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STARTING SEPTEMBER 2023

COURSE PROGRESSION SYMBOLS



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COURSE LEVEL	COURSE SUMMARY	PROGRESSION
Higher National Diploma (HND)	Offered to those with A-Level or RoI Leaving Certificate grades, these specific course choices can progress you onto the 2nd or final year of a relevant university degree course.	
Foundation Degree	These Level 5 options are also for A-Level or RoI Leaving Certificate grade holders, and are validated by local Universities, and are highly sought after qualifications by employers.	
Higher Level Apprenticeships	A unique work-based Level 4 or 5 qualification enabling students to 'earn while they learn' while being employed with a company during the duration of the course.	

ADMINISTRATION (SECRETARIAL) For entry requirements please visit: www.nwrc.ac.uk/higher-education

COURSE NAME	CAMPUS	DURATION	MODE OF ATTENDANCE
Oxford Cambridge and RSA (OCR) Level 4 Award Administrative Procedures with ICT	Derry~Londonderry	1 Year	PT Only
Oxford Cambridge and RSA (OCR) Level 4 Certificate Administrative Procedures with ICT	Derry~Londonderry	1 Year	PT Only
Oxford Cambridge and RSA (OCR) Level 4 Higher Diploma Administrative Procedures with ICT	Derry~Londonderry	1 year full time / 2 years part time	Both FT and PT

ADULT LEARNING (ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION) For entry requirements please visit: www.nwrc.ac.uk/higher-education

COURSE NAME	CAMPUS	DURATION	MODE OF ATTENDANCE
Queens University (QUB) Level 3 Diploma University Access Diploma in Health & Welfare	Derry~Londonderry, Strabane	1 Year	FT Only
Ulster University Level 3 Access Diploma Combined Studies	Derry~Londonderry	1 Years	PT Only
Ulster University Level 3 Access Diploma Science	Derry~Londonderry	1 year full time / 2 years part time	Both FT and PT

ART & DESIGN For entry requirements please visit: www.nwrc.ac.uk/higher-education

COURSE NAME	CAMPUS	DURATION	MODE OF ATTENDANCE
Pearson BTEC Level 4 Higher National Certificate Art and Design (Arts Practice)	Limavady	2 Years	PT Only
Pearson BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma Art & Design (Arts Practice)	Derry~Londonderry	2 Years	FT Only
Pearson BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma Art & Design (Textiles)	Derry~Londonderry	2 Years	FT Only

RENEWABLE TECHNOLOGIES For entry requirements please visit: www.nwrc.ac.uk/higher-education

COURSE NAME	CAMPUS	DURATION	MODE OF ATTENDANCE
Pearson BTEC Level 4/5 Higher National Certificate/Diploma Construction	Derry~Londonderry	2 Years	FT Only

BUSINESS For entry requirements please visit: www.nwrc.ac.uk/higher-education

COURSE NAME	CAMPUS	DURATION	MODE OF ATTENDANCE
Accounting Technicians Ireland (ATI) Level 4 Certificate for Accounting Technicians	Derry~Londonderry, Limavady	1 Year	PT Only
Accounting Technicians Ireland (ATI) Level 5 Diploma for Accounting Technicians	Derry~Londonderry	1 Year	PT Only
Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD) Level 5 Associate Diploma People Management	Derry~Londonderry	1 Year	PT Only
Institute of Leadership and Management (ILM) Level 5 Certificate Leadership And Management	Derry~Londonderry	1 Year	PT Only
Ulster University Level 5 Foundation Degree (FdSc) Business and Enterprise	Derry~Londonderry	2 years full time / 2.5 years part time	Both FT and PT
Accounting Technicians Ireland (ATI) Level 5 Higher Level Apprenticeship Accountancy	Derry~Londonderry	2 Years	PT
Ulster University Level 5 Higher Level Apprenticeship Financial Technologies (FinTech)	Derry~Londonderry	2.5 Years	PT
Ulster University Level 5 Higher Level Apprenticeship Business & Enterprise	Derry~Londonderry	3 Years	PT

CARE & HEALTH For entry requirements please visit: www.nwrc.ac.uk/higher-education

COURSE NAME	CAMPUS	DURATION	MODE OF ATTENDANCE
Open College Network NI (OCN NI) Level 4 Diploma Working in Adult care (Northern Ireland)	Derry~Londonderry	2 Years	PT Only
Pearson BTEC Level 4 Higher National Certificate Healthcare Practice	Derry~Londonderry, Limavady	1 Year	FT Only
Open University Level 4 Healthcare Practice	Derry~Londonderry	1 Year	FT Only
Ulster University Level 4 Certificate Counselling Studies	Derry~Londonderry	1 Year	PT Only
Counselling and Psychotherapy Central Award Body (CPCAB) Level 5 Diploma Cognitive Behavioural Therapeutic Skills and Theory [pending CPCAB approval]	Derry~Londonderry	1 Year	PT Only
Counselling and Psychotherapy Central Award Body (CPCAB) Level 5 Diploma Psychotherapeutic Counselling	Derry~Londonderry	1 Year	PT Only
Ulster University Level 5 Foundation Degree (FdSc) Integrative Counselling Practice	Derry~Londonderry, Limavady	3 Years	PT Only
Open College Network NI (OCN NI) Level 5 Diploma Leadership and Management in Health and Social Care (Adult Management) (Northern Ireland)	Derry~Londonderry	2 Years	PT Only
Open College Network NI (OCN NI) Level 5 Diploma Leadership and Management in Health and Social Care (Adult Residential Management) (Northern Ireland)	Derry~Londonderry	2 Years	PT Only
Ulster University Level 5 Foundation Degree (FdSc) Responding to Alcohol and Drug Use	Derry~Londonderry	3 Years	PT Only
Ulster University Level 5 Foundation Degree (FdSc) Science in Health and Social Care	Derry~Londonderry	2 Years	FT Only
Open University Level 5 Foundation Degree Housing Practice	Derry~Londonderry	2 Years	FT Only

COMPUTING & IT For entry requirements please visit: www.nwrc.ac.uk/higher-education

COURSE NAME	CAMPUS	DURATION	MODE OF ATTENDANCE
Open College Network NI (OCN NI) Level 4 Diploma Software Testing	Derry~Londonderry	1 Year	PT Only
Ulster University Level 5 Foundation Degree (FdSc) in Computing (Pending UU Validation)	Derry~Londonderry	2 Years	FT Only
Ulster University Level 5 Foundation Degree (FdSc) Software Development	Derry~Londonderry	2 years full time / 3 years part time	Both FT and PT
Open University Level 5 Foundation Degree Cybersecurity	Derry~Londonderry	2 years full time / 3 years part time	Both FT and PT
Ulster University Level 5 Higher Level Apprenticeship Software Development	Derry~Londonderry	3 Years	PT



EARLY YEARS For entry requirements please visit: www.nwrc.ac.uk/higher-education			
COURSE NAME	CAMPUS	DURATION	MODE OF ATTENDANCE
Council for Awards in Care, Health and Education (CACHE) Level 4 UNIT ONLY Recruitment and selection within health and social care or children and young people's settings	Derry~Londonderry	1 Year	PT Only
Open College Network NI (OCN NI) Level 4 Award Working with Parents	Derry~Londonderry	1 Year	PT Only
Open College Network NI (OCN NI) Level 4 Certificate Working with Parents	Derry~Londonderry	1 Year	PT Only
Open College Network NI (OCN NI) Level 4 UNIT ONLY Understand adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and their impact on children's stress response system	Derry~Londonderry	1 Year	PT Only
Open College Network NI (OCN NI) Level 4 UNIT ONLY Contemporary thinking and research from the neurosciences about child development from birth to seven years	Derry~Londonderry	1 Year	PT Only
Open College Network NI (OCN NI) Level 4 UNIT ONLY Understand neuroscience as part of effective early years practice	Derry~Londonderry	1 Year	PT Only
Pearson BTEC Level 4 Higher National Certificate Early Childhood Education and Care	Derry~Londonderry	1 Year	FT Only
Council for Awards in Care, Health and Education (CACHE) Level 5 UNIT ONLY Support others to promote children's mathematical development and problem solving skills in an early years setting	Derry~Londonderry	1 Year	PT Only
Pearson BTEC Level 5 UNIT ONLY Child-centred Practice with Children, Families and Communities	Derry~Londonderry	1 Year	PT Only
Pearson BTEC Level 5 UNIT ONLY Improving Quality in Early Education and Care Environments	Derry~Londonderry	1 Year	PT Only
Pearson BTEC Level 5 UNIT ONLY Supporting Children in Home-based Childcare Environments	Derry~Londonderry	1 Year	PT Only
Pearson BTEC Level 5 UNIT ONLY Working in Partnership across Health, Education and Social Care Services	Derry~Londonderry	1 Year	PT Only
Pearson BTEC Level 5 Certificate Trauma in Childhood: Addressing the Impact of Adverse Experiences on Child Health and Wellbeing	Derry~Londonderry	1 Year	PT Only
Pearson BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma Early Childhood Education and Care	Derry~Londonderry	1 Year (HNC) 2 Year (HND)	FT Only
Pearson BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma Early Childhood Education and Care	Derry~Londonderry, Limavady, Strabane	3 Years	PT Only
Queens University (QUB) Level 5 Foundation Degree Early Childhood Studies (Stranmillis University College)	Derry~Londonderry	2 years full time / 3 years part time	Both FT and PT
Council for Awards in Care, Health and Education (CACHE) Level 5 Diploma Leadership for Childrens Care, Learning and Development (Management) (Northern Ireland)	Derry~Londonderry	2 Years	PT Only
Atlantic Technological University (ATU) Level 6 BSC (Hons) Early Childhood Care, Health & Education	Derry~Londonderry, ATU	2 Years	FT Only
NCFE Level 5 Higher Level Apprenticeship CACHE Leadership For Childrens Care, Learning & Development (Management) (Northern Ireland)	Derry~Londonderry	2 Years	PT

ENGINEERING For entry requirements please visit: www.nwrc.ac.uk/higher-education

COURSE NAME	CAMPUS	DURATION	MODE OF ATTENDANCE
Pearson BTEC Level 4 Higher National Certificate Electric/Electronic Engineering	Derry~Londonderry	2 Years	PT Only
Pearson BTEC Level 4 Higher National Certificate General Engineering	Derry~Londonderry	2 Years	PT Only
Pearson BTEC Level 4 Higher Level Apprenticeship Advanced Technician in Engineering - Electrical & Electronic Engineering	Derry~Londonderry	3 Years	PT
Pearson BTEC Level 4 Higher Level Apprenticeship Advanced Technician in Engineering – General Engineering	Derry~Londonderry	2 Years	PT
Pearson BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma (HND) Electrical & Electronic Engineering	Derry~Londonderry	2 years full time / 3 years part time	Both FT and PT
Ulster University Level 5 Foundation Degree (FdEng) Mechanical Engineering	Derry~Londonderry	2 years full time / 3 years part time	Both FT and PT
Pearson BTEC Level 5 Higher Level Apprenticeship HND Electrical & Electronic Engineering	Derry~Londonderry	3 Years	PT
Ulster University Level 5 Higher Level Apprenticeship Mechanical Engineering	Derry~Londonderry	3 Years	PT

HAIRDRESSING & BEAUTY THERAPY For entry requirements please visit: www.nwrc.ac.uk/higher-education

CourseName	Campus	Duration	Mode of Attendance
City and Guilds Level 4 Award Laser & Intense Pulsed Light (IPL) Treatments (Skin rejuvenation & Hair removal)	Limavady	1 Year	PT Only
Open College Network NI (OCN NI) Level 5 Extended Diploma Hair and Beauty Management	Derry~Londonderry	2 years full time / 2 years part time	Both FT and PT
Vocational Training Charitable Trust (VTCT) Level 4 Diploma Reflexology for the Complementary Therapist	Derry~Londonderry	1 Year	PT Only
Vocational Training Charitable Trust (VTCT) Level 5 Certificate Sports Massage Therapy	Derry~Londonderry	1 Year	PT Only

HOSPITALITY & CATERING For entry requirements please visit: www.nwrc.ac.uk/higher-education

COURSE NAME	CAMPUS	DURATION	MODE OF ATTENDANCE
Highfield Level 4 Award Managing Food Safety in Catering	Derry~Londonderry, Limavady	1 Year	PT Only
Ulster University Level 5 Foundation Degree Hospitality and Tourism Management with Specialisms (Hospitality or Tourism)	Derry~Londonderry	2 years full time / 2.5 years part time	Both FT and PT
Ulster University Level 5 Foundation Degree Hospitality and Tourism Management	Derry~Londonderry	3 Years	PT Only
Ulster University Level 5 Higher Level Apprenticeship Hospitality & Tourism Management	Derry~Londonderry	2.5 Years	PT

LANGUAGES For entry requirements please visit: www.nwrc.ac.uk/higher-education

COURSE NAME	CAMPUS	DURATION	MODE OF ATTENDANCE
Open College Network NI (OCN NI) Level 4 Certificate Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages	Derry~Londonderry	1 Year	PT Only

MEDIA, MULTIMEDIA & JOURNALISM For entry requirements please visit: www.nwrc.ac.uk/higher-education

COURSE NAME	CAMPUS	DURATION	MODE OF ATTENDANCE
Pearson BTEC Level 4 / 5 Higher National Certificate / Diploma Creative Media Production (Film)	Derry~Londonderry, Limavady	1 Year (HNC) 2 Year (HND)	FT Only
Pearson BTEC Level 4 / 5 Higher National Certificate / Diploma Creative Media Production (Journalism)	Derry~Londonderry	1 Year (HNC) 2 Year (HND)	FT Only
Pearson BTEC Level 4 / 5 Higher National Certificate / Diploma Digital Design	Derry~Londonderry	1 Year (HNC) 2 Year (HND)	FT Only
National Council for Training Journalists (NCTJ) Level 5 Diploma Journalism	Derry~Londonderry	1.5 Years	PT Only

MUSIC For entry requirements please visit: www.nwrc.ac.uk/higher-education

COURSE NAME	CAMPUS	DURATION	MODE OF ATTENDANCE
Pearson BTEC Level 4 Higher National Certificate / Diploma HNC in Music (General Pathway)/ HND in Music (Production Pathway)	Derry~Londonderry	1 Year (HNC) 2 Year (HND)	FT Only
Pearson BTEC Level 4 Higher National Certificate / Diploma HNC in Music (general pathway)/ HND in Music (Session Musician Pathway)	Derry~Londonderry	1 Year (HNC) 2 Year (HND)	FT Only

PERFORMING ARTS For entry requirements please visit: www.nwrc.ac.uk/higher-education

COURSE NAME	CAMPUS	DURATION	MODE OF ATTENDANCE
Pearson BTEC Level 4 Higher National Certificate / Diploma HNC in Performing Arts (General Pathway)/ HND Performing Arts (Acting Pathway)	Derry~Londonderry	1 Year (HNC) 2 Year (HND)	FT Only

SCIENCE For entry requirements please visit: www.nwrc.ac.uk/higher-education

COURSE NAME	CAMPUS	DURATION	MODE OF ATTENDANCE
Ulster University Level 5 Foundation Degree (FdSc) Applied and Medical Sciences	Derry~Londonderry	2 years full time / 3 years part time	Both FT and PT

SPORT For entry requirements please visit: www.nwrc.ac.uk/higher-education

COURSE NAME	CAMPUS	DURATION	MODE OF ATTENDANCE
Ulster University Level 5 Foundation Degree (FdSc) Sport, Coaching and Fitness	Derry~Londonderry	2 Years	FT Only

TRADES & CRAFTS For entry requirements please visit: www.nwrc.ac.uk/higher-education

COURSE NAME	CAMPUS	DURATION	MODE OF ATTENDANCE
Institute of Motor Industry (IMI) Level 4 Certificate Advanced Automotive Studies	Greystone	2 Years	PT Only
Institute of Motor Industry (IMI) Level 5 Diploma Automotive Management	Greystone	2 Years	PT Only

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