



HIGHER EDUCATION GUIDE 2024 - 2025

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»» AT COLEG GWENT



Are you interested in gaining a university qualification but concerned about the cost? Look no further than Coleg Gwent. We have a growing number of higher education courses available across all five of our campuses. So, we're sure we'll have a course to suit you.

As one of Wales' largest colleges with a student community of over 16,000 learners, we welcome students from all walks of life.

Studying at Coleg Gwent can open up professional networks and expand your opportunities, whether you want to gain an advantage in the fiercely competitive job market, advance in your current career or explore a new career path, you can make it at Coleg Gwent.

GET IN TOUCH

If you have any questions, please get in touch with our friendly student recruitment team.

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(Croesawn alwadau yn Gymraeg).



Apply now at www.coleggwent.ac.uk



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WHY CHOOSE US



WE'RE LOCAL

Save money on travel and accommodation by studying closer to home. You'll also have more time to spend with friends, family or at work.



FLEXIBLE COURSES

Our wide range of subjects and study options means that you can study full time or part time, to fit in with work or other commitments.



MAKE IT A SUCCESS

Our higher education courses are designed to give you a competitive edge, increased earning potential, and rewarding career opportunities. Over 50% of our learners top up their degree at our partner universities.



IT COULD BE CHEAPER

Most of our higher education courses are cheaper than those at universities, so you could be saving thousands of pounds on tuition fees!

Our courses are accredited by our partner universities giving you access to all the resources you need to succeed. If you successfully complete a course awarded by one of our partner universities, you'll receive a certificate awarded by the university and you'll be invited to a graduation ceremony.

MAKE IT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH



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Metropolitan
University

Prifysgol
Metropolitan
Caerdydd



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WORKPLACE EXPERIENCE

Typically, our courses require learning both in the workplace and at college. This approach equips you with career-oriented skills and industry-specific experience that employers value, boosting your chances of securing your dream career.



FINANCIAL SUPPORT

There are many grants, bursaries, and government loans available to help you financially while you study. This way, you can focus on achieving your degree without worrying about money.



BETTER TUITION

With our smaller class sizes, you can expect exceptional personal support from our lecturing staff and dedicated support team.



OPEN EVENTS

» MAKE IT YOUR NEXT STEP

Our open events cover everything you need to know about college life, support, finance, our courses and much more. Everyone is welcome and we encourage you to register ahead via our website for a speedy check-in, although walk-ins are also welcome. Each of our campuses offer different subjects, so it's best to visit the relevant campus depending on the subjects you are interested in discussing at the open event.

We also host virtual open events, so keep a look out on our website for updates.



AT OUR OPEN EVENTS YOU CAN:



LEARN MORE ABOUT A COURSE OR SUBJECT AREA FROM OUR EXPERT TUTORS



FIND OUT ABOUT POTENTIAL CAREERS



TAKE A LOOK AROUND THE CAMPUS, FACILITIES AND CLASSROOMS



LEARN ABOUT THE APPLICATION PROCESS AND APPLY THERE AND THEN



GET INFORMATION ABOUT FINANCIAL SUPPORT



FIND OUT ABOUT OUR SUPPORT SERVICES

REGISTER NOW



To register and view an up-to-date list of our upcoming open events, please visit our website:

» WWW.COLEGGWENT.AC.UK/OPEN

OUR CAMPUSES

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR CAMPUSES?

Did you know you can take a tour of our campuses at any time, from the comfort of your own home? Take a look at our 360 campus tours on our virtual event platform.

>> [VIRTUAL.COLEGGWENT.AC.UK](https://virtual.coleggwent.ac.uk)



CROSSKEYS CAMPUS

Our largest campus boasts impressive photography studios and theatre facilities for performing arts, as well as a library equipped with a Mac suite, with access to online journals – and much more!



BLAENAU GWENT LEARNING ZONE

Blaenau Gwent's cutting-edge Learning Zone has state-of-the-art facilities including purpose-built construction workshops, recording studios, Mac computer suites, a performance hall, a library and our very own racing car and aeroplane!



CITY OF NEWPORT CAMPUS

Our City of Newport campus hosts fantastic facilities - including well-equipped engineering and construction workshops, science laboratories, as well as an innovative digital technology suite.



TORFAEN LEARNING ZONE

Our newest purpose built campus with state-of-the-art facilities sits in the heart of Cwmbran and is easily accessible by public transport.



USK CAMPUS

Usk campus is home to our agricultural, sport and leisure courses. Surrounded by beautiful countryside and set on the edge of the historic Usk town. If you have a love for nature and the outdoors, this is the perfect campus for you.

SUPPORTING YOU

PERSONAL TUTORS

As a higher education learner, you'll receive individual support from a personal tutor from the moment you join Coleg Gwent. Your tutor will help you settle into college, guide you through your course, offer support through any difficult times and celebrate your successes.



HIGHER EDUCATION HUBS

At selected campuses you will find a dedicated space solely for our higher education learners with computers, breakout areas and sofas for quiet study or unwinding. Why not take a tour of them at one of our open events?

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING (RPL)

RPL provides you with an opportunity to gain recognition for previous relevant academic achievements and allows credits to be transferred to the new course to avoid the duplication of previous learning. Successful applicants must demonstrate they have previously achieved the learning outcomes for the module.



Scan the QR code for more information:

HIGHER EDUCATION ACADEMIC & PASTORAL SUPPORT COACHES

On each campus we have an Academic and Pastoral Support Coach who will support you with academic and pastoral guidance throughout your programme of study. Academic and Pastoral Support Coaches are dedicated to supporting you through any difficulty, which includes referral to our relevant specialist teams.





ADDITIONAL LEARNING NEEDS (ALN)

If you have a registered learning difficulty and/or a disability, we can offer you a variety of support services once we receive confirmation from Student Finance Wales/England.

This could include:

- **Financial advice**
- **Dealing with stress and anxiety**
- **In-class support from an Additional Support Assistant**
- **Extra sessions for help with assignments and coursework**
- **Help from a Communication Support Worker (for deaf students)**
- **Dyslexia support**
- **Use of accessibility software including initial training**
- **Exam access arrangements**

If you need support you can talk to your Personal Tutor, contact the campus Additional Learning Needs Co-ordinator (ALNCo) or an Academic & Pastoral Support Coach.



WELSH LANGUAGE AND BILINGUAL STUDY SUPPORT

If you want to learn in Welsh or bilingually, we provide support across all of our campuses. The 'HwB Cymraeg' offers information about the benefits of studying bilingually, one-to-one support to complete work in Welsh or bilingually, guidance on using apps to help with bilingual study and preparing for assessments through the medium of Welsh.



WE HEAR YOU

At Coleg Gwent, we value your opinions and experiences and use them to enhance your learning experience. There are many ways you can give us your feedback including; class representative voice, learner forums, college committees and groups, as well as learner feedback questionnaires.



A FOCUS ON FINANCE

When studying higher education, there will be two main costs – tuition fees and living costs. However, there will be financial support available through loans (which you have to pay back) and grants/bursaries (which you don't have to pay back).

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

› Courses accredited by the University of South Wales, Cardiff Metropolitan University and Aberystwyth University

Foundation Degrees, HNCs and HNDs accredited by these universities are £7,500 per year*. All one year BSc and BA top up courses are £9,000.

› Courses accredited by the University of Worcester

Foundation Degrees accredited by these universities are £9,250 per year.

› PcET (Post Compulsory Education and Training)

For 2023-24 the fees per 20 Credits are £900 – you would usually study 60 credits per academic year.

› Top-up Degrees by the University of South Wales, Aberystwyth University and Cardiff Metropolitan University

Top-up Degrees accredited by this university are £9,000 per year.

› Higher National qualifications by Pearson

Higher National qualifications accredited by Pearson have variable fees so please refer to the individual course information on our website.

*Please note that these costs are correct as of July 2023 and may be subject to change.



ADDITIONAL COSTS

Your course may have additional costs which can be mandatory or optional. These costs are additional to tuition fees and need to be paid for by you to fully participate and complete your programme of study. These expenses may include; equipment, trips, placements and DBS checks. Each course has different additional costs which you'll find in the individual course information on our website.

»» WWW.COLEGGWENT.AC.UK/HE

»» **MAKE IT
AFFORDABLE**

A FOCUS ON FINANCE

A higher education course is an investment in your future; although there may be expenses involved in terms of time or tuition fees, you may be eligible for financial support so it could cost less than you think.

INFORMATION FOR FULL TIME HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENTS

Students studying their first HE course, who normally live in Wales, can get a Tuition Fee Loan up to a maximum of £9,250. The Tuition Fee Loan isn't based on your household income. In addition to this loan, you can get maintenance support (help with living costs). Eligible students living away from home (outside London) can get £10,710 per year, made up of a mix of grant and loan. The amount of grant you'll get depends on your household income.

N.B If you've studied a HE course before, it's important that you understand it might affect your eligibility for support. Please refer to www.studentfinancewales.co.uk and the section on Previous Study Rules.

INFORMATION FOR PART TIME HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENTS

A student studying in Wales can apply for a non-means tested fee loan of up to £2,625 to cover their annual fees. Students need to be studying at a minimum 25% intensity to be eligible e.g. a full time student completes 120 credits in one year, therefore a part time student would need to complete a minimum of 30 credits per year. Students are able to apply for annual living costs support for up to a maximum of £5,929. The amount of grant and loan you are awarded will be dependent on the number of hours you will be studying and your household income.



You will need to apply for funding before starting your course; the sooner you do this the better, and do remember, you will have to reapply for funding every academic year.

Full details of all financial support and how to apply can be found on the Student Finance Wales website:

» WWW.STUDENTFINANCEWALES.CO.UK

Student Finance England website:

» WWW.GOV.UK/STUDENT-FINANCE

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BURSARIES, GRANTS & SUBSIDIES

You may be eligible for bursaries, grants or subsidies to support you while you study. The eligibility criteria is dependent on your circumstances. To learn more about the financial support on offer – please visit our website:

➤ WWW.COLEGGWENT.AC.UK/HE

DISABLED STUDENTS' ALLOWANCE (DSA'S)

If you have a disability, long-term health condition, mental health condition or specific learning difficulty you may be eligible for financial support. Disabled Students' Allowances (DSAs) are grants to help pay towards these essential extra costs you may have as a direct result of your disability.

Visit the Student Finance Wales/England website for more information.

OTHER FINANCE SUPPORT OPTIONS:

You may get extra funding if you have adults or children who are financially dependent on you, which can include:

- **Adult Dependent's Grant (ADG)**
- **Childcare Grant (CCG)**
- **Parents' Learning Allowance (PLA)**



YOUR GUIDE TO QUALIFICATIONS

>> CHOOSING THE RIGHT COURSE FOR YOU

Not sure what qualification you're looking for, or what level to start at?

Here's a handy guide to help you understand the level of study for our courses and to assist you in choosing the right qualification for you and your goals.

LEVEL	Qualification		Progression Route	Job Level
7	Masters Degree/Doctorate		--	Chartered Professional
6	Honours/Bachelor's Degree		Master Degree or Doctorate	
5	Foundation Degree (FD) / HND	Professional Diploma/ Diploma in Higher Education	Degree Top-up to gain full degree	Management Professional
			Degree Apprenticeship	
4	HNC	Certificate in Higher Education	Higher Apprenticeship NVQ 4	
3	Level 3 Extended Diploma Level 3 Diploma Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma Level 3 Certificate	3 A Levels 2 A Levels 1 A Level 1 AS Level	Advanced Apprenticeship NVQ 3	Advanced technician, skilled supervisory



FOUNDATION DEGREES

Foundation Degrees combine academic study with workplace learning, and are broadly equivalent to the first two years of a degree. They are designed with a particular area of work in mind, with the help of organisations from each sector. This ensures that you are developing the skills that employers are looking for.

WHAT NEXT?

Once you've achieved a Foundation Degree, you can use your qualification and work experience to find employment, or you can make the decision to 'top-up' your qualification to a full Bachelor's Degree. This usually involves an extra year or two of study.

HIGHER NATIONAL CERTIFICATES (HNCs) AND HIGHER NATIONAL DIPLOMAS (HNDs)

HNCs and HNDs are work-related courses and are highly valued by employers both in the UK and overseas. While Bachelor's Degrees tend to focus on gaining knowledge, HNCs and HNDs are designed to give you the skills to put that knowledge to effective use in a particular vocation.

Higher National qualifications don't just qualify you for work. Some HNCs allow direct entry into the second year of a degree programme, and many HNDs allow direct entry to the third year of a degree. HNCs or HNDs can also give you access to a number of professional bodies. So whether you want to go straight into a job or continue your studies, getting a Higher National qualification can be a great place to start.

DEGREE 'TOP-UPS'

A Top-up degree is the equivalent to the final year of undergraduate study, giving you a Bachelors Degree. As the name suggests, these courses give you the option to 'top-up' an existing qualification, whether that's a Foundation Degree or another relevant qualification, like a HND. Every course has its own entry requirements, so check the course you're interested in to find out exactly what you'll need to be able to apply. In addition, make sure you check your eligibility for continued student finance.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You can look at course entry requirements on the individual course pages on our website.

Not sure if you meet the entry requirements?

We take into account your personal and professional experience, so don't let the entry requirements put you off, if you're unsure please get in touch with us via he@coleggwent.ac.uk

UNIVERSITY KEY

AU - Aberystwyth University **CMU** - Cardiff Metropolitan University
USW - University of South Wales **P** - Pearson **UW** - University of Worcester

EQUINE AND ANIMAL HEALTH

If you have a passion for animals, why not make a career out of it? Take the reins and study one of our equine or animal health courses at our beautiful rural-based campus in Usk.

All employers look for experience and you'll get plenty of it at our Usk campus. We have well established courses with the University of South Wales and Aberystwyth University so no matter what course you choose, you'll have access to all the facilities you'd expect to find in this industry.



OUR COURSES

	Award	Validating Institution	Full Time/ Part Time	Campus
Equine Studies	BSc Top-Up	AU	FT	U
Equine Studies	FD	AU	FT	U
Animal Health & Welfare	BSc Top-Up	USW	FT	U
Animal Health & Welfare	FD	USW	FT	U
Veterinary Nursing	BSc Top-Up	USW	FT	U
Veterinary Nursing	FD	USW	FT	U

Please note: all courses may be subject to change and cancelled if deemed not viable to run.

DID YOU KNOW?

OVER 11,000 PEOPLE

**are employed in the
agricultural industry in Wales**

(EMSI, 2023)

» WHAT NEXT?

You may have the option to study for another year full or part time with your chosen university to top up to a full Bachelor's Degree, or you could take your Foundation Degree as a standalone qualification and get work in areas such as veterinary practice, animal behaviour and psychology.

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At Coleg Gwent, they have fantastic lecturers, fantastic facilities, as well as an indoor arena, outdoor arena, and some incredible horses! It's local, so it's given me the opportunity to study a really good qualification basically on my doorstep. The class sizes are much smaller than what you would have at a normal university, so it's on a much more personal level with your lecturers. I would definitely recommend a Higher Education course at Coleg Gwent.

JORDAN WHITTAKER

» FOUNDATION DEGREE EQUINE STUDIES



ART & DESIGN, MEDIA AND PHOTOGRAPHY

The creative industries are growing faster than any other area of the UK economy - great news for talented graduates with a passion for art, design, media and photography.

Doing a creative job for a living is an enviable position to be in. It's quite rare to be able to do something you're passionate about for your day job, so if you manage to build a career in the creative industries, it's likely you'll enjoy a lot of job satisfaction. Our spacious art, design, fashion, media and photography studios are the ideal place to express yourself, experiment with a range of techniques and perfect your specialism.

DID YOU KNOW?

35,400 PEOPLE
are employed in the creative industries in Wales

(Creative Wales, 2023)

“

I decided to study Games Art & Design at Coleg Gwent because it's much cheaper than other universities. It's a really good course - the modules allow you to be really creative. The tutors are great and create a nice atmosphere in the classroom.

THOMAS MORTON

»» FOUNDATION DEGREE GAMES ART & DESIGN



OUR COURSES

	Award	Validating Institution	Full Time/ Part Time	Campus
Photography	BA Top-up	CMU	FT	C
Photography	FD	CMU	FT	C
Games Art & Design	FD	USW	FT	C
Illustration	FD	USW	FT	C
Illustration	BA Top-up	USW	FT	C
Media Production	FD	USW	FT	C
Artist Designer Makers	FD	CMU	FT	C



»» WHAT NEXT?

Our creative courses can equip you for a whole range of careers and opportunities in the ever competitive creative industries. Options include media, photography, creative design, fashion, gaming and TV and film.



Please note: all courses may be subject to change and cancelled if deemed not viable to run.

COMPUTING AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

We're surrounded by technology in the modern world so strong digital and computing skills are in high demand.

By studying a higher education computing course, you can equip yourself with the skills you need for a rewarding career, as well as having access to state of the art equipment on which to learn.

The digital technology industry is rapidly expanding and constantly evolving. Due to a shortage of skilled workers, there are numerous job opportunities available, making this a highly attractive industry for graduates.

DID YOU KNOW?

IT Managers earn an average of

£42,000

a year

(EMSI, 2023)



OUR COURSES

	Award	Validating Institution	Full Time/ Part Time	Campus
Digital Technologies	HNC	Pearson	PT	B
Computing	HND	USW	FT	N
Cyber Security*	HNC	USW	FT	B
Cyber Security*	HND	USW	FT	B

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Coleg Gwent offer a lot of great opportunities; including great work placement opportunities. The class sizes are smaller than university and of course, you get to know the tutors well. After finishing my course, I'd like to progress to do my Bachelor's top-up degree and further from there, possibly find a job within the IT sector, such as system support or networking.

NICHOLAS MALOLEPSZY
>> HND COMPUTING



>> WHAT NEXT?

If you choose to study a Foundation Degree you may have the option to study for another year full or part time at your chosen university to top up to a full Bachelor's Degree, otherwise you can go straight into employment. Career options, depending on your course, could include IT director, software developer, programming, system support and much more!

*These courses are subject to validation.

Please note: all courses may be subject to change and cancelled if deemed not viable to run.



CONSTRUCTION & THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT



Design and build your own future in the world of construction.

If you want to play a part in changing skylines, building beautiful bridges or influencing architecture, you'll learn all the latest techniques and principles to equip you for employment on our HNC and HND in Construction and the Built Environment – the sky really is the limit.

OUR COURSES

	Award	Validating Institution	Full Time/ Part Time	Campus
Construction and the Built Environment*	HNC	USW	FT	N
Construction and the Built Environment*	HNC	USW	PT	N
Construction and the Built Environment*	HND	USW	FT	N
Construction and the Built Environment*	HND	USW	PT	N

Construction and Building Trades
Supervisors in Wales earn an average of

£40,200

a year

(EMSI, 2023)



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DID YOU KNOW?

Over

2500

**jobs in construction
were available in
Wales in 2021**

(EMSI, 2022)

»» WHAT NEXT?

You may have the option to study for another year full or part time at your chosen university to top up to a full Bachelor's Degree, or you could take your Foundation Degree as a standalone qualification and get work in areas such as civil engineering, project management, infrastructure, architecture or electrical installation.

“

I started at level 3 then easily progressed onto the HNC and HND. The courses give you a better understanding of all sides of construction and Coleg Gwent has given me great employer links and experience to make me more employable. The class sizes are smaller and it's more one-to-one tuition, which really helped!

BEN ROBERTS

»» **HND CONSTRUCTION
AND THE BUILT
ENVIRONMENT**



EDUCATION AND TRAINING



Do you want to make a difference to someone's life by teaching?

A teaching career can be exciting and rewarding, as well as offering you variety and the chance to improve the future prospects of others. Our courses qualify you to teach those over 16 years of age, so you'll need to be able to relate well to students of all ages and abilities as the profile of potential students is extremely broad. Once qualified, you could be teaching academic courses to school leavers who want to go onto university, adults who want to retrain and change career or people returning to the classroom after years out of education.



DID YOU KNOW?

In an advanced teaching or training role in Wales, you could earn a typical salary of up to

£42,325

(University & College Union, 2021)



»» WHAT NEXT?

Our teaching courses qualify you to teach in post-16 education which could include colleges, sixth forms, adult and community education, work-based training providers and offender learning settings. They do not give you qualified teacher status (QTS) which is required for primary and secondary teaching.



Please note: all courses may be subject to change and cancelled if deemed not viable to run.

OUR COURSES

	Award	Validating Institution	Full Time/ Part Time	Campus
Post compulsory Education and Training (PcET)	Professional Certificate	USW	PT	B
Post compulsory Education and Training (PcET)	Professional Graduate Certificate (PGCE)	USW	PT	B



“

I would recommend Coleg Gwent because the people you meet are fantastic. My personal tutor was great, he was really supportive, professional and I was comfortable talking to him about anything. During placement, you receive well structured and effective feedback that you're able to apply through your teaching, helping you understand different learning needs.

MACEY JONES

» PCET



ENGINEERING

Engineer your future! Engineers are instrumental to everyday life, from the phones we use, the deodorant we wear, to the planes we travel in. The sector is very diverse, highly skilled and well paid. Engineering jobs are always in demand, so there are always opportunities for engineers.

Mechanical engineers design and maintain components and systems using their knowledge of physics and maths, getting to work with advanced materials such as carbon fibre and composite materials.

From small component parts to entire electrical networks or grids; electricity is needed for business, communication and entertainment. If you're attentive to detail and clued up on the principles, electrical engineering is for you.

“

My goal is to become an engineer and studying at Coleg Gwent has provided me with the academic qualifications I need. The course is flexible and all of what you learn is relevant and transferrable to working environments. The tutors are great, I've got a relationship with them where I feel I can always ask for help.

HYWEL CRUICKSHANK

>> HND ENGINEERING



Please note: all courses may be subject to change and cancelled if deemed not viable to run.

OUR COURSES

	Award	Validating Institution	Full Time/ Part Time	Campus
Mechanical Engineering	HNC	USW	PT	C
Mechanical Engineering	HND	CMU	PT	C
Electrical & Electronic Engineering	HNC	USW	PT	C
Electrical & Electronic Engineering	HND	USW	PT	C
Construction & Built Environment*	HNC	USW	PT	N
Construction & Built Environment*	HND	USW	PT	N
Civil Engineering*	HNC	USW	PT	N
Civil Engineering*	HND	USW	PT	N
Engineering (Motor Sport)*	HNC	USW	FT	B

*This course is subject to validation.

DID YOU KNOW?

3,000 PEOPLE

working in this role – that's 14% higher than the national average.

>> WHAT NEXT?

Depending on what route you take, you could move on to employment in aeronautical, automotive or composites and related fields of engineering. If you're studying a HNC, you could also progress to further study with either the HND or engineering degrees.

Electrical Engineers in
Wales earn an average of

£46,000

a year

(EMSI, 2022)



SPECIALIST MAKE UP AND COMPLEMENTARY THERAPIES

Our Specialist Make up and Complementary Therapies courses can help you embark on your dream career!

Our higher education theatrical make up courses will let your creativity shine and will give you all the skills you need for an exciting role in the make up industry for film, theatre and television.

Our complementary therapies courses will see you complete your studies as a highly skilled professionally accredited therapist, ready for the world of work.

DID YOU KNOW?

As a senior special effects make up artist, you could earn up to

£62,196

(Salary Expert UK, 2022)



OUR COURSES

	Award	Validating Institution	Full Time/ Part Time	Campus
Complementary Healthcare (with Practitioner status)	HND	CMU	FT	C
Specialist Make Up	HND	Pearson	FT	C

“

I like everything about my course. I like the campus and I love the course modules because you can personalise them. I like the tutors because they're so supportive, they give academic help and can also point you in the right direction if you need other support such as mental health wellbeing.

EMILY WATKINS

» SPECIALIST MAKE UP



» WHAT NEXT?

Following completion of a HND course, you can further progress and complete an undergraduate degree in the field of complementary therapies or specialist make up. Alternatively, if you wish to go straight into work with your HND, you'll find that you can apply for more senior or more specialist roles within the sector.

Please note: all courses may be subject to change and cancelled if deemed not viable to run.

HEALTH AND CARE

Take care of your future. The care sector offers a diverse range of career opportunities that can be hugely rewarding and make a positive impact on the lives of others.

Our range of health care courses can prepare you for a successful career whether you want to work directly with patients, head up a team to provide top quality care or influence policy at a national or regional level.

If you'd prefer a career in childcare, our childhood studies course will equip you with the skills, knowledge and hands-on experience you'll need in a challenging yet extremely varied and rewarding sector. With physical and mental health being such a debated and prominent subject in today's society, our specialist Foundation Degrees will prepare you with the understanding to join the conversation.



*This course is subject to validation. Please note: all courses may be subject to change and cancelled if deemed not viable to run.

OUR COURSES

	Award	Validating Institution	Full Time/ Part Time	Campus
Childhood Studies	FD	USW	FT	B
Childhood Studies	FD	USW	FT	C
Community Health and Wellbeing	FD	USW	FT	B
Youth & Social Care	Cert HE	USW	FT	C
Biomedical Science*	HND	CMU	FT	N



DID YOU KNOW?

Experienced professionals
in this sector can earn up to

£39K

(EMSI, 2022)

“

I would recommend higher education at Coleg Gwent because the course has helped me grow so much academically and personally as a person. This would not have happened without the amazing support from my tutors and other students. I feel it has made me so much more confident in all aspects of my life.

CARLY STEPHENS

» COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELLBEING

» WHAT NEXT?

You may have the option to study for another year full or part time at your chosen university to top up to a full Bachelor's Degree, or you could take your Foundation Degree as a standalone qualification and get work in areas such as youth work, social work, hospitals, childcare or therapy.

MUSIC

This industry is all about creative buzz, energy and drive. If you feel at home on the main stage, in the recording studio or writing your own music, then this is the industry for you.

Wales has established a reputation in the creative industries as one of the rapidly growing sectors in the country, producing high profile TV shows and being home to well-known musicians and singers. Why not add to the star-studded line-up by studying with us today?

“

The industry is difficult to get into, coming to Coleg Gwent will give you the competitive edge as they have a variety of facilities that you can use that you won't find elsewhere. The technology is great, and the tutors have skills in both modern and digital technologies. I chose Coleg Gwent over other universities because the class sizes are much smaller, so you're able to make use of the facilities and you get more support from your tutors.

LEVI MORGAN
» POPULAR MUSIC

OUR COURSES

	Award	Validating Institution	Full Time/ Part Time	Campus
Audio Production & Songwriting*	BA	USW	FT	C

*This course is subject to validation.



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SCIENCE

Find the formula for your success.

Science surrounds us in everyday life from the motion of cars, the medicines we take to speaking to Siri on our phones. Technological and scientific advances are constantly changing the world we live in; you could work in artificial intelligence and even with robots!

You will gain practical experience in our industry-standard, purpose-built science facilities while attending Coleg Gwent.

You'll also be taught by our expert lecturers, with a wealth of experience and be supported by technicians with a vast amount of industrial and forensic experience.



DID YOU KNOW?

Experienced Forensic Scientists can earn up to

£45,000

a year

(National Careers Service, 2023)



Please note: all courses may be subject to change and cancelled if deemed not viable to run.

>> NEW FOR 2024!

OUR COURSES

	Award	Validating Institution	Full Time/ Part Time	Campus
Biomedical Science*	HND	CMU	FT	N

*This course is subject to validation.



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I would recommend a science course at Coleg Gwent because it isn't too overwhelming, there's a lot of free time for independent learning and everything you need is at the College. I enjoy it as a mature student, because the learners in my class are older - we're all a similar age and here for a reason.

ZUZANNA KALEK

>> ACCESS TO BIOSCIENCES



>> WHAT NEXT?

Our science courses can lead to many career options including forensic science, forensic computing, a lab technician or research.

SPORT, HOSPITALITY & PUBLIC SERVICES

Working in services to people means you're often at the forefront of the industry, so it's essential you have great interpersonal skills.

You can follow in the footsteps of your sporting heroes, keep our communities safe with a job in public and emergency services, become a big influence in events and hospitality or set off on a rewarding career with a career in tourism!

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I would recommend Coleg Gwent because the lecturers are great, they all have experience in public services and specialise in different areas so you get a broad range of knowledge. They also have smaller class sizes so you get more one to one tuition than you would at university.

HUW LLOYD

»» **HND PUBLIC AND
EMERGENCY SERVICES**



OUR COURSES

	Award	Validating Institution	Full Time/ Part Time	Campus
Sports Coaching & Development	FD	USW	FT	C
Sports Conditioning, Rehabilitation & Massage (SCRaM)	FD	CMU	FT	C
Public & Emergency Services	HND	USW	FT	C
Tourism, Hospitality & Events Management	HND	CMU	FT	C

DID YOU KNOW?

The Average median income for a senior police officer in Wales is

£56,100

a year

(ESMI, 2023)



»» WHAT NEXT?

If you're studying a Foundation Degree, you may have the option to study for another year full or part time at your chosen university to top up to a full Bachelor's Degree, otherwise you can go straight into employment. If you're studying a HND, this will allow you to apply for a more senior position or specialist role. Career options, depending on your course, could include a Fire Fighter, Police Officer, Crime Scene Investigator, Personal Trainer, Wellness Coach, Events Manager, Catering Manager and much more!

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ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION

>> YOUR PATHWAY TO UNIVERSITY

DON'T MEET THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR YOUR COURSE?

Then an Access to University course can get you on the right path. Our Access courses are a great stepping stone to your Higher Education chosen path, and you can specialise in a number of areas. Take a look at the individual course pages on our website for more information.

A university degree is achievable even if you don't have any previous qualifications at level 3.



PLENTY OF CHOICE

You can choose from a range of pathways to get onto your chosen degree course and then, that dream job. You'll learn how to approach study and the different techniques that you'll need to succeed.



FIND YOUR PACE

Many people are nervous when they start an Access to Higher Education course, particularly if they haven't been in a classroom for some time. You won't be 'thrown in at the deep end' or tested but you can expect the course to be challenging. The whole purpose of an Access to Higher Education course is to help you succeed at university.



BUILD YOUR SKILLS

We also offer a pre-Access course which focuses on academic skills to help you progress to an Access to Higher Education course.

WHY STUDY AN ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION COURSE?

1 Improve Prospects

It will open new doors, making success more likely in helping you achieve that dream career.

2 Build Essential Skills

It proves you have valuable skills such as studying independently and meeting deadlines.

3 Showcase Success

Universities want confirmation that you are competent at level 3.

4 Prove Yourself

This demonstrates your ability to stay committed, withstand hard work and go the distance.

5 A Great Experience

As well as giving you a qualification, you'll gain a wealth of experience and you'll make contacts to help you in future.

OUR COURSES

	Level	Campus
Access to HE - Medical and Health Science	3	B N
Access to HE - Medicine	3	C
Access to HE - Nursing and Health Care Studies	3	B C N T
Access to HE - Policing & Public Services	3	B
Access to HE - Humanities & Social Sciences	3	B N

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I chose to do the Access course because I want to apply for a Working with Children and Families degree. The fact that the course is free really did push me to take that leap and sign up. I would absolutely recommend Coleg Gwent to prospective students, I have had a really good time during this course and I have found the environment in general to be really supportive and helpful.

SARA CROCKETT

» ACCESS TO HE

WHAT NEXT? »

Access to Higher Education courses are included in the UCAS tariff and are widely accepted by UK universities but you should check with the specific university you want to go to. Prefer to stay local and save money? A university level course at Coleg Gwent could be perfect for you.

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HOW TO APPLY

COMPLETE AN APPLICATION FORM



1



2

ATTEND A
HIGHER EDUCATION
APPLICANT EVENT



3

RECEIVE
AN OFFER*



4

ACCEPT
YOUR OFFER



5

APPLY FOR
STUDENT
FINANCE



6

ATTEND
ENROLMENT



7

START
COLLEGE!



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Applying was easy! I was nervous because of my age and having worked full time since I left school, I thought that was my only option. The interview stage helped straight away as they answered all of my questions and put me at ease, so I was pleased to get onto the course.

TOM HATHWAY

» FOUNDATION DEGREE
ILLUSTRATION

**ONCE YOU KNOW THE
COURSE YOU WANT TO
STUDY, APPLYING IS EASY!**

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APPLY NOW

www.coleggwent.ac.uk



*Courses accredited by the University of Worcester require application through UCAS.