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The College

Hartlepool College of Further Education offers a range of courses for both young people and adults with learning difficulties and/or disabilities and who have a wide variety of needs and interests. The courses prepare students for independent living and/or progression into further learning and/or employment.

The College has created a learning environment that is inclusive and where young people and adults can make a successful transition from school or other environments. The staff are friendly, supportive and highly trained and our facilities allow learning to take place in a relaxed and comfortable environment. All students can work towards an externally accredited and personalised qualification that addresses their specific needs and circumstances.

The new College has been designed to be spacious and aspirational throughout, and extended opening times offer maximum flexibility. The extensive use of glazing allows for work areas such as the Learning Cores to be bright, welcoming and clean environments.



Student Support



The College offers a wide range of high quality services to support students' learning. We have a full team of staff with expertise in supporting students with a wide range of needs. Students make a supported transition to College by taking part in a structured assessment and admissions process to ensure support is tailored to meet individual needs.

We work closely with schools and other outside agencies to start planning for students coming to College as soon as possible. The teaching and support staff will meet students and their families and carers before they start at College to help make the transition as smooth as possible. We also offer taster days and visits which offers the opportunity to meet the staff and become familiar with a new environment. We hold regular parents' evenings and call or e-mail families regularly to make sure that communications are smooth.

Fees

Courses are free for learners aged 16 to 18. For learners aged 19 or over fees are dependent on individual circumstances. Student Services will be happy to give you advice on 01429 295000.

The Courses

VOCATIONAL TRAINING (ENTRY LEVEL 3, LEVEL 1 AND LEVEL 2)

The aim of this qualification is to progress learners into further learning and/or employment.

It offers a range of units in core curriculum areas that provide learners with the opportunity to develop their skills in literacy, numeracy, ICT, employability and personal development.

As well as the core curriculum areas, a range of vocational taster units in different sector specific areas are available that provide learners with the opportunity to test out their abilities and personal preferences before selecting a chosen career or employment route.

For example, units are available to prepare learners for further vocational training in the following areas:

- Administration
- Building and Construction
- Child Development
- Crafts, Creative Arts and Design
- Enterprise
- Horticulture
- ICT
- Motor Vehicle Skills
- Personal Development
- Preparation for Employment
- Retail
- Service Enterprises such as Hair & Beauty and Catering
- Sport, Leisure and Recreation



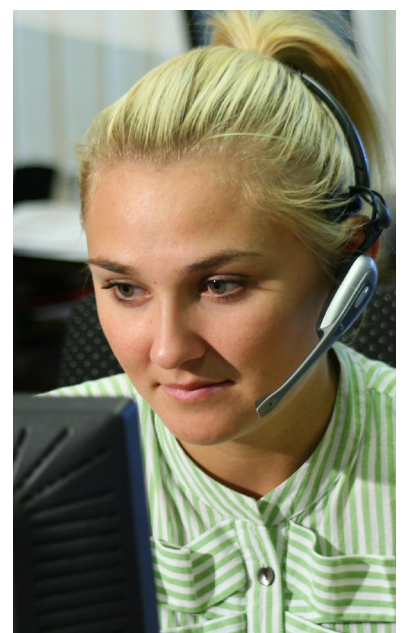
INDEPENDENT LIVING (ENTRY LEVELS 1, 2 & 3)

The Course in Independent Living is designed to address the needs of young people and adults working at Entry Level and in particular those with learning difficulties and disabilities.

The course focuses on transferable and life skills which are essential for living and working in the community. It brings together elements of looking after yourself and your home but also elements relating to personal development in the area of self advocacy and making informed choices that are pertinent to an individual's circumstances. This allows learners to develop the skills to make decisions on their own.

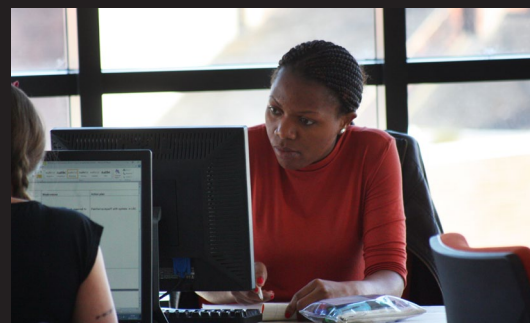
The course is a personalised programme that addresses the individual's specific needs and circumstances of learners and covers a variety of subjects. For example:

- Household Skills
- Leisure
- Personal Care
- Personal Development
- Rights and Responsibilities
- Development of Literacy, Language and Numeracy skills



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Vocational Training
Independent Living
Strong Network of Support
Inspiration to Progress to Higher Levels / Programmes
Opportunities
New and Exciting Facilities



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