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ADULT COURSE GUIDE 2026



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COURSES STARTING FROM SEPTEMBER

- FULL-TIME / PART-TIME COURSES
- ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION
- DEGREE LEVEL COURSES
- PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

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WELCOME TO RIVERSIDE COLLEGE

OUTSTANDING ADULT EDUCATION ON YOUR DOORSTEP

If you are looking to gain new skills, brush up on existing ones, or steer your career in a new direction, we can help. Explore our diverse range of courses, tailored to fit around your life and help you reach your goals.

With options available from introductory courses to advanced degree-level programmes, we have the perfect learning opportunity waiting for you.

For detailed information on all of our courses, please scan the QR codes or go to: www.riversidecollege.ac.uk/adults

Financial support is available to help with the cost of studying and **many of our students study for free** depending on the course and individual circumstances.

For further information on fees, scan the QR code or go to: www.riversidecollege.ac.uk/adults/fees

APPLY ONLINE

Apply for a course by scanning the QR code. Once you have applied, you will receive an email advising you of the admissions and enrolment process for your chosen course.

For any questions, please email our Admissions Team: advice@riverside.ac.uk

Please note: Our courses are very popular and places are allocated on a first come, first served basis (based on date of application) and are subject to availability. Please check our website for up to date information about enrolment guidelines and course availability.

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ADULT COURSES

STARTING FROM SEPTEMBER 2026

For more details on any of our courses (including entry requirements and course fees) and to apply, visit www.riversidecollege.ac.uk or email our Admissions Team: advice@riverside.ac.uk

Access to Higher Education Online Based



These courses are delivered online and supported by our highly experienced tutors. You will be required to attend college at the start of the course for a 2 hour induction.

Optional drop-in support sessions are available for our online courses during term time as follows:

- Mondays & Tuesdays, 1pm - 4pm
- Mondays, 6pm - 9pm

Access to Health Professionals (Level 3)

Starting 07/09/2026

1 Year Course

Access to Nursing (Level 3)

Starting 07/09/2026

1 Year Course

Access to Midwifery (Level 3)

Starting 07/09/2026

1 Year Course

Access to Psychology (Level 3)

Starting 07/09/2026

1 Year Course

Access to Higher Education Classroom Based



Access to Health Professionals (Level 3)

Starting 09/09/2026

1 Year Course

Wednesdays & Thursdays, 9.30am - 3.30pm

Access to Nursing (Level 3)

Starting 09/09/2026

1 Year Course

Wednesdays & Thursdays, 9.30am - 3.30pm

Access to Midwifery (Level 3)

Starting 09/09/2026

1 Year Course

Wednesdays & Thursdays, 9.30am - 3.30pm

What Degrees Can I 'Access'?

Our flexible programme can support you to gain entry on to almost any degree you wish in just one year.

To find out more and apply, scan the QR code or visit: www.riversidecollege.ac.uk/adults/access



Accounting



AAT Diploma in Professional Accounting (Level 4)
Starting 14/09/2026

12-18 Month Course
Mondays, 9.30am - 4.30pm

AAT Diploma in Professional Accounting (Level 4)
Starting 16/09/2026

12-18 Month Course
Wednesdays, 6pm - 9pm & 1:1 Online Coaching

AAT Diploma in Accounting (Level 3)
Starting 16/09/2026

12-15 Month Course
Wednesdays, 9.30am - 4.30pm

AAT Diploma in Accounting (Level 3)
Starting 14/09/2026

12-15 Month Course
Mondays & Wednesdays, 6pm - 9pm

AAT Certificate in Accounting (Level 2)
Starting 14/09/2026

1 Year Course
Mondays, 9.30am - 4.30pm

AAT Certificate in Accounting (Level 2)
Starting 14/09/2026

1 Year Course
Mondays & Wednesdays, 6pm - 9pm

Catering & Hospitality



Introduction in Culinary Skills (inc. Bread, Dough & Pastry) (Level 1 Award)
Starting 14/09/2026

13 Week Course
Mondays, 6pm - 9pm

Introduction to Cake Decorating (Award in Creative Art)
Starting 17/09/2026

6 Week Course
Thursdays, 6pm - 9pm

Intermediate Cake Decorating
Starting 12/11/2026

10 Week Course
Thursdays, 6pm - 9pm

Introduction to Cake Decorating (Award in Creative Art)*
Starting February 2027

6 Week Course
Thursdays, 6pm - 9pm

Intermediate Cake Decorating*
Starting April 2027

10 Week Course
Thursdays, 6pm - 9pm

Certificate in General Patisserie & Confectionery (Level 2)*
Starting January 2027

17 Week Course
Mondays, 6pm - 9pm

Computing & IT



BSc (Hons) Computer Science (Top Up) (Level 6)
Starting 09/09/2026

1 Year Course
Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays, Times TBC

HND Computing for England (Level 5)
Starting 07/09/2026

1 Year Course
Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays, Times TBC

HNC Computing for England (Level 4)
Starting 08/09/2026

1 Year Course
Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays, Times TBC

*This course starts in 2027, full details and how to apply will be confirmed by December 2026, please check our website.

2D Computer Aided Design (Level 2 City & Guilds Award)
Starting 17/09/2026 (Cronton Campus)

16 Week Course
Thursdays, 6pm - 8.30pm

Develop Your Digital Confidence: AI & Presenting Ideas (Level 2)
Starting 17/09/2026

14 Week Course
Thursdays, 6pm - 8.30pm

Introduction to Digital Office Skills (Level 1)
Starting 16/09/2026

14 Week Course
Wednesdays, 6pm - 8.30pm

Essential Digital Skills
Starting from 14/09/2026

1 Year Course
Various Day & Evening Options

Construction Trades



HNC Construction (Level 4)
Starting 08/09/2026

2 Year Course
Tuesdays, 12pm - 8pm

Electrical Installation (Level 3 Diploma) - Apply for Waiting List
Starting 14/09/2026

1 Year Course
Mondays & Wednesdays, 6pm - 9pm

Electrical Installation (Level 2 Diploma) - Apply for Waiting List
Starting 14/09/2026

1 Year Course
Mondays & Wednesdays, 6pm - 9pm

Plumbing (Level 2 Diploma) - Apply for Waiting List
Starting 14/09/2026

1 Year Course
Mondays & Wednesdays, 6pm - 9pm

Brickwork (Level 1 Diploma) - Apply for Waiting List
Starting 14/09/2026

1 Year Course
Mondays & Wednesdays, 6pm - 9pm

Carpentry & Joinery (Level 1 Diploma)
Starting 14/09/2026

1 Year Course
Mondays & Wednesdays, 6pm - 9pm

CCSC Tests
Contact 0151 257 2175 for availability & further information

1 Hour Course

Engineering & Green Energy



HND in Engineering (Level 5)
Starting 08/09/2026

1 Year Course
Tuesdays, 9am - 9pm

HNC in Engineering (Level 4)
Starting 09/09/2026

2 Year Course
Wednesdays, 1pm - 9pm

Introduction to Hydrogen Awareness, Pipe Maintenance & Inspection (Level 2)
Starting 14/09/2026

12 Week Course
Mondays, 6pm - 9pm
(LCR Residents Only)

Introduction to Hydrogen Awareness, Pipe Maintenance & Inspection (Level 2)*
Starting January 2027

12 Week Course
Wednesdays, 6pm - 9pm
(LCR Residents Only)

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Engineering & Green Energy (cont.)



Hydrogen Storage & Distribution (Level 2 Award)*
Starting January 2027

20 Week Course
Mondays, Times TBC

**Introduction to Industrial Hydrogen Systems:
Hydrogen Awareness with Pipe to Plate Welding (Level 2)**
Starting 16/09/2026

12 Week Course
Wednesdays, 6pm - 9pm
(LCR Residents Only)

**Introduction to Industrial Hydrogen Systems:
Hydrogen Awareness with Pipe to Plate Welding (Level 2)***
Starting April 2027

12 Week Course
Wednesdays, 6pm - 9pm
(LCR Residents Only)

2D Computer Aided Design (Level 2 City & Guilds Award)
Starting 17/09/2026 (Cronton Campus)

16 Week Course
Thursdays, 6pm - 8.30pm

Welding Skills (Level 2)
Starting 17/09/2026

25 Week Course
Thursdays, 6pm - 9pm

Introduction to Welding Certificate - MIG (Level 1)
Starting 14/09/2026

10 Week Course
Mondays, 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Principles & Maintenance for the Photovoltaic Solar Panels (Level 3)
Starting 14/09/2026

4 Week Course
Mondays, 6pm - 9pm
(LCR Residents Only)

Introduction to Renewable Battery Storage (Level 3)
Starting 12/10/2026

4 Week Course
Mondays, 6pm - 9pm
(LCR Residents Only)

Solar PV Installer & Battery Storage (Level 3)*
Starting January 2027

12 Week Course (TBC)
Mondays, 6pm - 9pm
(LCR Residents Only)

English, Maths, ESOL & Study Skills



GCSE English
Starting 17/09/2026

1 Year Course
Thursdays, 9.30am - 12.30pm

GCSE English
Starting 14/09/2026

1 Year Course
Mondays, 6pm - 9pm

GCSE Maths
Starting 16/09/2026

1 Year Course
Wednesdays, 9.30am - 12.30pm

GCSE Maths
Starting 17/09/2026

1 Year Course
Thursdays, 6pm - 9pm

English Functional Skills (Entry - Level 2)
Starting from 14/09/2026

1 Year Course
Various Day & Evening Options

Maths Functional Skills (Entry - Level 2)
Starting from 14/09/2026

1 Year Course
Various Day & Evening Options

ESOL - English for Speakers of Other Languages
Starting from 14/09/2026
(Identity documents required to assess funding eligibility)

1 Year Course
Various Day & Evening Options

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Hair, Beauty, Nails & Media Makeup



HNC Make Up & Hair Artistry (Level 4) Starting 14/09/2026	1 Year Course Mondays & Thursdays, Daytime
HND Make Up & Hair Artistry (Level 5) Starting 15/09/2026	1 Year Course Tuesdays & Wednesdays, Daytime
Introduction to Body Massage Techniques Starting 14/09/2026	13 Week Course Mondays, 6pm - 9pm
Therapeutic Head Massage (Level 2 Award)* Starting January 2027	10 Week Course Mondays, 6pm - 9pm
Provide Thermal Auricular Therapy - Hopi Ear Candling (Level 2 Award)* Starting April 2027	8 Week Course Mondays, 6pm - 9pm
Facial Massage & Skincare - Beauty (Level 2 Award) Starting 14/09/2026	30 Week Course Mondays, 6pm - 9pm
Makeup (Level 2 Award) Starting 14/09/2026	18 Week Course Mondays, 6pm - 8.30pm
Photographic Makeup (Level 2 Award)* Starting March 2027	12 Week Course Mondays, 6pm - 8.30pm
Introduction Professional Women's Hairdressing (Level 1) Starting 16/09/2026	32 Week Course Wednesdays, 6pm - 9pm
Manicure (Level 1 Award) Starting 16/09/2026	16 Week Course Wednesdays, 6pm - 9pm
Professional Nail Technology (Level 2 Award)* Starting February 2027	16 Week Course Wednesdays, 6pm - 9pm
Barbering (Certificate in Hair Techniques) (Level 2) Starting 16/09/2026	32 Week Course Wednesdays, 6pm - 9pm
Stage 1 Lash & Brow Technician (Level 2)* Starting January 2027	12 Week Course Wednesdays, 6pm - 9pm
Brow Lamination* Starting May 2027	3 Week Course Wednesdays, 6pm - 9pm
Brow Mapping & Threading* Starting June 2027	4 Week Course Wednesdays 6pm - 9pm

Health, Social Care & Counselling



BSc (Hons) Health & Social Care (Top Up) (Level 6) Starting 07/09/2026	1 Year Course Mondays & Tuesdays, 9.30am - 4.30pm
Foundation Degree in Health & Social Care (Level 5) Starting 09/09/2026	2 Year Course Wednesdays & Thursdays, 9.30am - 4.30pm

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Health, Social Care & Counselling (cont.)



BSc (Hons) Counselling (Top Up) (Level 6) Starting 08/09/2026	1 Year Course Tuesdays, 9.30am - 5pm
BSc (Hons) Counselling (Top Up) (Level 6) Starting 07/09/2026	1 Year Course Mondays & Wednesdays, 6pm - 9pm
BSc (Hons) Counselling Children & Young People (Top Up) (Level 6) Starting 08/09/2026	1 Year Course Tuesdays, 9.30am - 5pm
BSc (Hons) Counselling Children & Young People (Top Up) (Level 6) Starting 07/09/2026	1 Year Course Mondays & Wednesdays, 6pm - 9pm
Foundation Degree in Counselling (Level 5) Starting 07/09/2026	3 Year Course Mondays, 9.30am - 5pm
Foundation Degree in Counselling (Level 5) Starting 07/09/2026	3 Year Course Mondays & Wednesdays, 6pm - 9pm
Foundation Degree in Counselling Children & Young People (Level 5) Starting 14/09/2026	3 Year Course Mondays, 9.30am - 5pm
Foundation Degree in Counselling Children & Young People (Level 5) Starting TBC	3 Year Course Evenings, Times TBC
Diploma in Counselling (Level 3) Starting 16/09/2026	1 Year Course Wednesdays, 9.30am - 12.30pm
Diploma in Counselling (Level 3) Starting 16/09/2026	1 Year Course Wednesdays, 6pm - 9pm
Introduction to Counselling Skills (Level 2 Certificate) Starting 15/09/2026	17 Week Course Tuesdays, 9.30am - 12pm
Introduction to Counselling Skills (Level 2 Certificate) Starting 17/09/2026	17 Week Course Thursdays, 9.30am - 12pm
Introduction to Counselling Skills (Level 2 Certificate) Starting 17/09/2026	17 Week Course Thursdays, 6pm - 8.30pm
Preparing to Work in Adult Social Care Starting 14/09/2026	15 Week Course Mondays, 12.30pm - 2.30pm (LCR Residents Only)

Languages



Spanish for Beginners Starting 14/09/2026	11 Week Course Mondays, 6pm - 8pm
Spanish Beginners Plus* Starting January 2027	11 Week Course Mondays, 6pm - 8pm
Spanish Intermediate Starting 16/09/2026	11 Week Course Wednesdays, 6pm - 8pm
Spanish Intermediate Plus* Starting January 2027	11 Week Course Wednesdays, 6pm - 8pm

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Mental Health & Supporting Others



Mental Health in Children & Young People (Level 2 Certificate)
Starting 17/09/2026

16 Week Course
Thursdays, 12.30pm - 3pm

Wellbeing (Level 1 Certificate)
Starting 16/09/2026

12 Week Course
Wednesdays, 12.30pm - 2.30pm

Mental Health Awareness (Level 1)
Starting 16/09/2026

12 Week Course
Wednesdays, 6pm - 8pm

Mental Health Awareness (Level 1)
Starting 17/09/2026

12 Week Course
Thursdays, 9.30am - 11.30am

Remote E-Learning Courses



Our FREE Remote E-Learning courses offer you the opportunity to access a wide range of courses that you can learn from home at your own pace, all you need is access to the internet. We have a wide variety of nationally recognised Level 2 & 3 qualifications through TQUK for anyone aged 19 and over.

Understanding Autism	(Level 2 & 3 Certificate)
Understanding Mental Health	(Level 3 Certificate)
Understanding the Principles of Dementia Care	(Level 2 & 3 Certificate)
Awareness in Bullying in Children & Young People	(Level 2 Certificate)
Caring for the Elderly	(Level 2 Certificate)
Counselling Skills	(Level 2 Certificate)
Digital Marketing	(Level 2 Certificate)
Environmental Sustainability	(Level 2 Certificate)
Equality & Diversity	(Level 2 Certificate)
Event Planning	(Level 2 Certificate)
Information, Advice & Guidance	(Level 2 Certificate)
Lean Organisation Management Techniques	(Level 2 Certificate)
Mental Health First Aid & Mental Health Advocacy in the Workplace	(Level 2 Certificate)
Principles & Control of Infection in Health Care Settings	(Level 2 Certificate)
Principles of End of Life Care	(Level 2 Certificate)
Principles of Team Leading	(Level 2 Certificate)
Safeguarding, Prevent & British Values	(Level 2 Certificate)
Self Harm & Suicide Awareness & Prevention	(Level 2 Certificate)
Special Educational Needs & Disabilities	(Level 2 Certificate)
Understanding Children & Young People Mental Health	(Level 2 Certificate)
Understanding Nutrition & Health	(Level 2 Certificate)



Plus many more!
Scan the QR code to learn more about our range of courses and to apply online. For more information, please call us on 0151 257 2175 or email remote-e-learning@riversidecollege.ac.uk

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Sport



BA (Hons) Sport Coaching & Sport Development (Top Up) (Level 6)
Starting 07/09/2026

1 Year Course
Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, Times TBC

Foundation Degree in Sport Coaching & PE (Level 5)
Starting 07/09/2026

2 Year Course
Mondays, Thursdays & Fridays, Times TBC

Teaching Assistants



Teaching Assistants (Level 3 Diploma)
Starting 16/09/2026

1 Year Course
Wednesdays, 4pm - 9pm

Teaching Assistants (Level 2 Certificate)
Starting 16/09/2026

1 Year Course
Wednesdays, 9.30am - 12pm

Teaching Assistants (Level 2 Certificate)
Starting 17/09/2026

1 Year Course
Thursdays, 9.30am - 12pm

Teaching Assistants (Level 2 Certificate)
Starting 17/09/2026

1 Year Course
Thursdays, 6pm - 8.30pm

Introduction to Teaching Assistants (Level 1)
Starting 16/09/2026

15 Week Course
Wednesdays, 12.30pm - 2.30pm

Teaching Professions



Certificate in Education - PCET (Level 5)
Starting 16/09/2026

2 Year Course
Wednesdays, 1pm - 5pm

Post Graduate Certificate in Education - PGCE PCET (Level 7)
Starting 16/09/2026

2 Year Course
Wednesdays, 1pm - 5pm

BA (Hons) Education (Level 6)
Starting 10/09/2026

1 Year Course
Thursdays, 9.30am - 1.30pm

Foundation Degree in Education (Level 5)
Starting 08/09/2026

2 Year Course
Tuesdays, 9.30am - 1.30pm

Award in Education & Training (Level 3)
Starting 01/10/2026

14 Week Course
Thursdays, 5pm - 8pm

Stay Local, Go Far!



Higher Education Courses

- 51% of Degree Graduates achieved a 1st Class Honours in 2025
- 80% of students achieved a 2:1 or above degree classification in 2025
- High student satisfaction - 95% of students were positive on the academic support, assessment and feedback that they received, in the National Student Survey 2025
- Less debt without compromising on quality
- HE Student Loans available
- Small class sizes and dedicated support team

Degree Courses in

- Computing & Digital Technologies
- Construction
- Counselling (Adults)
- Counselling (Children & Young People)
- Education & Teacher Training
- Engineering
- Health & Social Care
- Makeup & Hair Artistry
- Sport

Apply Now

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Bursary Gifts

£500 bursary gift for qualifying first year full-time students (studying for 12 hours a week or more on certain courses)

£600 bursary gift for qualifying new students on FdSc Counselling courses to support costs associated with placements

(Bursary gifts subject to meeting criteria)



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OPEN EVENT

Tuesday 9th June
2026, 5pm - 7pm

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NEW for September 2026
Adult Courses from Riverside College
in the WELL Runcorn Hub

Enrol on part-time and short courses, including English, Maths, ESOL and Counselling.

Opening in summer 2026, the WELL Runcorn Hub will bring together health, education and wellbeing services to offer advice, information, education and support for local residents.

Scan the QR Code for more information.



WELL Runcorn Hub (formerly Runcorn Library), Granville Street, Runcorn, WA7 1NE

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We make every effort to ensure the information in this guide is correct at the time of publication. However, we reserve the right to make changes to our course offering for operational reasons.

Courses operate subject to sufficient numbers, and places are allocated on a first come first served basis. The College's liability will extend only to the reimbursement of fees paid if the course is closed. If a student decides to withdraw from a course, the fees refundable are dependent on the length of the course and the number of weeks into the course the student withdraws, unless a medical certificate is formally produced.

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