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Progression and Higher Education Courses
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Reach for your career
Southport College courses are designed to help you to reach your full potential

These are just some of the possible career paths leading from our pre-Access, Access and Higher Education courses.

- Aeronautical Engineer
- Artist
- Arts Administrator
- Computer Programmer
- Engineer
- Fashion Designer
- Finance Manager
- Food Technologist
- Human Resources Officer
- Interactive Multimedia Author
- Interior Designer
- IT Technician
- Manager
- Marketing Officer
- Midwife
- Museum Curator
- Nurse
- Nursery Manager
- Nutritionist
- Operating Department Practitioner
- Paramedic
- Physiotherapist
- Radio Therapist
- Science Laboratory Technician
- Social Worker
- Systems Analyst
- Teacher
- Web Designer

Partner universities
Southport College works in collaboration with local universities to offer a range of higher education courses, all relating to the workplace and enhancing students’ future career aspirations by developing relevant skills and knowledge. This means you benefit from a wide range of specialist teaching and resources and have access to both the services and facilities of Southport College and the validating university.

Southport College is a member of two Lifelong Learning Networks; the Greater Merseyside and West Lancashire Lifelong Learning Network (GMWLLLN) and the Lancashire Lifelong Learning Network (LLLN). These are initiatives designed to support the progression of adults and young people onto appropriate higher education programmes, leading to jobs which demand higher level vocational and professional skills.

Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) check
It is a legal requirement for all those who are going to work with young people and vulnerable adults to undergo a CRB check. Students may also have to become registered with the Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA). Contact our Student Services team for more information on 0845 00 66 236 or email guidance@southport.ac.uk

Material Fees
Some of our more practical courses require an additional charge for materials. Students will be advised of these costs at the interview stage.
Degree Level

Foundation Degree in Children, Young People and their services

Fees/materials: Call Student Services for details on course fees 0845 00 66 236 or email guidance@southport.ac.uk
Progression and Higher Education Courses

Duration:
2 years full-time: 12 hours per week, 2 days per week

Entry requirements:
Applicants are required to fulfil at least one of the following entry requirements:

» At least 2 A Levels.
» International Baccalaureate.
» Access to Higher Education Diploma.
» Foundation Diploma.
» Level 3 NVQ.

All applicants are expected to have GCSE grade C in maths and English or hold equivalent certificates such as Numeracy Level 2, Literacy Level 2, Functional Skills English, Functional Skills maths or Key Skills.

We also accept other relevant qualifications or work/industry experience. Work/Industry experience must show knowledge of and commitment to the course. You will need to demonstrate an ability to study at a Higher Education level.

Assessment/examinations:
Variety of assessment methods including case studies, reports, time constrained assessments, essays, presentations.

Awarding body:
UCLan

About the course:
This Foundation degree will enable practitioners and professionals, children’s services employees, teaching assistants, play workers, and other interested students, access to a qualification directly relevant to day to day employment.

Units Studied:
» Self and study.
» Aspects of Learning and Development
» Children, Young People and their world
» Difference and Diversity
» Policy and Practice
» Promoting the Welfare of Children and Young People
» Frameworks, Transitions and the child
» Managing the Professional role in practice

Further study and career options:
The Foundation degree does not provide a licence to practice but will provide a Foundation for students working to progress into careers such as nursery or primary teaching, social care, working in children’s centres, youth services and special schools as teaching assistants, family support workers and childminders.

Successful completion of this course allows you to progress to year three of the BA (Hons) in Education or BA (Hons) Children Young People and Families at UCLan.
Criminology

HNC

Fees/materials: Call Student Services for details on course fees 0845 00 66 236 or email guidance@southport.ac.uk
**Duration:**
2 years part-time: 7 hours per week, 2 evenings per week.

**Entry requirements:**
Applicants are required to fulfil at least one of the following entry requirements:

- At least 2 A Levels.
- International Baccalaureate.
- Access to Higher Education Diploma.
- Foundation Diploma.
- Level 3 NVQ.

All applicants are expected to have GCSE grade C in maths and English or hold equivalent certificates such as Numeracy Level 2, Literacy Level 2, Functional Skills English, Functional Skills maths or Key Skills.

We also accept other relevant qualifications or work/industry experience. Work/Industry experience must show knowledge of and commitment to the course. You will need to demonstrate an ability to study at a Higher Education level.

**Assessment/examinations:**
Variety of assessment methods including case studies, reports, time constrained assessments, essays,

**Awarding body:**
Edexcel.

**About the course:**
The Edexcel BTEC Level 4 HNC in Public Services provides a specialist work-related programme of study that covers the key knowledge, understanding and practical skills required in the public services sector and also offers particular specialist emphasis through the choice of specialist units. This programme of study will specialise in Criminology.

**Units Studied can include:**

**Mandatory Units**
- Unit 1: Small-scale Research Projects in Public Services
- Unit 2: Organisations and Behaviour
- Unit 3: Fair Treatment in Public Services

**Specialist Units**
- Unit 8: Psychology of Human and Criminal Behaviour
- Unit 9: Sociological Aspects of the Public Services in Contemporary Society
- Unit 14: Justice and Punishment
- Unit 15: Crime Reduction and Community Safety

**Further study and career options:**
The course provides a nationally recognised qualification offering career progression and professional development for those already in employment and opportunities to continue studies.
HND/HNC

e-Commerce
and Mobile App Development

Fees/materials: Call Student Services for details on course fees 0845 00 66 236 or email guidance@southport.ac.uk
**HND/HNC e-Commerce and Mobile App Development**

**Duration:**
- HND 2 years full-time: 12 hours per week, 2 days per week.
- HND 3 years part-time: 7 hours per week, 2 evenings per week.
- HNC 1 year full-time: 12 hours per week, 2 days per week.
- HNC 2 years part-time: 7 hours per week, 2 evenings per week.

**Entry requirements:**
Applicants are required to fulfil at least one of the following entry requirements:
- At least 2 A Levels.
- International Baccalaureate.
- Access to Higher Education Diploma.
- Foundation Diploma.
- Level 3 NVQ.

All applicants are expected to have GCSE grade C in maths and English or hold equivalent certificates such as Numeracy Level 2, Literacy Level 2, Functional Skills English, Functional Skills maths or Key Skills.

We also accept other relevant qualifications or work/industry experience. Work/Industry experience must show knowledge of and commitment to the course. You will need to demonstrate an ability to study at a Higher Education level.

**Assessment/examinations:**
Continuous assessment through a series of graded assignments. Assignment work is subject to checks by external examiners to ensure that national standards are met.

**Awarding body:**
Edexcel.

**About the course:**
The programme aims to deliver a range of knowledge & professional skills in areas of e-commerce, mobile application development and website management. Students focus on the technical requirements for constructing commercial websites and mobile apps, including related aspects such as project management, mobile game development and current & emerging technologies. Students also undertake an industrial placement as part of their studies.

**Units Studied can include:**
- Business Skills for e-Commerce
- Computer Systems
- Employability and Professional Development
- Project Design Implementation and Evaluation
- Human Computer Interaction
- Website Design
- e-Commerce Technologies
- Multimedia Design
- Emerging Technologies
- 2D, 3D and Time-based Digital Applications
- Database Design Concepts
- e-Commerce Strategy
- Web Applications Development
- Computer Games Design and Development
- Programming in Java
- Work-based Experience

**Further study and career options:**
This qualification prepares the student for employment as a webmaster, e-commerce developer or mobile app author.
HNC Engineering

Fees/materials: Call Student Services for details on course fees 0845 00 66 236 or email guidance@southport.ac.uk
**HNC Engineering**

**Duration:**
- HNC 1 year full-time: 12 hours per week, 2 days per week.
- HNC 2 years part-time: 7 hours per week, 2 evenings per week.

**Entry requirements:**
Applicants are required to fulfil at least one of the following entry requirements:

» At least 2 A Levels.
» International Baccalaureate.
» Access to Higher Education Diploma.
» Foundation Diploma.
» Level 3 NVQ.

All applicants are expected to have GCSE grade C in maths and English or hold equivalent certificates such as Numeracy Level 2, Literacy Level 2, Functional Skills English, Functional Skills maths or Key Skills.

We also accept other relevant qualifications or work/industry experience. Work/Industry experience must show knowledge of and commitment to the course. You will need to demonstrate an ability to study at a Higher Education level.

**Assessment/examinations:**
Assessment is by a series of assignments during the course and in some units there is an additional end examination.

**Awarding body:**
Edexcel.

**About the course:**
This course is ideal for people employed in an industrial position that requires a good understanding of mechanical/electronic engineering or provides an opportunity for progression for students.

**Units Studied can include:**
- Analytical Methods for Engineers
- Engineering Science
- Project Design, Implementation and Evaluation
- Mechanical Principles
- Electrical and Electronic Principles
- Health, Safety and Risk Assessment in Engineering
- Electronic Principles
- Engineering Thermodynamics
- Research Project
- Engineering Design
- Electrical and Electronic Measurement and Testing
- Advanced Mathematics
- Computer Aided Machining

**Further study and career options:**
The course allows progression to a BEng (Hons) degree at university and provides the necessary skills demanded by industry.
HND/HNC Graphic Design

Fees/materials: Call Student Services for details on course fees 0845 00 66 236 or email guidance@southport.ac.uk
HND/HNC Graphic Design

Duration:
HND 2 years full-time: 12 hours per week, 2 days per week.
HND 3 years part-time: 7 hours per week, 2 evenings per week.
HNC 1 year full-time: 12 hours per week, 2 days per week.
HNC 2 years part-time: 7 hours per week, 2 evenings per week.

Entry requirements:
Applicants are required to fulfil at least one of the following entry requirements:
> At least 2 A Levels.
> International Baccalaureate.
> Access to Higher Education Diploma.
> Foundation Diploma.
> Level 3 NVQ.

All applicants are expected to have GCSE grade C in maths and English or hold equivalent certificates such as Numeracy Level 2, Literacy Level 2, Functional Skills English, Functional Skills maths or Key Skills.

We also accept other relevant qualifications or work/industry experience. Work/Industry experience must show knowledge of and commitment to the course. You will need to demonstrate an ability to study at a Higher Education level.

Assessment/examinations:
Variety of assessment methods including case studies, reports, time constrained assessments, essays, presentations.

Awarding body:
Edexcel.

About the course:
This course provides an opportunity to develop the intellectual, creative and technical skills required to be a successful contemporary practitioner in the Graphic Design industry. Students will be provided training in the essential skills of visual communication and will have the opportunity to explore a range of forms of visual communication including illustration, print, typography, lens based media, time based media and computer aided graphic design. Through this integrated approach students will be provided a foundation in the skills required for a range of careers in graphic design and related fields.

Units Studied can include:
> Visual communication in Art and Design.
> Ideas Generation and Development in Art and Design.
> Contextual and Cultural Referencing in Art and Design.
> Professional Practice in Art and Design.
> Project Design, implementation and Evaluation.
> Design Method.
> Design Principles.
> Personal style in Graphic Design
> Typographic ideas.
> Corporate Identity in Graphic Design.
> Visual Communication in Graphic Design.
> Digital Image Creation and Development.
> Drawing Techniques and Processes in Art and Design.
> Research Project.
> Work based experience.
> Communication with images in Art and Design.

Further study and career options:
After completing the course it can lead into employment in the following areas: Graphic Design, Advertising, Magazine Design as well as higher level of study in Graphic Design, other specialist areas such as Illustration, Digital Media and Web design can be studied after completion of the course to BA or degree level at external organisations.
HND/HNC

Health & Social Care

Fees/materials: Call Student Services for details on course fees 0845 00 66 236 or email guidance@southport.ac.uk
**HND/HNC Health & Social Care**

**Duration:**
- HND 2 years full-time: 12 hours per week, 2 days per week.
- HND 3 years part-time: 7 hours per week, 2 evenings per week.
- HNC 1 year full-time: 12 hours per week, 2 days per week.
- HNC 2 years part-time: 7 hours per week, 2 evenings per week.

**Entry requirements:**
Applicants are required to fulfil at least one of the following entry requirements:

» At least 2 A Levels.
» International Baccalaureate.
» Access to Higher Education Diploma.
» Foundation Diploma.
» Level 3 NVQ.

All applicants are expected to have GCSE grade C in maths and English or hold equivalent certificates such as Numeracy Level 2, Literacy Level 2, Functional Skills English, Functional Skills maths or Key Skills.

We also accept other relevant qualifications or work/industry experience. Work/Industry experience must show knowledge of and commitment to the course. You will need to demonstrate an ability to study at a Higher Education level.

**Assessment/examinations:**
Variety of assessment methods including case studies, reports, time constrained assessments, essays, presentations.

**Awarding body:**
Edexcel.

**About the course:**
If you are interested in a career in the health and social care sector, or are already working in the sector, this course is designed to provide you with a thorough grounding in the key concepts and practical skills needed. The course offers a strong, sector-related emphasis on practical skills development, alongside the development of necessary knowledge and understanding of the health and social care sector.

**Units Studied can include:**
- **Core units:**
  » Communicating in Health and Social Care Organizations
  » Principles of Health and Social Care Practice
  » Health and Safety in the Health and Social Care Workplace
  » Personal and Professional Development in Health and Social Care
  » Working in Partnership in Health and Social Care
  » Research Project
  » Physiological Principles for Health and Social Care
  » Psychology for Health and Social Care

**Further study and career options:**
Upon completion students can apply for various jobs in the health and social care. The jobs can be more health care oriented - such as healthcare analysts and healthcare planners – or more management and administration oriented – such as departmental administrators and practice managers. The qualification also enables candidates to enter professional training at advanced levels in areas such as nursing, midwifery or professions allied to medicine such as occupational therapy or physiotherapy.
HND/HNC

Photography

Fees/materials: Call Student Services for details on course fees 0845 00 66 236 or email guidance@southport.ac.uk
**HND/HNC Photography**

**Duration:**
- HND 2 years full-time: 12 hours per week, 2 days per week.
- HND 3 years part-time: 7 hours per week, 2 evenings per week.
- HNC 1 year full-time: 12 hours per week, 2 days per week.
- HNC 2 years part-time: 7 hours per week, 2 evenings per week.

**Entry requirements:**
Applicants are required to fulfil at least one of the following entry requirements:
- At least 2 A Levels.
- International Baccalaureate.
- Access to Higher Education Diploma.
- Foundation Diploma.
- Level 3 NVQ.

All applicants are expected to have GCSE grade C in maths and English or hold equivalent certificates such as Numeracy Level 2, Literacy Level 2, Functional Skills English, Functional Skills maths or Key Skills.

We also accept other relevant qualifications or work/industry experience. Work/Industry experience must show knowledge of and commitment to the course. You will need to demonstrate an ability to study at a Higher Education level.

**Assessment/examinations:**
Variety of assessment methods including case studies, reports, time constrained assessments, essays, presentations.

**Awarding body:**
Edexcel.

**About the course:**
The HND Photography course will offer students the opportunity to study photography within a broad range of vocational and academic contexts created through the delivery of a range of units throughout the two stages of study.

You will develop technical competence across a range of photographic techniques and skills, enabling you to apply these skills at an increasingly professional standard. You will be trained in image capture, as well as pre and post-production of images to industry standards.

To help you apply your skills professionally, you will also be encouraged, where possible, to undertake work placements during the holidays.

**Units Studied can include:**
- Professional Practice in Art & Design
- Contextual & Cultural Referencing in Art & Design
- Visual Communication in Art & Design
- Digital Image Creation & Development
- Studio Practice in Photography
- Ideas Generation & Development in Art & Design
- Photographic Techniques
- Project Design, Implementation and Development
- Advertising Photography
- Research Project
- Fashion Photography
- Work based Experience
- Press Photography and Photojournalism
- Location Photography
- Art Design & Practice in the Digital Environment

**Further study and career options:**
Successful completion will assist students to enter employment as professional photographers or work on a freelance basis. Alternatively, students may wish to progress to a degree course in which case, entry to Stage 2 or 3 may be possible.
Access to Higher Education Diploma - Business & Marketing
Level 3

Fees/materials: Call Student Services for details on course fees 0845 00 66 236 or email guidance@southport.ac.uk
Accessibility and Higher Education Courses

**Duration:**
3 days (15 hours) per week for 34 weeks from September through to June.

**Entry requirements:**
Candidates wishing to start an Access to Higher Education Diploma are recommended to have GCSE in English and maths at Grade C or above as Universities generally require these qualifications. It is recommended that you check this with your preferred universities.

For the Access programme the minimum entry requirement is GCSE in Maths or English at Grade ’C’ or above. Applicants who possess adult literacy and numeracy at Level 2 will also meet the minimum entry requirements, however must be advised that not all universities will accept these. Acceptance is also subject to satisfactory interview to ensure that each applicant:

» Has aims that match the programme
» Has the ability to benefit from the programme and
» Has the potential to achieve

Students will also be required to undertake a short written assessment prior to an offer of acceptance being made.

Students whose first language is not English should have IELTS 5.5 or equivalent. Any learners who do not have a sufficient level of written English would be advised to complete relevant ESOL qualifications prior to enrolling on an Access to HE course.

**Assessment/examinations:**
There will be a mix of continuous assessment methods including essays, case studies and centre set examinations.

**Awarding body:**
Open Awards.

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**About the course:**
This course is designed to enable those over 19 years old to gain the necessary academic qualifications for entry into business and ICT professions and higher education courses.

**Candidates will study units relevant to the following areas:**
» Marketing
» Accounting
» Business Planning Skills
» Business Organisation
» Business Operations
» Business Management

Together with units in maths, English, Personal Development and Research Skills all aimed at preparing learners for study at undergraduate level.

**Further study and career options:**
Students who successfully complete the Access to Higher Education Diploma – Business & ICT course are able to progress on to study at degree level in a related subject. (Students can progress to Foundation Degrees at Southport College in Business & Management and New Media).
Access Courses

Access to Higher Education Diploma - Health Care Professions
Level 3

Fees/materials: Call Student Services for details on course fees 0845 00 66 236 or email guidance@southport.ac.uk
Duration:
3 days (15 hours) per week for 32 weeks from September through to June.

Entry requirements:
Candidates wishing to start an Access to Higher Education Diploma - Health Care Professions are recommended to have GCSE English and maths at grade C or above as universities require these qualifications (or equivalents) along with relevant experience in health and social care. It is recommended that you check this with your preferred universities.

For the Access programme the minimum entry requirements are GCSE English or maths at grade ‘C’ or above. Applicants who possess adult literacy and numeracy at Level 2 will also meet the minimum entry requirements. Acceptance is also subject to interview to ensure that each applicant:

» Has aims that match the programme
» Has the ability to benefit from the programme and
» Has the potential to achieve

Students may also be required to undertake a short written assessment prior to an offer of acceptance being made.

Students whose first language is not English should have IELTS 5.5 or equivalent. Any learners who do not have a sufficient level of written English would be advised to complete relevant ESOL qualifications prior to enrolling on an Access to HE course.

Assessment/examinations:
The course contains a mix of continuous assessment methods such as essays and case studies which are used to build a portfolio. There are no external exams as part of this course.

Awarding body:
Open Awards.

About the course:
This course is designed to enable those over 19 the opportunity to gain the necessary academic qualifications for entry into nursing or the other professions allied to medicine e.g. Occupational Therapy, Operating Department Practitioner, Midwifery, paramedics. It can also be used to gain entry to degrees in a range of applied social science subjects.

Please note that universities may require GCSEs in English and maths or their equivalents, along with relevant experience in health and social care.

Students will study a range of Health Care subjects to gain a nationally recognised Access Diploma, which allows entry to Higher Education.

The course consists of:
» Health Studies
» Health Sciences [biology]
» Psychology
» Together with units in maths, English, Personal Development and Research Skills all aimed at preparing learners for study at undergraduate level.
Access to Higher Education Diploma - Education
Level 3

Fees/materials: Call Student Services for details on course fees 0845 00 66 236 or email guidance@southport.ac.uk
Access Courses
Access to Higher Education Diploma - Education Level 3

Duration:
3 days (15 hours) per week for 32 weeks from September through to June.

Entry requirements:
Candidates wishing to start an Access to Higher Education Diploma - Education pathway are recommended to have GCSE in English, maths and Science at Grade C or above as Universities require these qualifications as well as recent relevant experience in a school. It is recommended that you check this with your preferred universities.

For the Access programme the minimum entry requirements are GCSE English plus either Maths or Science at Grade ‘C’ or above. Acceptance is also subject to satisfactory interview to ensure that each applicant:

» Has aims that match the programme
» Has the ability to benefit from the programme and
» Has the potential to achieve

Students may also be required to undertake a short written assessment prior to an offer of acceptance being made.

Students whose first language is not English should have IELTS 5.5 or equivalent. Any learners who do not have a sufficient level of written English would be advised to complete relevant ESOL qualifications prior to enrolling on an Access to HE course.

Assessment/examinations:
This is a modular based course and mainly consists of coursework including essays and projects.

Awarding body:
Open Awards.

About the course:
This course is aimed at people who are returning to education or wanting a change of career in a supportive and friendly learning environment. It provides an in-depth introduction to subjects and areas of the curriculum relevant to a teaching degree.

A variety of topics are studied including:

» Education studies
» Psychology
» English Literature

Together with units in maths, English, Personal Development and Research Skills all aimed at preparing learners for study at undergraduate level.

Further study and career options:
This course is a progression route for students wanting to enter degrees in teaching or humanities based subjects and is nationally recognised by all universities and colleges of higher education.

Please note that students wishing to progress to a teaching qualification will require recent relevant experience in a school.
Access Courses

Access to Higher Education Diploma - Science (Engineering)
Level 3

Fees/materials: Call Student Services for details on course fees 0845 00 66 236 or email guidance@southport.ac.uk
Access Courses
Access to Higher Education
Diploma - Science (Engineering)
Level 3

Duration:
3 days (15 hours) per week, for 32 weeks from September through to June

Entry requirements:
» Students should possess a minimum of two GCSEs from Science, maths or English at grade C or above.
» Acceptance onto the course is subject to a successful interview to ensure that each applicant’s aims match the programme.
» Satisfactory references.
» Students whose first language is not English should have IELTS 5.5 or equivalent. Any learners who do not have a sufficient level of written English would be advised to complete relevant ESOL qualifications prior to enrolling on an Access to HE course.

Assessment/examinations:
» This is a modular based course and mainly consists of coursework including essays and projects.

Awarding body:
Open Awards.

About the course:
This course is designed to enable those aged over 19 to gain the necessary academic qualifications for entry into science engineering professions and higher education courses.

The course will include the following modules:
» Static Systems
» Motion and Dynamics
» Electromagnetism
» Energy and Machines
» Mechanical Science Practical
» Properties of Matter
» Internal Energy and Heat Transfer Circular Motion and Waves
» Quantum Physics
» Nuclear Physics
» Algebraic Methods
» Trigonometric Methods
» Foundation Differential Calculus
» Vectors
» Logarithms and Exponentials

Further study and career options:
Students who successfully complete the Access to Higher Education Diploma - Science (Engineering) pathway are able to progress on to study at degree level in a related subject.
Access Courses

Access to Higher Education Diploma - Science & Allied Medical Professions
Level 3

Fees/materials: Call Student Services for details on course fees 0845 00 66 236 or email guidance@southport.ac.uk
Duration:
3 days (15 hours) per week, for 32 weeks from September through to June.

Entry requirements:
Candidates wishing to start an Access to Higher Education Diploma – Science and Allied Medical Professions pathway are recommended to have GCSE in English, maths and Science at Grade C or above as Universities require these qualifications. It is recommended that you check this with your preferred universities.

For the Access programme the minimum entry requirements are GCSE Science plus either maths or English at Grade ‘C’ or above. Applicants who possess adult literacy and numeracy at Level 2 will also meet the minimum entry requirements. Acceptance is also subject to satisfactory interview to ensure that each applicant:

» Has aims that match the programme
» Has the ability to benefit from the programme and
» Has the potential to achieve

Students may also be required to undertake a short written assessment prior to an offer of acceptance being made.

Students whose first language is not English should have IELTS 5.5 or equivalent. Any learners who do not have a sufficient level of written English would be advised to complete relevant ESOL qualifications prior to enrolling on a Access to HE course.

Assessment/examinations:
This course contains a mix of continuous assessment methods such essays and case studies along with centre set examinations.

Awarding body:
Open Awards.

About the course:
This course is designed to give those aged over 19 the opportunity to gain the necessary academic qualifications for entry into science or other allied medical professions.

Students will study a range of science units including:
» Biology
» Chemistry
» Physics
» Advanced Mathematics

Further study and career options:
Successful students are able to progress on to degree level courses such as; Medicine, Dentistry, Archaeology, Police and Criminal Investigation, Food and Nutrition, Science and Football, Wildlife Conservation, Genetics, Bio-veterinary Science, Nuclear Engineering and Materials Science.
Access to Higher Education Diploma - Social Science
Level 3

Fees/materials: Call Student Services for details on course fees 0845 00 66 236 or email guidance@southport.ac.uk
Access Courses
Access to Higher Education
Diploma - Social Science
Level 3

Duration:
3 days (15 hours) per week for 32 weeks from September through to June.

Entry requirements:
Candidates wishing to start an Access to Higher Education Diploma - Social Sciences are recommended to have GCSE English and maths at grade C or above (or equivalents) as many universities require these qualifications. It is recommended that you check this with your preferred universities.

For the Access programme the minimum entry requirements are GCSE English or maths at grade ‘C’ or above. Applicants who possess adult literacy and numeracy at Level 2 will also meet the minimum entry requirements. Acceptance is also subject to interview to ensure that each applicant:

» Has aims that match the programme
» Has the ability to benefit from the programme and
» Has the potential to achieve

Students may also be required to undertake a short written assessment prior to an offer of acceptance being made.

Students whose first language is not English should have IELTS 5.5 or equivalent. Any learners who do not have a sufficient level of written English would be advised to complete relevant ESOL qualifications prior to enrolling on a Access to HE course.

Assessment/examinations:
The course is continually assessed by a combination of essays, presentations and individual research projects.

Awarding body:
Open Awards.

About the course:
Social Science is concerned with the study of contemporary social issues and problems. Students who choose the Social Science pathway will find the emphasis is on a multi-disciplinary approach and individual modules draw on the following subject areas;

Modules include:
» Sociology
» Psychology
» Criminology

Together with units in maths, English, Personal Development and Research Skills all aimed at preparing learners for study at undergraduate level.

Further study and career options:
Successful completion of the course can be used to gain entry onto Social Science or allied degree courses in Higher Education ultimately leading to a variety of careers.
Pre-Access

Progression Diploma
Business, ICT & Marketing
Level 2

Fees/materials: Call Student Services for details on course fees 0845 00 66 236 or email guidance@southport.ac.uk
Progression Diploma Business, ICT & Marketing
Level 2

Duration:
2.5 days (15 hours) per week.

Entry requirements:
Diagnostic Assessments in Literacy and Numeracy at Level 2 standard plus Level 1 qualification in maths and English.

Assessment/examinations:
All units will be assessed by a combination of portfolio building and written work. There are no externally set exams.

Awarding body:
National Open College Network (NOCN).

About the courses:
These qualifications are particularly targeted at those learners who:
» Want to progress into other further or higher education courses, or into new work areas
» Are returning, or planning to return, to work and who are seeking to update and/or add to their employment skills.
» Want to test out a vocational area to inform their career/employment choices.
» For whatever reason have not previously achieved in education.
» Need to develop their literacy and/or numeracy skills.

Further study and career options:
Learners who are successful on this course may be able to progress directly to employment. Alternatively learners may progress to a Level 3 course such as an Access to Higher Education Diploma.

Pre-Access Progression Diploma Business, ICT & Marketing Level 2

Progression Diploma Business, ICT & Marketing
The course contains a variety of units in Business, ICT and Marketing including:
» Understanding Business Organisation
» Understanding Time Management in the Workplace
» Understanding Business Communication
» Developing Communication Skills for Business
» Understanding the Marketing Environment
» Internet and Intranets
» Website Software
» Spreadsheet Software
» Word Processing Software
» Presentation Software
» Email
Pre-Access

Progression Diploma
Health & Social Care
Level 2

Fees/materials: Call Student Services for details on course fees 0845 00 66 236 or email guidance@southport.ac.uk
Duration:
3 days (15 hours) per week.

Entry requirements:
Diagnostic Assessments in Literacy and Numeracy at Level 2 standard plus Level 1 qualification in maths and English.

Assessment/examinations:
All units will be assessed by a combination of portfolio building and written work. There are no externally set exams.

Awarding body:
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Further study and career options:
Students can progress onto other Level 3 programmes of study or can progress to an Access to Higher Education Diploma qualification.

The course contains a variety of units in related subject areas such as:

» Mental health

» Physical disability

» Care for the older person

» Equal opportunities and care planning

In addition there will be core units in ICT, maths, English and research skills.
Art & Design

Creative Arts for Adults
Level 2

Fees/materials: Call Student Services for details on course fees 0845 00 66 236 or email guidance@southport.ac.uk
Duration:
One year, approx 2.5 days per week.

Entry requirements:
» 3 GCSEs at grade D. For mature (19+) students, no formal qualifications are required if the student can demonstrate a keen interest in Art & Design.
» A portfolio of artwork.
» Students may have completed an NCFE course.
» Satisfactory reference is required.
» Successful interview.

Assessment/examinations:
All units are assessed and graded and an overall grade for the qualification is awarded. Two of the units may be externally assessed. Most of the work is practical, studio and workshop based, supported by related written work.

Awarding body:
BTEC.

About the course:
The course is a Level 2 qualification for students aged over 19 years who wish to work on a portfolio of Art & Design in order to progress onto the one year Foundation course or in some cases Higher Education. This course introduces students to a range of Art & Design subject areas and enables them to develop their basic skills and knowledge relevant to these areas, providing a good basis to progress onto a more advanced qualification.

Literacy and numeracy are a compulsory part of the course if learners do not possess a GCSE maths and English at grade C or equivalent.

A range of subject areas are investigated through the six units, including:
» Painting and drawing
» 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional visual language
» The work of other artists and designers
» Specialist art & design optional study, including Graphic Design, Fashion & Textiles Design, 3 Dimensional Design and Crafts, Fine Art.
» There will be opportunity to take additional qualifications in Art & Design for example Life Drawing.

Further study and career options:
On successful completion of the course students can progress onto the BTEC Foundation Studies [Art & Design].

Fees/materials:
Students will be sent a material list before the start of the course. There may be other costs related to educational visits etc.
Please call our Student Services team for details on 0845 00 66 236 or email guidance@southport.ac.uk.
Art Foundation Year

Diploma in Foundation Studies – Art & Design
Level 4

Fees/materials: Call Student Services for details on course fees 0845 00 66 236 or email guidance@southport.ac.uk
Duration: One year, full-time.

Entry requirements:
- National Diploma in a related subject at merit grade or equivalent or 2 AS Levels at grade C.
  Formal qualifications may not be required for mature students if they can demonstrate aptitude for the subject, written work and a strong portfolio.
- Good portfolio demonstrating a satisfactory standard of work, particularly in the area of objective drawing.
- Successful interview.
- Satisfactory reference.
  If your work exhibits strong ability in the view of the interview panel, then the need for the minimum entry requirements may be waived.

Assessment/examinations:
Students are continuously assessed through the production of a portfolio and are externally assessed for their final specialist piece.

Awarding body:
BTEC.

About the course:
This course is ideal for those who want to build up their portfolio to support their application to university after completion of a National Diploma or A Level course. The course provides an intensive experience of a full range of art & design disciplines within the context of a diagnostic, drawing based programme. Students also use computer software such as QuarkXPress, Adobe Illustrator and Adobe Photoshop.

Subject areas include:
- Fine art
- 3-dimensional design (wood, metal and plastics)
- Fashion and textiles
- Surface patterns
- Interior design
- Graphic design and illustration
- Animation
- Advertising
- Printmaking
- Ceramics
- Computer/electronic design
- Contextual studies
- Interactive Arts
  Some additional subjects such as Photography, are also available to study.

Further study and career options:
Successful students may progress onto specialist degree-level courses at university such as Fine Art, Fashion Design, Textile Design, Surface Pattern, Interior Design and Graphic Design.
Teaching

Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector
Level 3

Fees/materials: Call Student Services for details on course fees 0845 00 66 236 or email guidance@southport.ac.uk
**Teaching**  
*Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector*  
**Level 3**

**Duration:**  
3 hours per week for 11 weeks.

**Entry requirements:**  
Students must have the following entry requirements:

» A Level 2 NQF qualification in their own subject specialism.

» A level 2 NQF in literacy or equivalent (GCSE English C and above).

» Applicants who do not hold the Level 2 in literacy and numeracy or the equivalent can undertake a diagnostic test; satisfactory completion of this will allow access to the programme.

**Assessment/examinations:**  
The course is assessed with assignments, portfolio work, class contact and micro-teaching.

**Awarding body:**  
Ascentis.

**About the course:**  
This course is an introductory programme aimed at providing a basic minimum standard for everyone entering the teaching profession. It is open to all new in service, pre-service and pre-employment teachers in the Lifelong Learning Sector or suitably qualified people who wish to enter the profession.

The course contains the following study and activities:

» An initial assessment of literacy, numeracy and ICT skills and commencement of the Professional Development Portfolio.

» 30 hours of class contact with a requirement for additional study (private reading, preparation for formative and summative assessment activities).

» Teaching practice for a minimum of one hour (micro and mini teach activity within the study group).

» Observation of other practitioners (2 hours).

**Further study and career options:**  
On successful completion of the course students may progress on to one of the following courses, Certificate in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector (CTLLS) - Associate Lecture Role or Certificate in Education Post Compulsory (Full Award) or PGCE post 16.
Teaching

Certificate in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector
Level 1 HE/Level 4 NQF

Fees/materials: Call Student Services for details on course fees 0845 00 66 236 or email guidance@southport.ac.uk
Duration: 3 hours per week for 30 weeks

Entry requirements:
Ideally students must have a minimum of the following entry requirements:

» A minimum of a Level 3 qualification in their own subject specialism
» An appropriate level of education (5 GCSEs at grade C or above or equivalent qualifications to include English)
» Potential to complete 30 hours of teaching which may be voluntary over the course of the programme
» Successful interview with course tutor

Assessment/examinations:
Assessment is by written assignments and observations of teaching performance.

Awarding body:
University of Central Lancashire (UCLan)

About the course:
This course is designed for those who will undertake an Associate Teacher role. This role is defined as carrying fewer teaching responsibilities than the full role. The qualification is open to all in service, pre-service and pre-employment teachers, trainers and tutors in the Lifelong Learning Sector or suitably qualified people who wish to enter the profession.

The qualification comprises the following study and activities:

» An initial assessment of literacy, numeracy and ICT skills and commencement of the Professional Development Portfolio
» Completion of the threshold award ‘Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector’
» Module Two: Teaching and Reflecting on own Practice; including 30 hours of teaching practice/placement within a subject specialism and 4 hours of observed practice
» Module Three: Aligning Teaching Learning Assessment [Optional]

Further study and career options:
On successful completion of the course students can progress on to Year 2 of the Cert-Ed/PGSE.
Teaching
PGCE/Certificate/Diploma in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector

Fees/materials: Call Student Services for details on course fees 0845 00 66 236 or email guidance@southport.ac.uk
Level
Certificate in Education trainees undertake 3 modules at Level 1 HE/Level 4 NQF and 3 Modules at Level 2 HE/Level 5 NQF.
PGCE trainees undertake 3 modules at level 1 HE/Level 4 NCF, 1 module at Level 3 HE/Level 6 NQF and 2 modules at Masters Level 4 HE/Level 7 NQF.

Duration:
3 hours per week, 30 weeks per year for 2 years.

Entry requirements:
All students must have a minimum of the following:
» A minimum of a Level 3 qualification in their own subject specialism.
» An appropriate level of education (5 GCSEs minimum at C and above or equivalent - to include English).
» Potential to complete 150 hours of teaching which may be voluntary over the course of the programme.
» Successful interview with course tutor.

Assessment/examinations:
A range of assessment methods are used including portfolios, teaching observations, presentations and projects.

Awarding body:
University of Central Lancashire (UCLan).

About the course:
This course is designed for those who are able to undertake a full teaching role having responsibility for learners throughout the learning process and engaging in teaching on a range of academic levels within their subject specialism. The qualification is open to all in service, pre-service and pre-employment teachers, trainers and tutors in the Lifelong Learning Sector or suitably qualified people who wish to enter the profession.

Full Award trainees would be expected to use resources they have designed and evaluated, deliver learning across a range of levels, subjects and learner types, and contribute to a range of programmes of varying lengths.

The qualification comprises the following study and activities:

Year One
» An initial assessment of literacy, numeracy and ICT skills and commencement of the Professional Development Portfolio.
» Completion of the threshold award ‘Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector’.
» Module Two: Teaching and Reflecting on own Practice; including 75 hours of teaching practice/placement within a subject specialism and 4 hours of observed practice.
» Module Three: Aligning Teaching Learning and Assessment.

Year Two
» Module Four: Action Research.
» Module Five: Professional Values and Inclusive Practice.
» Module Six: Teaching and Reflecting on others Practice; including 75 hours of teaching practice/placement within a subject specialism and 4 hours of observed practice.

Further study and career options:
The programme can lead to QTLS status. (Qualified Teacher in the Learning and Skills Sector).
Tuition Fees

- Foundation Degrees are full-time 12 hours per week courses and tuition fees are £5,200 per annum.
- Foundation Degree Children, Young People and their Services can also be studied over three years at £3,000 per annum.
- HNDs can be studied both full and part-time. Full-time HND tuition fees are £5,200 per annum and part-time tuition fees are £3,000 per annum in years 1/2, £2000 for year three.
- HNCs are part-time courses and tuition fees are £2,000 per annum.

Student Finance England
Many students are eligible for loans and/or grants to assist with tuition fees and living costs. Full information regarding eligibility and up to date information on changes to funding can be found at www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance.

College Administration Fee
An administration fee is charged annually by the College. This is £15 per year.

Other Fees
Some courses may also carry materials, residential or other miscellaneous fees. Details of such fees will be given in your course interview.

Non-EU Nationals
Students from outside of the EU may be subject to ‘overseas’ fees. The part-time fee varies depending on the chosen course. ‘Overseas’ course fees must be paid in full prior to commencing your course.

If you are a Further Education student progressing to Higher Education, your ‘Home’ fee status may change. For further information regarding your fee status please refer to guidance from the UK Council for International Student Affairs (UKCISA), at www.ukcisa.org.uk.

When to Pay
All fees are due at enrolment unless direct debit arrangements are made. If you have applied for a Student Loan to pay your tuition fees, a copy of your University or College Payment Advice should be brought in at enrolment.

Employer Sponsored Students
If your employer is sponsoring you, you can request that an invoice is sent to your employer.

Qualifications Explained

Pre-Access Level 2
Progression qualifications
Pre-Access courses are designed to build your confidence and study skills in preparation for an Access to Higher Education Diploma. These courses cover information technology, vocational guidance and practical sessions in the Pre-Access subject you choose. These courses are also suitable for anyone planning to return to study after some time out of education, particularly those who are interested in progressing onto other qualifications.

Access to HE Diplomas (Level 3)
Access to Higher Education courses offer a route into Higher Education (HE) for adults over 19 who do not have the educational qualifications usually required for entry to HE. These courses provide the knowledge and skills needed for university-level study and lead to the Access to HE Diploma, which is of an equivalent standard to Level 3 qualifications, such as A Levels or National Diplomas.

Diploma in Foundation Studies
Southport College offers a Level 3/4 Diploma in Foundation Studies in Art & Design. Universities recognise the advantages of completing this one year course after studying A Levels or a National Diploma as it allows students to build a specialist portfolio to support their application to university. Mature students with a strong Art & Design portfolio may wish to complete this course in order to access Higher Education.

Teaching qualifications
Southport College runs a number of successful teaching qualifications ranging from the 10 week Preparation to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector (PTTLS), through to the two year part-time Post Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) which is suitable for students who have already obtained a degree.

HNDs/HNCs
HNCs (Higher National Certificates) and HNDs (Higher National Diplomas) are work-related (vocational) higher education qualifications. 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 job. HNCs can take one year to complete full time and two years part time (or in other situations such as distance learning). HNDs take two years full time and can also be taken part time (which takes longer). They are highly valued by employers both in the UK and overseas and can also count towards membership of professional bodies and other employer organisations.

Foundation Degrees
Foundation Degrees are designed to equip you for a particular area of work – as well as giving you the general skills that are useful in any type of job. They’re university-level qualifications, like other degrees. But Foundation Degree courses are designed with a particular area of work in mind, with the help of employers from that sector. Typically, you’ll get the chance to learn in the workplace as well as the classroom. And because it’s often possible to study flexibly, in a way that suits you. So whether you’re looking to change job, return to work or boost your career prospects, Foundation Degrees offer a route into higher education for people of all ages and backgrounds.

For more advice on which of our Higher Education courses is most suitable for you, please contact our Student Services team on 0845 00 66 236 or email: guidance@southport.ac.uk.
Disabled Students Allowance

Support for HE students at Southport College

Fees/materials: Call Student Services for details on course fees 0845 00 66 236 or email guidance@southport.ac.uk
What is DSA?
Disabled Students Allowance (DSA) is a grant to help pay for additional equipment and support needed as a result of disability, on-going health condition, sensory impairment, mental-health condition or specific learning difficulty. The allowance can help with the cost of a non-medical helper, specialist equipment, the cost of extra travel and other course related items, such as additional books and photocopying.

Do I qualify for DSA?
You will qualify for DSA if you are a student on a higher education course, living in England and able to prove that you have a disability, medical condition, sensory impairment, mental-health condition or a specific learning difficulty which affects your ability to study.

How Do I show that I am eligible for DSA?
If you have a physical disability, medical condition, mental-health condition or sensory impairment, you will need to provide ‘medical evidence’ of this. This can be a Doctors or Specialists letter.
If you have a specific learning difficulty such as dyslexia, you must provide a post 16 years Diagnostic Assessment.
Ask your DSA Advisor about what evidence is suitable for DSA application.

What DSA help can I get?
If eligible, you can get help to pay for: specialist equipment (computers, laptops, printers, digital recorders, etc.), specialist software, non-medical helper (for note taking, reading, organisation etc.) and extra course related travel costs.

Do I have to pay for anything?
You may need to pay for:
Application
You will have to pay for:
Evidence
You will need to provide evidence of a disability, mental-health condition, medical condition, or a specific learning difficulty, which affects your ability to study.
Application
Make an appointment with the College DSA Advisor who will assist with filling in a DSA application form, then send it to your Funding Provider along with your evidence.
Approval
Your Funding Provider will look at your application and let you know whether you qualify for DSA. You will need to wait for an entitlement letter before you can proceed further.
Assessment
DSA Assessment Centre
Once you have received your entitlement letter and let your DSA Advisor know, your DSA Advisor will contact an assessment centre and arrange a DSA Needs Assessment.
DSA Assessment Interview
The DSA Needs Assessment is an informal meeting to help identify the kind of support you will require to assist with your studies. Your DSA Advisor will accompany you to this assessment.

DSA Needs Report
Your Assessor will write a report identifying any equipment and other support you will need, how much it will cost, how to get it and any training you may require to enable you to use any equipment provided.

Equipment
Ordering DSA Equipment
Your DSA Advisor or Assessor will order your equipment from a list of trusted suppliers.

Support
Arranging non-medical helper support.
Based on what is discussed at your DSA Needs Assessment, your assessor will decide whether you require non-medical helper support. Once this has been approved by your Funding Provider and you have received your entitlement letter your DSA Advisor will arrange this support.

When should I apply?
You should apply for Disabled Students Allowance as soon as possible as the process can take three months to complete.
For further details or to make a DSA application please call in to Student Services and ask for Vickie Woods or Jacqui Sheldon, alternatively you could contact them on:
Vickie Woods
01704 392872
email woodsv@southport-college.ac.uk
Jacqui Sheldon
01704 392736
email sheldje@southport-college.ac.uk

Information source: www.yourdsa.com