



**Cheshire College  
South & West**

# **Cheshire College's Higher Education Course Guide**

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## **Welcome to Higher Education at Cheshire College**

We are thrilled that you are considering joining us here at Cheshire College to continue your studies. Every year, we are proud to welcome students who have previously studied with us at Level 3, mature students returning to education, and employees wishing to enhance their career opportunities through further education.

Our main aim is to make studying as an adult as easy as possible, by providing flexible options for full-time courses, as well as comprehensive student support throughout your time with us.

As an approved provider of Pearson HNC and HND qualifications, we offer a variety of qualifications for students looking to expand their knowledge and skills. We also partner with several universities and local employers to ensure that we provide a rich and engaging learning environment with a broad range of courses to choose from.

Our local state-of-the-art Campuses offer you the chance to stay close to home, while still benefiting from being taught by industry experts and having access to the latest cutting-edge technology.

Once you have completed your course, you can celebrate your achievements and success at your graduation ceremony. This is an excellent opportunity to reflect on all of your hard work with the support of your teachers, classmates, friends and family.

We always aim to provide the best experiences for our students to help them meet their academic goals and make their dreams come true. If you have any questions about our courses, Campuses, or anything else, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

**Alex Edmunds,**

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## Why should I study at Cheshire College?

Gain the skills and knowledge that you need to succeed, while saving money and staying close to home. With Higher Education at Cheshire College, you can avoid expensive tuition fees and still receive the same level of high-quality education that you would at university.

### Top reasons to study at Cheshire College:

- Benefit from our cutting-edge facilities and industry-standard learning environment at a much lower cost compared to studying at university.
- Smaller class sizes allow your lecturers to get to know you and understand your learning needs and the best ways to support you.
- We offer full-time course options with flexible timetables that allow you to arrange your classes around existing work or family commitments.
- Relax or study in our 'Higher Education Hubs', which are available on each of our Campuses to offer exclusive facilities for our Higher Education students.
- Your dedicated personal tutor provides one-to-one support from day one of your course and our specialist learning support team can advise and support anyone with additional learning needs.
- 'Step off' points offer you the option to pause your education if needed and leave with a portable qualification, so you can resume studying at a later date.
- Our undergraduate training programmes have been designed with employability in mind and are continually developed and updated through our close partnerships with local employers.

## **Qualifications Guide**

Our specially tailored courses help students to develop in-demand skills and knowledge by completing a series of practical tasks and projects. Through hands-on learning, you can boost your employability and even become a member of professional bodies or other employer organisations.

If you're looking for a stepping stone into Higher Education, one of our helpful Access to Higher Education courses could be a perfect choice for you.

There are also several options for Level 4 and Level 5 qualifications, including Higher National Certificate (HNC), National Vocational Qualification (NVQ), and higher apprenticeship training.

## Our Courses

We're here to help you every step of the way, so you can reach your full potential in a friendly, supportive learning environment. Learn the right skills and gain the knowledge and confidence needed to meet your goals and take the first steps towards your future. We offer courses in the following areas:

- Applied Sciences BTEC HND Level 5
- Construction Management for England HNC Level 4
- Electrical and Electronic Engineering for England HNC Level 4
- Electrical and Electronic Engineering for England HND Level 5
- Film and Television HNC Level 4
- Film and Television HND Level 5
- Fine Art BTEC Level 4
- Fine Art BTEC HND Level 5
- Game Development HNC Level 4
- Game Development HND Level 5
- HTQ Computing for England HNC Level 4
- Mechanical Engineering for England HNC Level 4
- Mechanical Engineering for England HND Level 5
- Performing Arts HNC Level 4

## Financial Support

We know that money will always be a factor when deciding whether to continue your studies. This is why we try to make it as budget-friendly, simple, and easy as possible to pursue Higher Education at Cheshire College.

You will avoid the typical university fees but can still apply for Student Finance to help you with key expenses while you are studying. We never want money to be a barrier to receiving the education you deserve, and you can come to us for university-level courses at a much lower cost.

### **Applying for student loans:**

There are two main types of loans which are available for students: a Tuition Fee Loan and a Maintenance Loan. For more information about these loans, please visit [www.gov.uk/student-finance/](http://www.gov.uk/student-finance/). You can also speak to our experienced Financial Support Team to check if you're eligible for financial support. Email us at [bursary@ccsw.ac.uk](mailto:bursary@ccsw.ac.uk) or phone: 01244 656200 (Chester and Ellesmere Port Campus) or 01270 654654 (Crewe Campus).

## How to Apply

It's quick and easy to start your journey at Cheshire College. You can apply for one of our Higher Education courses by filling out an online application on our website, or by contacting our friendly admissions team.

Contact us by emailing [admissions@ccsw.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@ccsw.ac.uk) or phoning 01244 656555 (Chester and Ellesmere Port Campus) or 01270 654654 (Crewe Campus).