



Ballymena | Ballymoney | Coleraine | Magherafelt | Newtownabbey

2023/24 Higher Education (Level 4 - 6) NORTHERN Regional College

Fees and Funding

Full-time tuition fee for 2023/24 entry is £2,700 per year. These fees may be subject to change. Fees for part-time Higher Education courses are available to view online. Fees may be paid in full or through flexible payments. For full-time courses you may apply to the Student Finance NI for a tuition fee loan for payment of your fees.

Our student finance team are on hand to assist you with any financial matter or to help you apply for grants or awards that are available. Email studentfinance@nrc.ac.uk for further details.

How to Apply

You can apply online at www.nrc.ac.uk for all of our Higher Education courses with the exception of the full-time Foundation Degree in Childhood Studies – for this course only you must apply via UCAS. Your application to the College does not count as one of your UCAS applications.



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Enquiries

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Whilst the College makes every effort to ensure the accuracy of this publication, it reserves the right to alter, add or remove any of the courses, or parts thereof, or any other matters of information referred to in this guide or any other literature, without prior notice.

Please note that the College's website is the most up-to-date source of information regarding courses and fees and we strongly recommend that you always visit the website before making any commitments.

All courses are subject to minimum enrolment numbers.

Equality Opportunity

If you require this document in an alternative format please contact equality@nrc.ac.uk

Northern Regional College is committed to the promotion of equality of opportunity in all of its activities. We aim to ensure that we provide a supportive, fair, inclusive and welcoming environment for all staff, students and visitors free from any form of discrimination or harassment.



ApprenticeshipsNI is part-funded through the Northern Ireland European Social Fund Programme 2014 – 2020 and the Department for the Economy.



Benefits to studying Higher Education at your local college

Affordability

You can study closer to home to save on travel and accommodation expenses. Annual tuition fees are typically much lower than University – full-time tuition fees for 2023/24 are £2,700 per year. These fees may be subject to change.

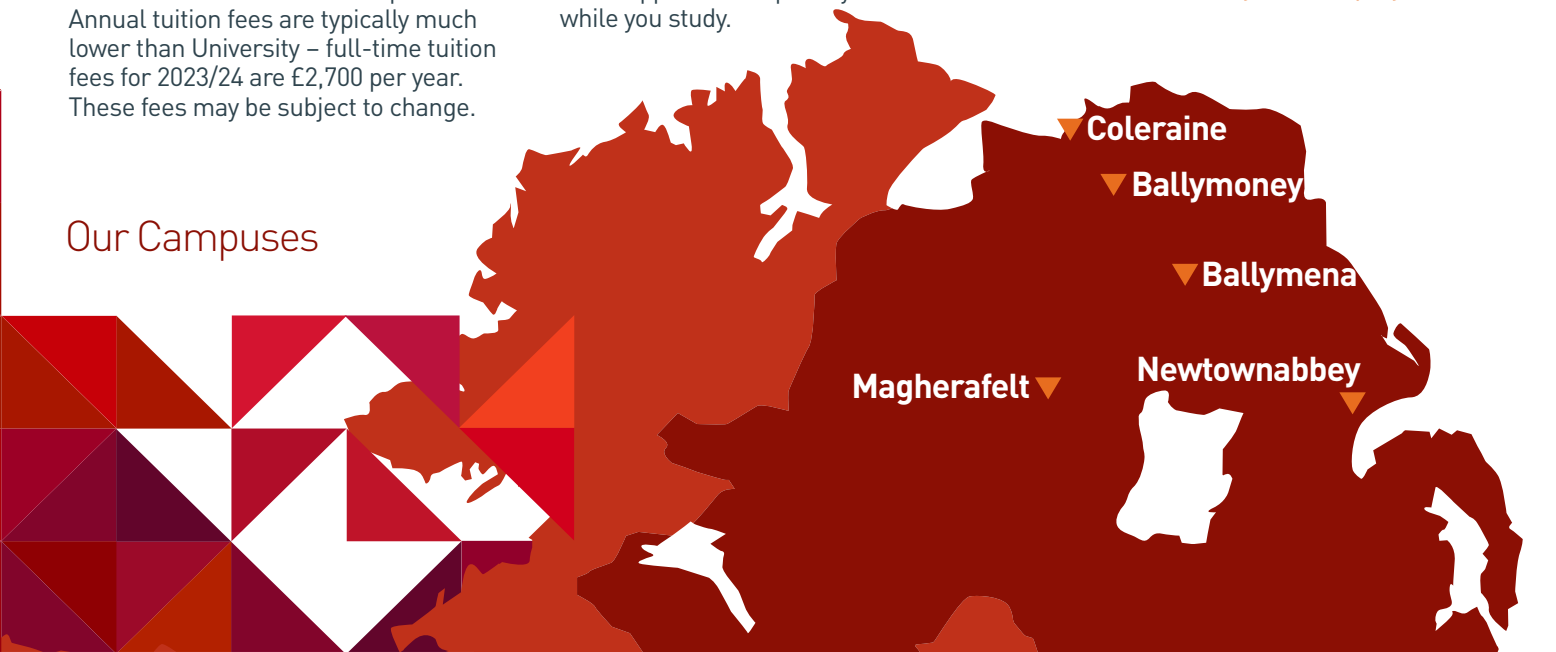
Earn while you learn

Foundation Degrees and Higher Level Apprenticeships let you work while you study.

Smaller classes

Links with industry and employers

Our Campuses



Higher Education Qualifications Explained

Qualification Level/ Type	Course Description	Progression
Higher National Certificate (HNC) 4	Highly valued by employers and can also count towards member of professional bodies and other employer organisations. Typically, it will take you one year to complete full-time and two years part-time.	University / Employment
Higher National Diploma (HND) 5	Designed to give you the skills for a particular field of work. With appropriate grades/modules, you may be able to progress to the first or second year of a related degree. It usually takes two years full-time study to complete.	University / Employment
Higher Level Apprenticeship (HLA) 4 & 5	A work-based learning programme which enables you to earn while you learn and gain a nationally recognised qualification at Level 4 and above.	Employment
Foundation Degree 5	A combination of academic and work related learning. With appropriate grades/modules, you may be eligible for exemption for the first or second year of a related degree.	University / Employment
BA/BSc (Hons) 6	A course of academic study leading to a qualification such as Bachelor of Arts (BA Hons) or Bachelor of Science (BSc Hons)	University / Employment



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A										
Accountancy	Higher Level Apprenticeship					✓			2	PT
Accountancy	Level 4 Certificate (Accounting Technicians Ireland - ATI)			✓		✓	✓	✓	1	
Accountancy	Level 5 Diploma (Accounting Technicians Ireland - ATI)			✓		✓	✓	✓	1	
Adult Care	Level 4 Diploma							✓	1	PT
Advanced Automotive Studies	Level 4 Certificate (IMI)	✓							3	PT
Animal Management	Level 5 Higher National Diploma				✓			✓	2	FT
Applied Sciences	Level 4 Higher National Certificate					✓			1	FT
Architectural Technology	Foundation Degree (Ulster University)				✓				3	PT
Architectural Technology (Subject to Approval)	Higher Level Apprenticeship				✓				3	PT
Art and Design	Level 5 Higher National Diploma			✓					2	FT
B										
Business	Level 4 Higher National Certificate			✓					2	PT
Business Management	Foundation Degree (Ulster University)					✓			3	PT
Business Management	Foundation Degree (Ulster University)			✓ *					2	FT
Business Studies	BSc Honours Degree			✓					3	PT
C										
Cisco Certified Network Associate		✓							1	PT
Cognitive Behavioural Therapeutic Skills and Theory	Level 5 Diploma	✓							1	PT
Complementary Therapist	Level 4 Higher National Certificate							✓	2	PT
Computing	Foundation Degree (Ulster University)	✓						✓	2	FT
Computing	Higher Level Apprenticeship	✓							3	PT
Construction (Level 4)	Higher Level Apprenticeship						✓		2	PT
Construction and the Built Environment	Level 4 Higher National Certificate						✓		2	PT
Construction Engineering with Surveying	Higher Level Apprenticeship	✓							3	PT
Construction Engineering with Surveying	Foundation Degree (Ulster University)	✓			✓				3	PT
Counselling Studies	Level 4 Certificate (Ulster University)			✓			✓		2	PT
Creative Media (Web and App Development Pathway)	Level 5 Higher National Diploma							✓	2	FT

*Ballymena campus to be confirmed

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E										
Early Childhood Education and Care	Level 4 Higher National Certificate			✓					2	PT
Early Childhood Studies	Foundation Degree (Ulster University)			✓				✓	2	FT
Electrical and Electronic Engineering	Foundation Degree (Ulster University)	✓							2	FT
Electrical and Electronic Engineering	Foundation Degree (Ulster University)	✓							3	PT
Engineering	Higher Level Apprenticeship	✓							3	PT
Engineering	Level 4 Higher National Certificate							✓	2	PT
H										
Hair and Beauty Management	Level 5 Extended Diploma			✓					2	FT
Health & Social Care	Foundation Degree (Ulster University)			✓					2	FT
Healthcare Practice	Level 4 Higher National Certificate			✓			✓		1	
Healthcare Practice (Fast track)	Level 4 Higher National Certificate							✓	1	
I										
Integrative Counselling Practice	Foundation Degree (Ulster University)		✓						3	PT
L										
Leadership and Management	Level 5 Certificate (ILM)			✓				✓	1	
Leadership and Management for Adult Social Care	Level 4 Certificate			✓			✓		1	PT
Leadership for Children's Care, Learning and Development	Higher Level Apprenticeship				✓			✓	2	PT
Leadership for Children's Care, Learning and Development	Level 5 Diploma				✓			✓	2	PT
Leadership for Health & Social Care Services	Level 5 Diploma							✓	2	PT
M										
Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering	Foundation Degree (Ulster University)	✓							2	FT
Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering	Foundation Degree (Ulster University)	✓							3	PT
Music (Production)	Level 5 Higher National Diploma						✓		2	FT
O										
Occupational Health and Safety	Level 6 Diploma (NEBOSH)							✓	15-2	PT

Please note that due to ongoing major campus construction projects, courses at Ballymena, Coleraine and Ballymoney may be relocated as required.

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P										
People Management	Level 5 Associate Diploma (CIPD)			✓					1	PT
Performing Arts	Level 5 Higher National Diploma							✓	2	FT
Psychotherapeutic Counselling	Level 5 Diploma (CPCAB)		✓						1	PT
S										
Social and Community Work	Level 4 Higher National Certificate							✓	1	
Sports Science, Coaching and Fitness	Foundation Degree (Ulster University)					✓			2	FT
Supply Chain and Logistics	Higher Level Apprenticeship							✓	3	PT
Supply Chain and Logistics	Foundation Degree (Ulster University)							✓	3	PT
Supporting Individuals with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities	Level 4 Certificate			✓				✓	1	PT
T										
Therapeutic Counselling	Level 4 Diploma (BACP Pilot)		✓						2	PT
Therapeutic Counselling Supervision	Level 6 Certificate (CPCAB)		✓						1	PT
U										
Understanding Adverse Childhood Experiences and Building Resilience	Level 4 Certificate								1	PT



As a Higher Level Apprentice, I was able to earn as I was learning. My fees were paid, I got a good wage so I'm not burdened with student debt but importantly, I got valuable experience in the workplace which increased my knowledge and expertise in a specific area which will ultimately improve my employability.

Jordan Gaw
Higher Level Apprenticeship in Computing



It feels like I have been on a full-circle journey, I have developed professionally and personally and now work every day with real life clients, making a difference with the knowledge I have gained. I now work as a counsellor in a GP surgery, but clients can also come to see me privately. It's been amazing, I now live my passion. It's a course I would not hesitate to recommend.

Carolyn McLaughlin
Foundation Diploma in Integrative Counselling Practice



The Higher National Diploma has helped me secure a place and go directly into second year. Thanks to the support from lecturers, I was able build on my existing skills and develop new skills in a range of areas. It also gave me a much better understanding of what the industry has to offer me in terms of future career opportunities.

Sophie Briers
HND in Creative Media (Web and App Development)