



**NORTHERN**  
Regional College

**2023/24**

Higher Education  
(Level 4 - 6)

College Guide



## Higher Education at Northern Regional College

At Northern Regional College we offer a range of higher education courses giving you a choice in your learning. Whether you want to jump start your career or progress to university you will find a course to suit you. Qualifications include Higher Level Apprenticeships (HLAs), Foundation Degrees, Higher National Certificates/Diplomas and Degree and much more.

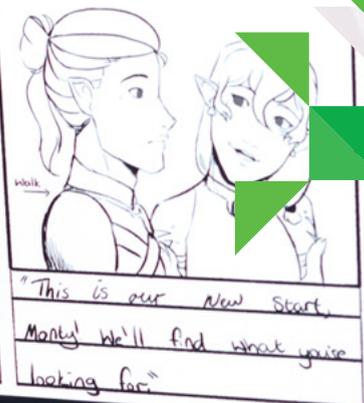
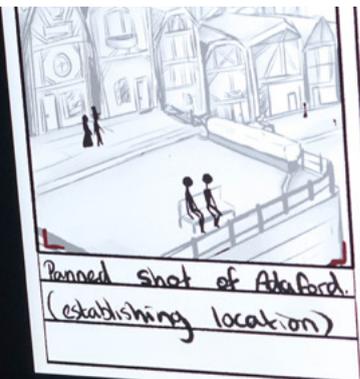


The Higher National Diploma has helped me secure a place and go directly into second year. Thanks to the support from lecturers, I was able to build on my existing skills and develop new skills in a range of areas. It also gave me a much better understanding of what the industry has to offer me in terms of future career opportunities.



Sophie Briers

**HND in Creative Media (Web and App Development)**



The HLA is a very 'hands-on' practical course and working in an accounts environment makes everything being taught in the classroom all the more relevant as I could apply it to my own work situation.

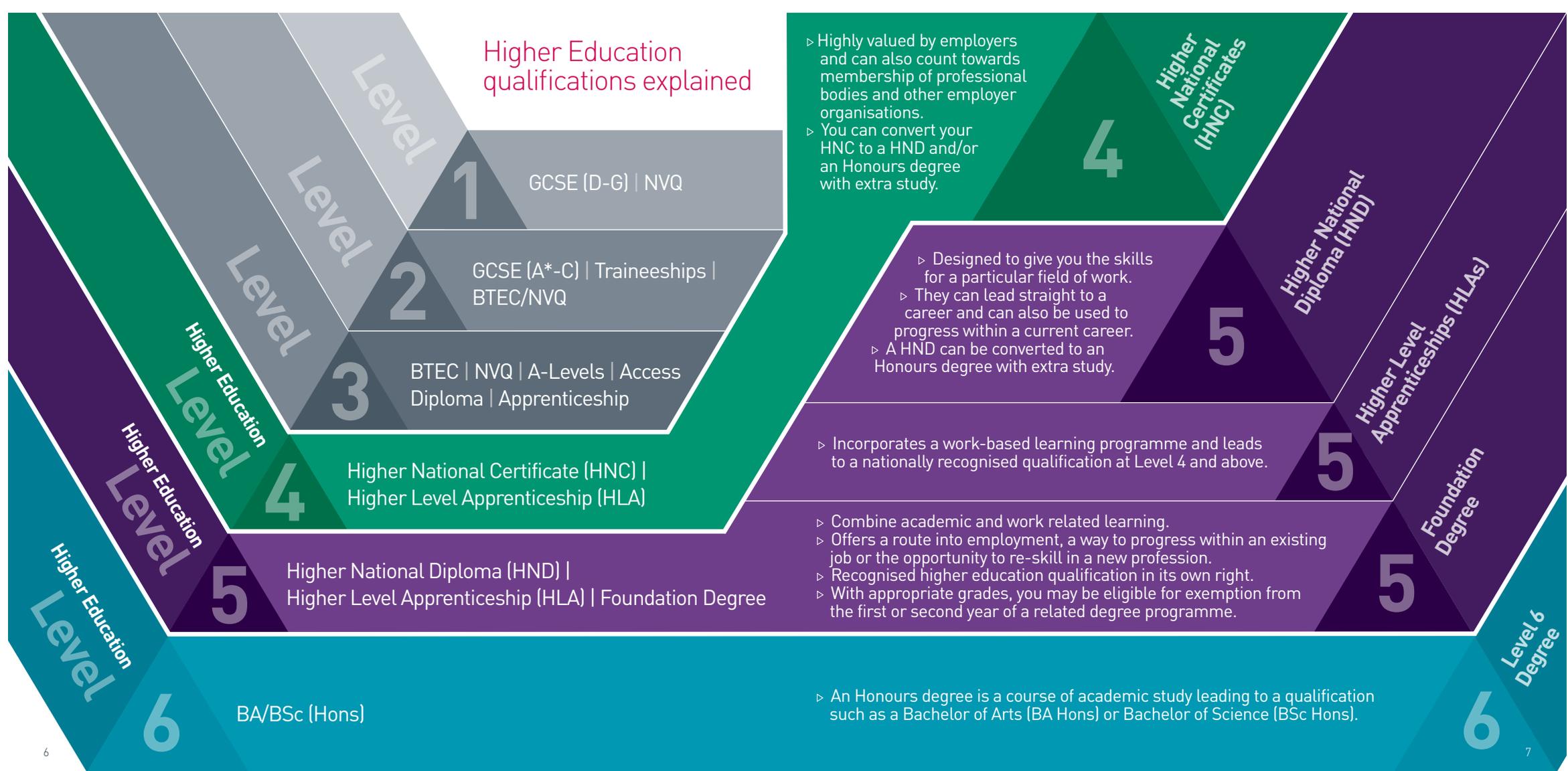
I'm earning a salary, getting valuable work experience with MCL InsureTech and an accredited professional qualification in accountancy.



Hannah Millar

**Higher Level Apprenticeship in Accountancy**

## Higher Education qualifications explained





## Benefits to studying Higher Education at your local college

### Affordability

You can study closer to home to save on travel and accommodation expenses. Annual tuition fees are typically much lower than University – full-time tuition fees for 2023/24 are £2,700 per year. These fees may be subject to change.

### Earn while you learn

Foundation Degrees and Higher Level Apprenticeships let you work while you study.

### Smaller classes

### Links with industry and employers



Because I was working in the construction industry, I enjoyed the challenge of applying what I was learning in class to my professional practice. It has also broadened my horizons in terms of career progression.

The Foundation Degree in Construction is an invaluable starting point for anyone in construction who wants to develop professionally and formalise their knowledge through academic achievement.



Joanne O'Boyle

**Foundation Degree in Construction with Engineering**

Joanne is now an Estimating Assistant with Heron Bros.

## What our students say



I knew that Nursing was for me based on my previous work experience. When the opportunity to study my Level 5 Leadership, Management & Health and Social Care presented itself, I knew it would help me in climbing the management ladder once I became a nurse.



Stacey Burns

Level 5 Diploma in Leadership for Health & Social Care

John Irwin, opted to do an apprenticeship after leaving school as he felt the university route wasn't for him.



I would encourage people to think about an apprenticeship as it offers, not only the theoretical aspect, but also practical work experience."



John Irwin

Higher Level Apprenticeship in Engineering

Having completed the Foundation Degree in Engineering both Adam and Cameron were able to progress directly to the second year of a BEng (Hons) degree at Ulster University.

Describing the Foundation Degree as "everything I could ever want", Adam explained:



I left school after A-levels but didn't feel ready for university. I decided to do a Foundation Degree in Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering at Northern Regional College and found the experience invaluable.

A Foundation Degree is the perfect stepping-stone for university. I developed a variety of skills, including industrial robotics programming, material testing, CAD (computer aided design) and quality analysis skills and got valuable practical, hands-on experience of using machinery.



Adam Kirkpatrick and  
Cameron Middleton

Foundation Degree in Engineering

They were silver medallists in the Industrial Robotics category at WorldSkills UK national finals in 2021 and were selected to represent Team UK in the Robot Systems Integration category at the WorldSkills 2022 Special Edition competition in Luxembourg.



Balancing part-time study with full-time work is challenging but so worthwhile and I couldn't recommend it enough. The dedication and support of all my lecturers were important to my development as a student and inspired me to keep going. They really do go above and beyond for their students to help them achieve their full potential.



**Mark McNally**  
Foundation Degree  
in Counselling



As a Higher Level Apprentice, I was able to earn as I was learning. My fees were paid, I got a good wage so I'm not burdened with student debt but importantly, I got valuable experience in the workplace which increased my knowledge and expertise in a specific area which will ultimately improve my employability.



**Jordan Gaw**  
Higher Level Apprenticeship  
in Computing



## Fees and Funding

Full-time tuition fee for 2023/24 entry is £2,700 per year. These fees may be subject to change. Fees for part-time Higher Education courses are available to view online. Fees may be paid in full or through flexible payments. For full-time courses you may apply to the Student Finance NI for a tuition fee loan for payment of your fees.

Our student finance team are on hand to assist you with any financial matter or to help you apply for grants or awards that are available. Email [studentfinance@nrc.ac.uk](mailto:studentfinance@nrc.ac.uk) for further details.

## How to Apply

You can apply online at [www.nrc.ac.uk](http://www.nrc.ac.uk) for all of our Higher Education courses with the exception of the full-time Foundation Degree in Childhood Studies – for this course only you must apply via UCAS. Your application to the College does not count as one of your UCAS applications.

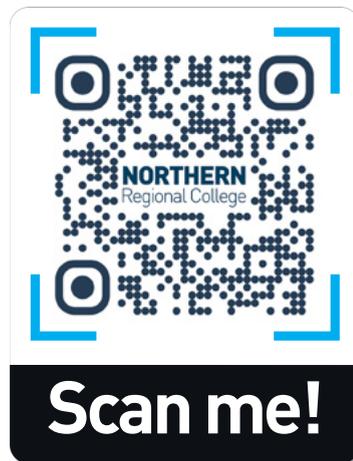


## Courses

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September 2023.

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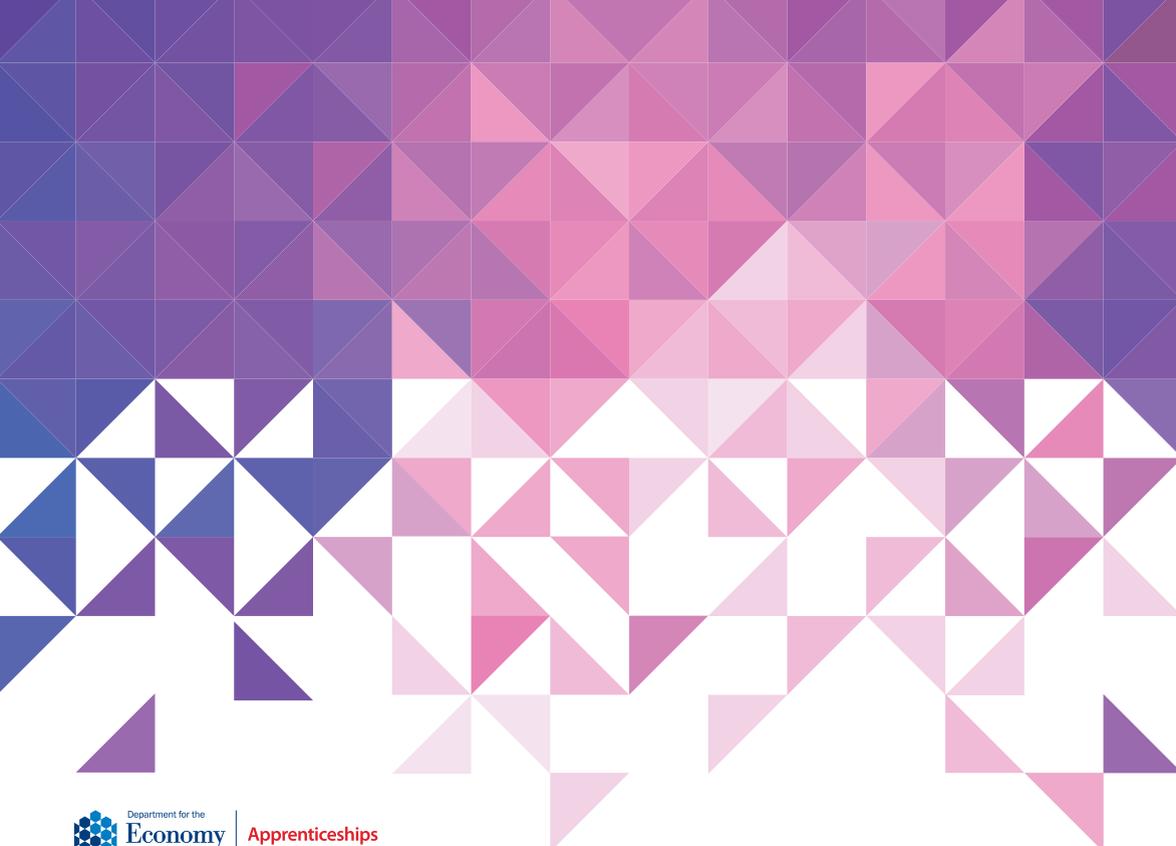
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All courses are subject to minimum enrolment numbers.

### Equality Opportunity

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Northern Regional College is committed to the promotion of equality of opportunity in all of its activities. We aim to ensure that we provide a supportive, fair, inclusive and welcoming environment for all staff, students and visitors free from any form of discrimination or harassment.



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