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Have you considered University but dismissed it because you don't think you would meet entry criteria? Perhaps you think it would be too expensive? This short guide to courses at Lincoln College shows that higher education is more accessible than you might think.

The new government has already started to make significant changes to our educational system and Higher Education is very much part of this change. Applications to universities for 2010/11 are reported to have increased by 15% (which equates to 96,000 extra students). The result of this will be many students without a place. Recently, the government have said that they would like to see more university-level courses delivered in FE colleges – something we've been doing for many years at Lincoln College! We have a long, successful history of delivering a range of higher education courses at our bright modern campus in the heart of Lincoln.

Over 250 students study higher level courses at Lincoln College, and we cater for students from a variety of backgrounds:

- Some are studying whilst working, often on courses supported and endorsed by their employer
- Others are returning to learning for their own pleasure or to advance their career prospects
- Some are recent school leavers, who value the intimacy of a smaller institution close to home.


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There are many benefits to studying in an FE college and we pride ourselves on providing five of these key benefits:

1. Our entry requirements are flexible and recognise previous experience including work-based expertise and apprenticeships. This has allowed many people who would not have normally studied at a higher level the opportunity to develop themselves.

2. The group sizes at college are generally smaller so you get lots of contact time with tutors and are supported in your learning. We also have fantastic Learning Resources on site and online, and the College has an agreement with the University of Lincoln, enabling our HE students to join the University Library as an Associate Member. The Learning Centres are also registered with the 'Inspire' campaign which offers freely-available library and information services in the region.

3. The cost of studying locally is lower as you can stay at home and possibly work at the same time as learning. Research has shown that average student debt has increased

to nearly £20,000 for a three year degree course. We have kept our course fees deliberately low so finance is less of a barrier to studying and debt can be reduced.

4. Our courses offer excellent progression opportunities and will allow you to continue studying after finishing with us. Many of our courses guarantee progression to University and entry onto degree courses.

5. Our courses are valued by regional and national employers. Many of our students are sponsored because their employers recognise that our courses are relevant to their business. Others study independently and are better placed to improve their career prospects on the completion of their course. All courses have high vocational relevance and links to industry so students can use their learning in real life situations.



Our courses:

Access to Higher Education

These well established courses provide entry to a degree with no previous qualifications. The Access programme is divided into different 'pathways', catering for students with different career and vocational ambitions. The available pathways are: Nursing and Health Related Studies/Midwifery, Teacher Training, Humanities and Social Sciences, Science, and Computing.

HNC in Business

This nationally-recognised qualification provide students with a thorough grounding in a broad range of subjects relevant to the modern business environment. Students can also access a range of university degree conversion programmes in related subjects. Core units include Marketing Principles and Managing Financial Resources and Decisions. *HND top-up available on a part-time study basis.*

HNC Civil Engineering

The course is designed for Civil Engineering Technicians who wish to develop their expertise to meet the requirements of the Civil Engineering Industry. Units include: Analytical Methods; Management Principles & Application; Civil Engineering Construction; Site Surveying Procedures; Geology & Soil Mechanics and Transportation.

HNC/D/Foundation Degree in Computer Science

Students will develop skills in a range of methods, techniques and practices appropriate for a professional software developer. They will also develop critical and intellectual abilities necessary for problem solving and solution specifying. The course teaches up-to-date practices and techniques which students can use with state-of-the-art software and hardware.

HNC Construction

Construction Technicians can develop their expertise to meet the requirements of the Building Industry on this two year course. Units include Analytical Methods; Science & Materials; Health, Safety & Welfare; Design Principles & Application and Management Principles & Application.

HNC Electrical/Electronic Engineering

This course provides preparation for a range of technical and management careers in engineering. It is suitable for those who are currently working or who wish to seek employment in an engineering profession. It also meets part of the academic requirements of the Institute of Engineering Technology for Incorporated Engineer status.

HNC/D in Mechanical/Manufacturing Engineering

This course is ideal for students working within the engineering industry who wish to progress in their career and study at a higher level in Technical Engineering. During the first year subject units include Engineering Science, Engineering Design and Business Management Techniques. At the end of the first year, students choose to specialise in either Mechanical or Manufacturing Engineering.

Foundation Degree in Sport Performance and Exercise Development

The course involves participation in practical sport, along with the study of a range of sport disciplines such as coaching, sport psychology, anatomy and physiology, biomechanics and sport sociology. Theoretical knowledge is applied to real-life sporting situations and scenarios. Graduating students can find relevant employment in the sport sector or progress onto the BSc (Hons) Sport Development and Coaching at the University of Lincoln.

Foundation Degree in Health and Active Lifestyles

Skills in health, exercise, therapy and wellbeing are the focus of this course. Successful students can transfer onto an associated degree, possibly at year 3. Specialist health-related knowledge will be gained, applied and assessed in vocational environments. Additional qualifications such as Premier IQ gym instructors, exercise referral certificates, first aid, yoga, pilates and chair-based exercise can also be gained whilst studying, further improving employability.

Foundation Degree in Construction Management

This foundation degree, validated by Nottingham Trent University, is designed for those who wish to study at a higher level but do not necessarily have the qualifications to enter Higher Education by the traditional route. The Foundation Degree equips students with the knowledge and understanding plus skills, qualities and attributes required for a management role in the construction industry. Skills development is linked to the tasks and attributes students are already involved in at their place of employment.

Applications are still being accepted for all of the above courses. Please visit the website or contact us for more information. Note that applications for some courses are through UCAS.

Foundation Degrees (FdSc)

These two year degree courses have been championed by the Government as a cheaper and faster alternative to traditional three year undergraduate courses. Foundation degrees are particularly popular with employers for a number of reasons: they enhance the knowledge and skills of existing employees; increase productivity and competitiveness; change the skill set of existing employees; develop employees within the business and train new employees to learn their job quicker.

Case study: Dynex-semiconductors

As an employer and a leading manufacturer and designer of power semiconductor devices and systems, Dynex Semiconductor understand the benefits of training staff in higher level qualifications. Technicians at Dynex complete the Foundation Degree in Electrical and Electronic Engineering at Lincoln College.

Bill McGhie, Business Manager, explains why,

“By supporting our employees through the course, we are providing individuals with a career path and ensuring they are fully equipped with the knowledge and skills to help us remain at the forefront of the industry. What we do here at Dynex is really focused and specific, so the FdSc is great at providing technicians with broad background knowledge of electronics. The Higher Education tutors have become very familiar with our organisation and tailor modules to cater for our business needs. The location of the college is also really beneficial; having a trusted provider on your doorstep means it’s a convenient way for local employers to access the course.”

Case study: Adrian Govier

Adrian is General Manager of the Five Bells at Bassingham, and has gained a great sense of achievement from studying the HNC in Business.

“I wanted to gain a higher level qualification and my brother recommended the HNC at Lincoln College as he’d studied it previously, so I researched the course, liked what it had to offer and decided to apply! Higher Education is certainly a commitment, but studying locally and part time at two evenings a week, meant I could continue to work full time in our family business and have time to be a dad and husband.

Returning to the classroom, having left school at 16, was a bit strange at first, but being in a small group of like minded students soon meant I adjusted. I’ve been able to apply the knowledge and skills gained through the course to our business – it’s definitely helped with tasks such as book-keeping, but the greatest achievement is definitely the personal satisfaction I’ve received as a result of studying.”

Case study: Emma Burgon

Emma is half way through the two year FdSc in Health and Active Lifestyles and remains confident with her choice to study Higher Education at Lincoln College:

“I wanted a course that would provide the opportunity to gain work experience and help me develop employment skills, whilst putting into practice what I learnt in the classroom, which is exactly what the FdSc in Health and Active Lifestyles offers.

I was accepted onto similar programmes at four Universities – choosing to study in Lincoln has had many advantages for me. Financially, the costs are reduced as the tuition fees are lower and being able to stay at home means the cost of living is cheaper. The tutors are very supportive and I love that the classes are small – I think this plays a huge part in being able to stay on top of all the work!”



Upskill your employees

If you are an employer and think that any of the courses outlined above may be suitable for someone you employ, please contact us. Our employer engagement team offers a full Business Needs Analysis service, where a qualified business adviser will talk through your business plan and identify areas where training would support your business objectives.

**Contact the Employer hotline on 0845 270 7227
or email employers@lincolncollege.ac.uk**



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Further information

To find out more about any of the courses outlined in this guide, please contact us:

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All of our Higher Education students graduate in an annual ceremony in the grand surroundings of Lincoln Cathedral. Friends and family are invited to join in celebrating the successes.

