bus stops on Lord Street. Served by both Northern and Merseyrail, the proximity to the train station makes University Centre Southport easily accessible from across Merseyside, West Lancashire and beyond. Additionally, there are a number of short-term and long-term car parks available just a short walk away from the college, as well as two park and ride schemes in operation across Southport.



## Open Evenings

Why not discover more for yourself and visit one of our open evenings. Held throughout the year, open evenings provide the perfect opportunity to meet teaching staff, current students and view the impressive facilities yourself. You can find the date of our next open evening at [www.southport.ac.uk](http://www.southport.ac.uk).

Alternatively, please call us on 01704 392741 to arrange a personal visit which we will tailor to your requirements.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

## Additional travel information and advice

[www.merseyrail.org](http://www.merseyrail.org)  
[www.northernrailway.co.uk](http://www.northernrailway.co.uk)  
[arrivabus.co.uk/north-west](http://arrivabus.co.uk/north-west)  
[www.stagecoachbus.com/plan-a-journey](http://www.stagecoachbus.com/plan-a-journey)



# Fees and Finance

## Student Finance

### TUITION FEE LOAN FOR HE COURSES

Students of any age studying on a Higher Education course, including the PGCE, can apply for funding via the student loan system but University Centre Southport will require proof of the loan being in place before a student can enrol on their programme of choice. University Centre Southport accepts a range of payment methods for higher level course tuition fees. Typically these are full payment without a loan, an invoice from an employer confirming they will pay the fee or payment via the student loan system.

### MAINTENANCE LOAN

In addition to applying for a tuition fee loan, eligible undergraduate students can apply for a maintenance loan, to help cover day to day living costs, which typically include accommodation, travel, food and general living. Maintenance loans are also applied for via the student finance system.

### ADVANCED LEARNER LOAN FOR NON HE COURSES

Advanced Learner Loans have been introduced for learners aged 19 or over who are studying at Level 3 and above on a non HE programme that started on or after 1st August 2016. Advanced Learner Loans will cover the cost of tuition fees, so students don't have to pay up front. Interest on the loans is low and your household income isn't taken into account.

**Repayments don't start until you earn £21,000 and, if you undertake and successfully complete a Higher Education programme, the outstanding amount of Advanced Learner Loan debt is written off!**

## Art Foundation Level 4 course

Students who are 18 when enrolling on the course will not be required to pay tuition fees. Students aged 19 or over will be required to pay the tuition fee and can apply for an Advanced Learner Loan to cover the cost.

**Repayments don't start until you earn £21,000 and, if you undertake and successfully complete a Higher Education programme, the outstanding amount of Advanced Learner Loan debt is written off!**

## Other courses

Students on any other course with either University Centre Southport or Southport College are required to pay their tuition fees in full before the course commences. Assistance may be available for certain students, please contact Student Guidance to check your eligibility.

## Additional Financial Support

Some students may be entitled to access additional financial support such as Childcare Grants, Parents' Learning Allowance, Adult Dependents' Grant, Child Tax Credit and/or Disabled Students' Allowance. Students can use the calculator on the Student Finance website to determine eligibility and can find additional help and support from University Centre Southport's Student Guidance team.

### ADDITIONAL COURSE COSTS

Some of the courses listed in this prospectus may carry materials, residential or additional miscellaneous fees. Additional information will be provided during interview, if you are applying to study on such a course.

## Tuition fees

Tuition fees vary by course. For the most up to date costs, please visit our website: [www.southport.ac.uk](http://www.southport.ac.uk)

# Applying to University Centre Southport

The type of course and level you wish to apply for at University Centre Southport will determine which application process you follow. We are keen to make the process as simple as possible, with all of the relevant information listed below. If you need any additional help, or have further questions, please contact the Student Guidance Team on 01704 392704.

## Levels 4, 5, 6 and 7

HNC, HND, Foundation Degrees, Honours Degrees and PGCE

### APPLICATION

THOSE WISHING to apply for any level 4, 5 or 6 programme (see pages 8-9 for additional details) will need to apply for their chosen course of study via the external UCAS system, visit [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com) for further details. The institution code is S35 and you will find a range of courses listed under 'Southport College.'

Once on the website, follow the instructions to apply for your chosen programme of study and ensure that you pay the required application fee, otherwise your application won't be sent or processed.

**INTERNAL APPLICANTS** - Please note that students already enrolled at University Centre Southport may apply to progress on to a more advanced HE course here through our own application form instead of using the UCAS system again.

**TEACHER TRAINING** – All applications for the Certificate in Education and Post Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) are made directly to University Centre Southport, not through UCAS. Please visit [www.southport.ac.uk](http://www.southport.ac.uk) and search 'Cert Ed' or PGCE' for full details on how to apply.

### Interview

Once your application is received, you will be invited to an interview to check that you meet the entry criteria and that the course is right for you. This invite will be sent in the form of a letter, detailing the date and time of your interview, alongside any additional instructions or requirements. Interview opportunities also provide a great chance to look around the specialist facilities offered at University Centre Southport and meet the teaching staff.

### Offers

If your application for study is successful, you will receive an offer through UCAS and you can accept your place using the UCAS system. Be sure to keep checking UCAS for any updates once your application has been submitted. Internal applicants will be contacted directly

### Enrolment

If you accept your offer of a place to study with us, in August you will receive a letter, inviting you in to enrol on your course. The letter will detail everything you need to bring with you and you must ensure that you bring your qualification certificates with you too. If you plan to use Student Finance or employer payment to fund your course, you will also need to ensure that you have confirmation of an application for funding with you, when you enrol.

## Level 2 and Level 3

Pre Access and Access to Higher Education Programmes

### APPLICATION

THOSE WISHING to apply for either a Pre-Access or Access programme can do so via the main Southport College website. Please visit [www.southport.ac.uk](http://www.southport.ac.uk) and search for your chosen course. Once found, follow the instructions on-line and submit your application.

### Interview

Once your application is received, you will be invited to an interview to check that the programme chosen is the right one for you. This interview also provides the opportunity to ask questions about financial and learning support for the duration of your programme of study.

### Formal offer

Post interview, we will make you a formal offer. This will be done in writing and sent to the address supplied on your application form. This document fully explains what grades are needed to access the course as well as any other conditions of entry and how to accept your offer.

### Enrolment

In August, all those who have accepted an offer will be invited by letter to enrolment. The invitation will explain everything that you are required to bring with you on the day. If you are planning to fund your programme by way of an Adult Learner Loan, you will need to bring the relevant documentation which shows that your application for funding has been successful.

# Important information for prospective students

## Terms, conditions and disclaimers

University Centre Southport is part of Southport College. The information contained within this prospectus is correct at the time of going to print and every effort is made to ensure accuracy. It is possible that some changes may occur before the start of the academic year and University Centre Southport reserves the right to withdraw or amend courses, entry requirements, fees and details.

Courses are offered subject to viability of group sizes, minimum and maximum numbers, as decided by University Centre Southport. If the University Centre Southport discontinues any courses it will make every effort to provide a suitable alternative course. University Centre Southport accepts no responsibility for the consequences of the cancellation or modification of a course.

Any offer of a place is on the basis that in accepting you agree to the terms and conditions of the University Centre Southport. Acceptance onto a course is at the discretion of University Centre Southport and all students are subject to the policies and procedures of Southport College.

Additional information about the policies and procedures can be found at [www.southport.ac.uk/college/about-us/college-policies](http://www.southport.ac.uk/college/about-us/college-policies).

University Centre Southport endeavours to provide the educational services as described within this publication to enrolled students. It cannot accept any liability for disruption beyond the control of University Centre Southport but it will take reasonable steps to minimise this disruption.

For full terms and conditions please go to [www.southport.ac.uk](http://www.southport.ac.uk)

## FEEDBACK AND COMPLAINTS

University Centre Southport aims to listen to the views of all who use our services and encourages suggestions, comments, compliments and complaints. Any feedback can be made to University Centre Southport in a number of ways including through our Comments, Complaints and Compliments online form, verbally, in writing or through a HE Student Representative.

Our complaints and appeals policy can be found on the College policies section of the website at [www.southport.ac.uk/college/about-us/college-policies](http://www.southport.ac.uk/college/about-us/college-policies).

## DBS CHECK

It is a legal requirement for all those who are going to work with young people and/or vulnerable adults to undergo a DBS check. DBS is the Disclosure and Barring Service, an organisation who now carry out all of the checks previously undertaken by the Criminal Records Bureau (CRB). If you require additional information, please contact our Student Guidance team on: 01704 392704.

## FEES

Students of any age studying on a Higher Education course, including the PGCE, can apply for funding via the student loan system but University Centre Southport will require proof of the loan being in place before a student can enrol on their programme of choice. Self-funding students on a course with either University Centre Southport or Southport College are required to pay their tuition fees in full before the course commences. The very nature of some of the more practical courses requires an additional charge for materials. Students will be advised of these costs during the interview stage of the application process.

## ACCESS FOR ALL

University Centre Southport is committed to equality and diversity. It is dedicated to the active pursuit of an equal opportunities policy, which addresses the need and right of everyone in the University Centre Southport to be treated with respect and dignity, in an environment where a diversity of backgrounds and experiences are valued.

If this publication is required in an alternative format or language, or you wish to discuss specific requirements or adjustments for joining one of our advertised courses, please contact Student Guidance on 01704 392704.

# Study local

Hugh Baird  
UNIVERSITY CENTRE



A wide range of University level courses are available on your doorstep.

As well as having the option to study Higher Education at University Centre Southport, there are also a wide range of Higher Education options at Hugh Baird University Centre. If you don't find the course you are looking for in Southport, why not visit Hugh Baird University Centre for additional course options.



## Further Information

For more information on courses at Hugh Baird University Centre visit [www.hughbaird.ac.uk/university-centre](http://www.hughbaird.ac.uk/university-centre)



# University Centre Southport Graduation

Each year we offer our graduating students the opportunity to celebrate their successes at the annual graduation ceremony. Celebrated in the stunning surroundings of Holy Trinity Church, students gather to receive recognition of their hard work and achievements, whilst celebrating with family, friends and teaching staff.

Featuring guest speakers, presentations of specific awards and a drink and canape reception, the annual graduation ceremony provides an unforgettable day for graduates, as we celebrate current successes and wish them all well in their future careers.

Graduates on externally validated University degree programmes are also eligible to attend the accrediting University's graduation ceremony.

“

The graduation ceremony was a lovely event; it was so nice to celebrate our achievements with all of my friends from the course. The Church was an amazing setting for the event as we could invite as many guests as we wanted to, something very rare for a University graduation ceremony.

I was delighted to also receive a free, professional photograph, as it helped to commemorate the day and my time at University Centre Southport.”

**CHLOE | BUSINESS GRADUATE**



SALUS POPULI - THE WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE





SALUS POPULI - THE WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE



The awards ceremony is held in the impressive surroundings of Holy Trinity Church in Southport.





