



**Riverside  
College**

Widnes & Runcorn

# HIGHER EDUCATION COURSES

Stay Local, Go Far



Teaching  
Excellence  
Framework

# WELCOME

## to your course guide

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Welcome to Riverside College's course guide for pre university and university level courses.

At Riverside College we recognise the benefits of students completing their higher education course closer to home.

With the convenience of a local college and outstanding value for money, alongside a distinctive education experience which provides outstanding results, our students are able to achieve their potential and progress in their chosen career.

Our inspiring tutors offer a high level of study support, you will be stretched and challenged academically whilst developing cutting-edge professional skills to ensure you stand out when applying for employment or promotion.

**TEF** Gold



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PRAISES ENOUGH;  
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# WHY A HIGHER EDUCATION QUALIFICATION?

At Riverside College our Higher Education qualifications are designed to enhance career prospects, support progression and promotion, and increase earning potential. They also offer you the opportunity for a complete change of direction.

Picture  
yourself in  
five or ten  
years time

What will you  
be doing?

Primary teacher?

Web Designer?

Counsellor?

Design Engineer?

Health Service Manager?

Sports Coach?

What will you  
be earning?

If you want to progress or change your career a degree level qualification could increase your progression and earning potential and give you greater job satisfaction.

**Employees with a degree can earn on average £10,000 more per year!\***

\*Graduate Labour Market Statistics





# WHY CHOOSE RIVERSIDE?

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## The top reasons

There are so many reasons to choose Riverside College for your Higher Education course. Here are the ones our students say are the most important:

### Gold TEF Award

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Riverside College is amongst the highest rated in the region for Higher Education provision and has been awarded the Gold standard for quality.

### Stay local, go far

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Our undergraduates recognise the many practical benefits of staying close to home and completing their qualification locally.

### Less debt

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Our fees are lower than universities: meaning that you can complete your qualification with less debt but without compromising on quality.

### Access to tutors

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Our small class sizes mean students get more contact time and support with our experienced teachers.

### Bursary gift

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A bursary of £500 for all eligible first year full-time higher education students (Sport, IT and Health and Social Care).

### Studying and working

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We ensure that our students have a good study/work/life balance. We do this by timetabling our courses over as few days as possible.

### Graduate in style

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All our HE students have a graduation ceremony either in the breath-taking Trentham Gardens (for Staffordshire University students) or in an impressive local venue.

### £20 million investment

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NEW designated study areas for Higher Education students and facilities including: Clinical Practice Ward, Social Care rooms and specialist engineering, digital and sports laboratories.

# QUALITY



The Higher Education National Student Survey 2020 revealed that nationally 83% of Higher Education students were satisfied with their course, while Riverside College received an impressive satisfaction rate of 89%. **Riverside College also received a 91% satisfaction rate** for the learning opportunities that they provide, which is 8% higher than the national rate. They also received a 88% satisfaction rate of academic support, (9% above the national rate).



## TEF Gold Award

In June 2019, Riverside College was awarded a TEF Gold Award for excellent outcomes for students on its Higher Education courses. The Teaching Excellence Framework was introduced by the Government in 2017 to measure the performance of the UK higher education sector.

Riverside College was rated for its high levels of student satisfaction with assessment and feedback. Teaching on my course and academic support were also judged to be exceptionally high.

In addition, the TEF panel recognised:

"The provision of extensive and sustained opportunities and challenges for ensuring that students from non-traditional backgrounds achieve their full potential."

"An embedded institutional culture that facilitates, recognises and rewards excellent teaching, leading to frequent and consistent student engagement".



"LOVE THE CHALLENGE. I THINK THE PACE OF THE COURSE IS PERFECT."

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"THE KNOWLEDGE, EXPERIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE TUTOR IS EXCELLENT."

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# PARTNERSHIPS & STAFFORDSHIRE UNIVERSITY

## Staffordshire University

Riverside College is proud to be a franchised partner of Staffordshire University, a TEF-Gold rated higher education institution based in Stoke-on-Trent and Stafford. This is great news if you're a student looking to study one of our partnered courses at an advanced or degree-level, as you'll get the best that both Riverside College and Staffordshire University have to offer, including an invite to the highly-regarded Staffordshire University graduation ceremony when you graduate.

Our long-standing partnership with Staffordshire University sees our current students sitting among a global network of over 15,000 enrolled students and connects our College with a huge number of education institutes around the world. The connections we make through and with Staffordshire University are constantly influencing our teaching practices and are creating new opportunities for students in-line with their commitment to graduate employability. As one of the Top 250 Young Universities in the world (THE WUR 2020), it's an exciting time to be sharing the benefits of our partnership with you as students.

Staffordshire University promotes opportunities for their students to 'Be The Change' and become innovative change-makers that make a professional impact on the world – and with a partnership course at Riverside College, you'll get the chance to become just that.

## Quality Assured (QAA)

The Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA) confirm the quality and standards of provision of Higher Education at Riverside College. Good practice was reported in relation to the effective integration of all student support services to enable students to develop their academic, personal and professional potential.

## Shaping Futures

Riverside College are part of Shaping Futures, an outreach programme for the Liverpool City Region. Shaping Futures deliver a programme of activities designed to raise aspirations and provide impartial HE information, advice and guidance to local 14-18 year old learners, to support them in fulfilling their educational potential.







# CELEBRATING GRADUATION

Student success and celebrating students achievements is extremely important to us. All of our Higher Education students have the opportunity to celebrate their achievements at the annual Riverside College Graduation Ceremony. In addition, every student who graduates on a course which is awarded by Staffordshire University will also be invited to graduate at Staffordshire University.



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For more information please visit [www.riverside.ac.uk](http://www.riverside.ac.uk)

**Staffordshire University**  
**Student of the Year**

**FRANCINE RUSSELL**

**Course:** Certificate in  
Education



**Pearson Student of the Year**

**THOMAS HANLEY**

**Course:** HNC Engineering





# STUDENT FINANCE

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## Pre-University Courses

For information about fees, funding and loans relating to our Pre Higher Education courses please go to our website at

**[www.riversidecollege.ac.uk/fees](http://www.riversidecollege.ac.uk/fees)**

## Higher Education Courses

Tuition fee loans make gaining a degree much more affordable than you may think. Riverside College supports students to access quality, local higher education in the most affordable way.

## Student Loans

Loans are available for all first time full and part time undergraduates if required. You won't have to repay anything until you're earning over a certain amount, which is currently £26,575 a year. If you earn less than that you won't repay anything. If you're earning more than that, the Student Loans Company will work out your repayments at 9% of your income over that amount.

**For more information visit**

**[www.gov.uk/repaying-your-student-loan](http://www.gov.uk/repaying-your-student-loan)**

## Other Financial Support

There are many other opportunities to gain help with your finances. For further information on those listed below, please go to the Student Finance website,

**[www.gov.uk/student-finance](http://www.gov.uk/student-finance)**

Just a few of these are listed here:

- > **Maintenance Loans**
- > **Disabled Students Allowance**
- > **Parents Learning Allowance / Childcare Grant**
- > **The Adults Dependants Grants**

**To find out what support you could be eligible for, please email our Admissions Team.**

**[advice@riverside.ac.uk](mailto:advice@riverside.ac.uk)**





DEGREE  
GRADUATES  
EARN ON AVERAGE  
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Graduate Labour Market Statistics



## SUPPORTING YOU

At Riverside College we have a dedicated Higher Education Pastoral Team who can help you with everything from applying for student finance, to supporting you to fit learning around your other commitments.

When you start your course you will be assigned a personal tutor who will guide you through your course to support you to develop personally, professionally and academically through one to one tutorials and additional activities such as work experience, trips and guest speakers. Our student services, pastoral support and study support teams are also available to help you overcome any obstacles to your success.

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# HIGHER EDUCATION QUALIFICATIONS EXPLAINED



**Higher National Certificates (HNCs) and Higher National Diplomas (HNDs)** are more practical than a traditional degree which means that you will gain valuable skills for the workplace. By choosing the HNC/HND route to achieve your higher education qualification you can benefit from developing employability skills to prepare you for a new career or to help you to progress in your current work.

**A Foundation Degree is a Level 5 qualification** - equivalent to the first two years of a degree level programme - that combines work based learning and academic study.

**A Top-up Degree** provides the opportunity to build on your HND or Foundation Degree and receive an Honours Degree by completing a final year of study.

**Teacher Education courses** are available to study on a part-time route over 2 years. The Certificate in Education and Post-Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) qualifications at Riverside College provide a thorough introduction to teaching within the Further Education and Skills Sector. You may also be able to undertake your teaching experience at Riverside College.

**Higher Apprenticeships** allow you to develop your skills to the highest standard and achieve qualifications at Level 4 and above through a mix of on and off-the-job training.

For more information please visit [www.riverside.ac.uk](http://www.riverside.ac.uk)

# HIGHER EDUCATION COURSES

The table below details the courses available.

| Level | Engineering        | Duration | Days/Evenings Per Week  |
|-------|--------------------|----------|-------------------------|
| 4     | HNC in Engineering | 2 years  | 1 afternoon and evening |
| 5     | HND in Engineering | 1 year   | 1 day per week          |

| Level | Computing                    | Duration | Days/Evenings Per Week |
|-------|------------------------------|----------|------------------------|
| 5     | HND in Computing             | 2 years  | 3 days per week        |
| 6     | BSc (Hons) Computer Science* | 1 Year   | 3 days per week        |

| Level | Education                       | Duration | Days/Evenings Per Week |
|-------|---------------------------------|----------|------------------------|
| 5     | Foundation Degree in Education* | 2 years  | ½ day per week         |
| 6     | BA (Hons) Education (top up)*   | 1 year   | ½ day per week         |

| Level | Counselling   | Duration | Days/Evenings Per Week |
|-------|---|----------|------------------------|
| 5     | Foundation Degree in Counselling*                           | 3 years  | 1 day or 2 evenings    |
| 5     | Foundation Degree in Counselling Children and Young People* | 3 years  | 1 day                  |
| 6     | BSc (Hons) Counselling (top up)*                            | 1 year   | 1 day or 2 evenings    |

| Level | Health and Social Care                       | Duration | Days/Evenings Per Week |
|-------|--|----------|------------------------|
| 5     | Foundation Degree in Health and Social Care* | 2 years  | 2 ½ days               |
| 6     | BSc (Hons) Health and Social Care (top up)*  | 1 year   | 2 days                 |

| Level | Sport  | Duration | Days/Evenings Per Week |
|-------|--|----------|------------------------|
| 5     | Foundation Degree in Sport Coaching and PE*              | 2 years  | 2 ½ days               |
| 6     | BA (Hons) Sport Coaching and Sport Development (top up)* | 1 year   | 2 ½ days               |

| Level | Teacher Education  | Duration | Days/Evenings Per Week |
|-------|--|----------|------------------------|
| 5/7   | Certificate in Education/Post Graduate Certificate in Education* | 2 years  | 4 hours per week       |

| Level | Media Makeup with SFX                | Duration | Days/Evenings Per Week |
|-------|--------------------------------------|----------|------------------------|
| 4     | HNC Performing Arts (Technical Arts) | 1 year   | 3 days                 |

For information about this new course please see the college website - [www.riversidecollege.ac.uk](http://www.riversidecollege.ac.uk)

**NEW  
FOR 2021**

For more information on each of these courses visit [www.riversidecollege.ac.uk/higher-education](http://www.riversidecollege.ac.uk/higher-education)

\* Awarded by Staffordshire University





# ENGINEERING

## HNC in Engineering

**Start Date:** September

**Duration:** 2 years

**Days/Evenings per week:** 1 afternoon & evening

### Entry Requirements:

64 UCAS points, made up of a combination of the following:

- Level 3 qualification in a relevant subject e.g. BTEC Extended Diploma in Engineering.
- AS maths or level 3 equivalent.
- GCSE maths and English at Grade C/4 or equivalent.

## Careers in Engineering

Employers place a high value on individuals who possess a Higher National Certificate (HNC) and it can open up higher level jobs within the industry or lead directly to a pay rise or a promotion with your current employer. Completion of the course may also lead to further study on a HND or degree programme in Engineering.

This is a specialist work related qualification that covers all of the key knowledge, understanding and practical skills required in the engineering sector. It is considered nationally by employers to be one of the benchmark qualifications for the industry. This qualification provides the education and training for engineers and technicians who are either employed at or are aspiring to work at a professional level in a variety of engineering roles.

**Start Date:** September

**Duration:** 1 year

**Days/Evenings per week:** 1 day per week

### Entry Requirements:

- Candidates must have studied and successfully completed the HNC Engineering (RQF). Alternatively, completion of an equivalent education/early years based Foundation degree from another provider will be considered.
- GCSE maths and English at Grade C/4 or equivalent.
- Completion of a pre-course bridge assessment (where appropriate).

## HND in Engineering

The Higher National Diploma in Engineering is a one-year specialist work-related course, to allow you to top up your HNC Engineering (RQF) to a HND. At Riverside College, we offer two specialist pathways:

**Higher National Diploma in Engineering**  
(Mechanical Engineering)

**Higher National Diploma in Engineering**  
(Electrical and Electronic Engineering).

The course provides greater depth and specialisation than the HNC Engineering, enabling you to develop a wide range of practical skills, knowledge and

understanding required for progression into a team leader/management position within the Engineering Sector. You will further develop confidence in problem solving and decision making to support you to take personal responsibility in a range of situations. This, in turn, will assist your career progression and professional development. Engineering project management and quality management systems feature predominantly within this programme. Both general and specialist units have been selected to enable you to develop Engineering Skills for the future, including Sustainable Engineering. Students will complete specialist projects, as well as an in-depth research project linked to their workplace (where appropriate).



# COMPUTING & IT

## HND in Computing

**Start Date:** September

**Duration:** 2 years

**Days/Evenings per week:** 3 days per week

### Entry Requirements:

64 UCAS points, made up of a combination of the following:

- Level 3 qualification in a relevant subject e.g. BTEC Extended Diploma in IT, Computing A Level.
- GCSE English and maths at a minimum of Grade C / Grade 4 (or equivalent).

Applicants with professional experience will also be considered on an individual basis.



**Awarded by Staffordshire University**

**Start Date:** September

**Duration:** 1 year

**Days/Evenings per week:** 3 days

### Entry Requirements:

- HND Computer (Level 5) or HND Computing and Systems Development (Level 5).
- GCSE English Grade C/4.

## Careers in Computing & IT

This course will prepare students for employment in a range of occupations including: e-commerce, software development, IT project management, multimedia, website development, networking and many more.

There is an increasing demand for people to work in IT, software and computer services in the UK and beyond. It is fast becoming one of the most dynamic sectors, with the UK Games Industry being one of the largest in Europe.

Whether you are already working in IT and want to progress, or would like

to gain a higher level qualification to kick start your career in IT, the HND in Computing will allow you to gain leading edge skills through a nationally recognised qualification awarded by Pearson. You may be able to gain industry qualifications as well as your main course.

## BSc (Hons) Computer Science (Top-Up)

The BSc (Hons) Computer Science Top-Up will provide HND Computing Level 5 and HND Computing and Systems Development graduates with the opportunity to progress their study at an advanced level through specialist modules that are linked to potential career choice e.g. within cloud-based technologies, in internet and web management, data analytics, and network computing. The course will allow you to fulfil your potential by providing degree level Computer Science education, which is relevant, grounded

in research and at the forefront of knowledge and practice.

The course will prepare you to become proficient in programming languages and system design methods and techniques. You will be able to apply your skills in most areas of a dynamic, expanding global Computing Industry (for example, e-commerce, networking, software development, IT project management, website development, systems analyst and systems design).



**Awarded by Staffordshire University**

**Start Date:** September

**Duration:** 3 years

**Days/Evenings per week:**

1 day or 2 evenings

**Entry Requirements:**

- Level 3 in Counselling and GCSE English Language at a minimum of Grade C/ Grade 4 (or equivalent).
- An enhanced satisfactory DBS check.
- Two references (one from an academic source).



**Awarded by Staffordshire University**

**Start Date:** September

**Duration:** 3 years

**Days/Evenings per week:**

1 day or 2 evenings

Subject to numbers

**Entry Requirements:**

- Level 3 in Counselling or related qualification at level 3 and GCSE English Language at a minimum of Grade C/ Grade 4 (or equivalent).
- Experience of working in an environment with children for a minimum of one year.
- An enhanced satisfactory DBS check.
- Two references (one from an academic source).

# COUNSELLING

## Foundation Degree in Counselling (FdSc)

This course will provide in depth professional training in counselling skills and theory. You will also develop a sound understanding of professional, legal and ethical issues.

Work placement is an integral part of the Foundation Degree in Counselling. This focuses upon the development and application of a range of work based competences and will prepare you to make the transition from learner to counsellor. 100 supervised placement hours will be completed in years 2 and 3.

Successful completion of this course means that you will have achieved qualified practitioner status and will be eligible for employment as counsellors. Graduates may have the opportunity to complete a BSc (Hons) Counselling at Riverside College.

## Foundation Degree in Counselling Children and Young People (FdSc)

The Foundation Degree in Counselling Children and Young People is an innovative programme that provides education and training for working therapeutically with children and young people from early years to young adulthood using a variety of therapeutic approaches.

Successful completion of this course means that you will have achieved qualified practitioner status and will be eligible for employment as a counsellor working with children and young people.

Graduates may have the opportunity to complete a BSc (Hons) Counselling at Riverside College.

Counselling children requires practitioners to have an in-depth understanding of child and adolescent development theory, child psychiatry, safeguarding and child protection policies.

For more information please visit [www.riverside.ac.uk](http://www.riverside.ac.uk)





**Awarded by Staffordshire University**

**Start Date:** September

**Duration:** 1 year

**Days/Evenings per week:** 1 day  
(or 2 Evenings)

**Entry Requirements:**

- A Counselling Diploma at level 4 or Foundation Degree that consists of no less than 400 hours of training and a minimum of 100 hours of supervised counselling practice.
- Two written references, one from an academic source if possible.
- A personal statement and a GCSE Grade C/4 in English (or equivalent).



## Top-Up BSc (Hons) Counselling

This course has been specifically designed for counsellors who are already qualified to Diploma or Foundation Degree level. It provides an opportunity for you to deepen your knowledge of counselling theory and practice and to develop expertise in areas of specific interest.

To achieve the BSc (Hons) Counselling Degree you need to demonstrate a high level of academic competence. This will be achieved through written assignments and the completion of a research dissertation which explores a topic of your choice.

**Foundation Degree in Counselling (FdSc) - 3 years**

**Foundation Degree in Counselling Children & Young People (FdSc) - 3 years**

**Top-Up BSc (Hons) Counselling - 1 year**

## Careers in Counselling

As a fully qualified practitioner, graduates will be equipped to gain employment as professional counsellors in this growing industry. Successful graduates may also wish to set up their own professional counselling practice.

For more information please visit [www.riverside.ac.uk](http://www.riverside.ac.uk)



AWARDED BY  
STAFFORDSHIRE  
UNIVERSITY

**Awarded by Staffordshire University**

**Start Date:** September

**Duration:** 2 years

**Days/Evenings per week:** 2 ½ days

**Entry Requirements:**

64 UCAS points, made up of a combination of the following:

- Level 3 qualification in a relevant subject e.g. BTEC Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care. A Levels in related subjects such as Health and Social Care, Biology and Social Science.
- GCSE English at a minimum of Grade C/ Grade 4 (or equivalent).
- A letter from an employer or unpaid work experience provider to confirm that the applicant has access to 70 hours of paid or unpaid work experience in Year 1 and 70 hours in Year 2.
- A current satisfactory enhanced DBS.

# HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

## Foundation Degree in Health and Social Care (FdSc)

This course offers you the opportunity to develop core transferable skills and knowledge relevant to health care, social care and public health to enable you to gain employment in an area of your choice.

Employability skills are embedded throughout the award, with a clear focus on how the modules you study can be applied to the workplace. You will be expected to undertake paid or voluntary work experience in a related healthcare setting throughout the duration of the course.

For more information please visit [www.riverside.ac.uk](http://www.riverside.ac.uk)



"THE COURSE  
DELIVERY IS AMAZING  
AND I AM BEING  
CONSTANTLY  
CHALLENGED AND  
DEVELOPING".

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**Awarded by Staffordshire University**

**Start Date:** September

**Duration:** 1 year

**Days/Evenings per week:** 2 days

#### **Entry Requirements:**

- Successful completion of the Foundation Degree in Health and Social Care at a Staffordshire University partner college or HND in Health and Social Care enables you to progress directly onto the BSc (Hons) Health and Social Care course.
- GCSE English at a minimum of Grade C/ Grade 4 (or equivalent).

## **Top-Up BSc (Hons) Health and Social Care**

This year long course offers students with a level 5 qualification the opportunity to top up your qualification to a full bachelor's degree.

Throughout your studies you will be taught by friendly, knowledgeable teachers who have been employed in either health or social care and are well equipped to help you relate your study topics to current policy and practice.

**Foundation Degree in Health and Social Care (FdSc) - 2 years**



**Top-Up BSc (Hons) Health and Social Care - 1 year**

## **Careers in Health and Social Care**

Students can progress into many different careers within the health and social care industry including working in research centres, public health, health promotions, NHS support services, offender services, local authority and the education sector.

For more information please visit [www.riverside.ac.uk](http://www.riverside.ac.uk)



"IT IS A COMFORTABLE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT WHICH ALLOWS FREE THINKING AND DISCUSSION TO HELP UNDERSTAND DIFFERENT TOPICS!"

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**Awarded by Staffordshire University**

**Start Date:** September

**Duration:** 2 years

**Days/Evenings per week:**  
2 ½ days per week

**Entry Requirements:**

64 UCAS points, made up of a combination of the following:

- Level 3 qualification in a relevant subject e.g. BTEC Extended Diploma in Sport or health related studies.
- A Levels in related subjects such as PE or Biology.
- GCSE English and maths at a minimum of Grade C/ Grade 4 (or equivalent).
- Applicants with industry/ professional experience will also be considered on an individual basis.
- A current satisfactory enhanced DBS.

# SPORT

## Foundation Degree in Sport Coaching and PE (FdSc)

This course will provide in depth professional theory with the opportunity to progress to employment within the Sport, Leisure and Educational industry in a wide range of roles. It aims to provide a stimulating learning environment where students will develop a sound understanding of professional, legal and ethical issues. Increasing self-awareness and personal development are also an integral part of the course.

As a sports student you will also have access to our state of the art Sport facilities in our new IDEA Centre at Cronton Campus and will work closely with our external partners to make sure you develop the skills employers want.

For more information please visit [www.riverside.ac.uk](http://www.riverside.ac.uk)



**Awarded by Staffordshire University**

**Start Date:** September

**Duration:** 1 year

**Days/Evenings per week:**  
2 ½ days per week

**Entry Requirements:**

- A UK Higher National Diploma or relevant Foundation Degree within a sport related discipline.
- GCSE English and maths at a minimum of Grade C/ Grade 4 (or equivalent).
- Current satisfactory enhanced DBS.

## Top Up BA (Hons) Sport Coaching and Sport Development

The aim of this 1 year course is to top up your Foundation Degree or HND Sport to a BA (Hons) and maximise your employability. It will prepare you for employment in a range of careers including PE teaching, sports development and sports coaching.

**Foundation Degree in Sport Coaching and PE (FdSc) - 2 years**



**Top Up BA (Hons) Sport Coaching and Sport Development - 1 year**

## Careers in Sport

You will have the opportunity to progress into a wide range of sport related careers, most commonly teaching, coaching, fitness instruction and sports development.

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For more information please visit [www.riverside.ac.uk](http://www.riverside.ac.uk)





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Staffordshire University

**Start Date:** September  
**Duration:** 2 years  
**Days/Evenings per week:** ½ day per week

**Entry Requirements:**

- Full Level 3 qualification (Evidence of a suitable work experience will be considered.)
- GCSE English and maths at a minimum of Grade C/ Grade 4 (or equivalent) or demonstration of Level 2 competence in English and maths.
- Applicants must be employed for at least four hours per week in an appropriate educational role and setting. This employment may be paid or voluntary.
- Current satisfactory enhanced DBS.



Awarded by  
Staffordshire University

**Start Date:** September  
**Duration:** 1 year  
**Days/Evenings per week:** ½ day per week

**Entry Requirements:**

- Successful completion of the Foundation Degree in Education/Early Childhood Studies at a Staffordshire University partner college enables you to progress directly onto the BA (Hons) Education.
- Alternatively, completion of an equivalent education/early years based Foundation degree from another provider will be considered.
- GCSE English and maths at a minimum of Grade C/ Grade 4 (or equivalent).
- You must be employed for at least four hours per week in an appropriate educational role and setting. This employment may be paid or voluntary.
- Current satisfactory enhanced DBS.

# EDUCATION

## Foundation Degree in Education (FdA)

This course provides an excellent opportunity for teaching assistants, learning support workers and teaching and learning mentors to build on their knowledge and experience of working in education.

It will enhance your understanding of your current professional role and support career progression and professional development.

The course is specifically designed for people who wish to combine work and study. In addition to this, the course provides a route towards obtaining a degree and further professional qualifications.

## Top-Up BA (Hons) Education

This year long course offers students with a level 5 qualification the opportunity to top up your qualification to a full bachelor's degree.



## Careers in Education

You may progress to employment within family and children centres, care support, educational administration and management, play work, learning support and many other educational contexts. Alternatively, you may enter primary teacher training through PGCE Primary, Schools Direct, Schools Direct (salaried) and SCITT routes.

For more information please visit [www.riverside.ac.uk](http://www.riverside.ac.uk)



Awarded by Staffordshire University

**Start Date:** September

**Duration:** 2 year

**Days/Evenings per week:**

4 hours per week

#### Entry Requirements:

- GCSE English and maths at a minimum of Grade C/ Grade 4 (or equivalent).
- (Cert Ed pathway) A Level 3 qualification in the subject/ skill area you wish to teach.
- (PGCE pathway)  
As above PLUS normally a 2:1 classification degree.
- Current satisfactory enhanced DBS.

#### In addition for both awards:

- 100 hours teaching practice and access to a subject specific mentor.



# TEACHER EDUCATION

## Certificate in Education (PCET) - Level 5

## Post Graduate Certificate in Education (PCET) - Level 7

This course will provide a generic route for those wishing to follow a teaching career in the Further Education and Skills Sector, for example further education colleges, sixth form colleges, work based learning, adult and community learning, the Police, Prison and Fire Services, the National Health Service and also across the many private sector training companies.

In addition, there are now teaching opportunities in some schools and academies for post-compulsory teachers, particularly for teachers who can offer a vocational subject.

You will study with trainee teachers from a variety of educational settings. Paid or voluntary teaching experience is a key feature of the course. You may also be able to undertake your teaching experience at the College.

### Careers in Teacher Education

Upon completion, successful teachers can undertake a period of professional formation leading to the achievement of Qualified Teaching and Learning Status (QTLS).

If you have completed the Certificate in Education you may be eligible to progress onto a degree level course in Education.

If you have completed your PGCE you may be eligible to progress on to a Master Degree in Education.

For more information please visit [www.riverside.ac.uk](http://www.riverside.ac.uk)

# PRE UNIVERSITY COURSES

If you do not have the qualifications or experience required, or are not quite ready to study on a higher education programme, we have a wide range of courses designed to prepare you for higher education courses with us or at university.

Full details of our courses can be found on our website [www.riverside.ac.uk](http://www.riverside.ac.uk) or by emailing our Adult Admissions Team on [advice@riversidecollege.ac.uk](mailto:advice@riversidecollege.ac.uk). If you are unsure if you have the entry requirements for any of our courses, please enquire and we will advise you of the best route for you.

## Level 2 Preparation for Access

This is a one year programme designed for anyone who needs to build up their English and maths GCSE profile in order to gain entry on to their chosen Access pathway. You will also be prepared for university study through our study skills programme.

## Access to Higher Education Level 3

The Access to Higher Education (HE) Diploma is a one year level 3 qualification which prepares you to study at university level.

Our access pathways can progress you on to many careers, such as:

- > Social Work - including Youth Work
- > Forensic Psychology and Forensic Science
- > Working for the Criminal Justice System
- > Nursing - Adult, Children's and Mental Health
- > Midwifery
- > Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Paramedics
- > Primary and Secondary Teaching
- > Engineering
- > Museum Curator
- > Business and Marketing
- > Accounting and Finance
- > Animal Management
- > Biological Science

## Award in Education and Training

The 14 week programme covers the basics of teaching in continuing and adult education including how to plan sessions, motivate learners and use a variety of assessment methods. After this programme you may be eligible to progress on to the Certificate or Post Graduate Certificate in Education.

## Level 2 and 3 Counselling Courses

The Level 2 Certificate in Counselling is a 15 week part time course, and the Level 3 Diploma in Counselling is a one year part time course. After successful completion of the Level 3 Diploma in Counselling students can progress on to one of the Foundation Degrees in Counselling and the top up to full degree.



## Professional AAT Accounting

The AAT (Association of Accounting Technicians) qualifications are internationally recognised and respected by employers. Studying AAT with us allows you to change your career, progress in your job or make the most of a career break.

We have part time day and evening AAT courses at Level 2, 3 and 4 starting in September visit [www.riverside.ac.uk](http://www.riverside.ac.uk) for more information.

**Funding and Advanced Learner Loans available, please enquire.**

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# HIGHER APPRENTICESHIPS

Higher Apprenticeships are an exciting opportunity to develop your skills, knowledge and qualifications to the highest level whilst continuing to earn a salary and progress your career.

Apprenticeships combine work with 'off the job' study working to specific industry Standard linked to your job role. The apprenticeship is supported by your employer and at the higher level, your job needs to have responsibilities either at supervisory/management or higher technician levels.

Higher Apprenticeship training costs are fully subsidised by the Government and your employer.

**At Riverside College we offer higher level apprenticeships in the following Standard:**

- > Level 4 Professional Accounting or Taxation Technician
- > Level 4 Network Engineer
- > Level 4 Assessor Coach
- > Level 5 Operations or Departmental Manager
- > Level 5 Leader in Adult Care

### How does it work?

As a Higher Apprentice you will be assigned a tutor/assessor who will visit you in your workplace regularly to support you to complete any project work and assess the development or work place competencies and behaviour.

Your Apprenticeship will include 'off the job' training to support your knowledge and understanding, often including additional qualifications and study at college. You will need to complete an End Point Assessment to achieve your apprenticeship.

**For more detailed information, please contact our dedicated Apprenticeships Team on 0151 257 2828 or by emailing [enterprise@riverside.ac.uk](mailto:enterprise@riverside.ac.uk)**

# HOW TO APPLY

Apply direct to us, no need to apply through UCAS. You can apply online via the website, **[www.riverside.ac.uk](http://www.riverside.ac.uk)**, or email **[advice@riverside.ac.uk](mailto:advice@riverside.ac.uk)** and we will send you an application form.

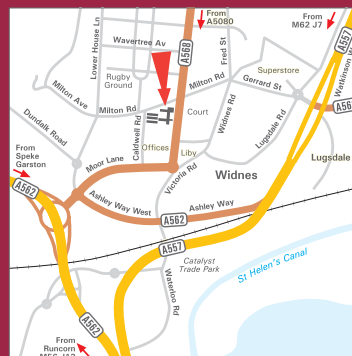
Most of the courses featured in this guide will require an admissions interview. We will contact you with a date for your interview where we will be able to answer all of your questions and make sure the course is right for you. We will also discuss any financial or other support available to you.

For more information on anything featured in this guide please go to our website at **[www.riverside.ac.uk](http://www.riverside.ac.uk)** or email our admissions team on **[advice@riverside.ac.uk](mailto:advice@riverside.ac.uk)**.

You can also come along to our Open Events to speak to tutors and ask any questions.  
**Visit our website for event dates and times.**

We make every effort to ensure that the information in this guide is correct at the time of publication (February 2021). However, we reserve the right to make changes to our course offering for operational reasons.

# HOW TO FIND US



## Riverside College

Kingsway Campus  
Our Kingsway Campus is situated close to Widnes Town Centre near Victoria Square.

Kingsway Campus  
Kingsway, Widnes  
WA8 7QQ



## Cronton College

The college is situated on the A5080 Cronton Lane between the villages of Cronton and Farnworth.

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Cronton Lane,  
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**Free parking and excellent rail and bus services for both sites.**





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