

YOUR GUIDE TO UNDERSTANDING QUALIFICATIONS

At SWC we offer a large range of courses that are fully recognised by employers and universities. There are many different pathways and progression routes which allow for further study or employment.

HIGHER NATIONAL CERTIFICATE (HNC)

A HNC is a Level 4 academic and work-related course that provides skills that are relevant to a chosen career. Generally a HNC is equivalent to the first year of a university degree and takes one year to complete full-time or two years part-time. Many HNC courses cover the same subjects as a HND, but a HNC is one level below a HND.

HIGHER NATIONAL DIPLOMA (HND)

A HND is a Level 5 academic and work-related course that provides skills that are relevant to a chosen career. Generally an HND is equivalent to the second year of a university degree and takes two years to complete full-time or three to four years part-time. On successful completion of the HND, students can progress onto a Bachelor of Honours Degree Top-up at South West College, or onto the second year of an Honours Degree in certain universities.

performance and productivity in the work place. Foundation Degrees focus on providing core skills for a particular job or profession to increase employability skills for employers. A full-time Foundation Degree will take two years to complete, and a part-time option will normally take three years. On successful completion of the Foundation Degree, students can progress onto a Bachelor of Honours Degree Top-up at South West College, or onto the second year of an Honours Degree in certain universities.

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BACHELOR OF HONOURS DEGREE TOP-UP

On successful completion of a HND or Foundation Degree, students can progress to a Bachelor of Honours Degree Top-up that can be studied one-year full-time or two years part-time. This course enables you to 'top up' an existing qualification to a full honours degree and is equivalent to the final year of an undergraduate degree. Students will study five modules at Level 6 which includes a dissertation module. On successful completion of the Bachelor of Honours Degree Top-up, students will graduate with a full Bachelor of Honours Degree.

FOUNDATION DEGREE

A Foundation Degree is a Level 5 qualification which equates to the first two years of a university degree. It combines academic study with work place learning. Designed in association with employers, the qualification equips people with the relevant skills, knowledge and understanding to achieve academic results as well as improve

ACCELERATED FOUNDATION DEGREE

South West College also offers accelerated / fast-track Foundation Degrees which are studied part-time. This model of delivery provides greater flexibility for work based learners and relates to some courses validated by the OU, UU and QUB. On successful completion, students have the opportunity to progress onto a Bachelor of Honours Degree

HONOURS DEGREE

A Bachelor of Honours Degree provides a theoretical approach to learning and an in-depth understanding of a subject area. Students will exhibit an ability to deploy accurately established techniques of analysis and enquiry within a discipline and a conceptual understanding that enables the student to devise and sustain arguments, and/or to solve problems, using ideas and techniques to describe and comment upon particular aspects of current research in the discipline. Students will normally study six modules at Level 4, six modules at Level 5 and five modules at Level 6, which includes a dissertation module.

Please Note: All Foundation Degrees are accredited by either The Open University, Ulster University or Queen's University Belfast and all have direct articulated pathways to Honours Degrees at each respective university as well as the option to progress on to a BSc or BA Honours Top-Up programme. The programmes are delivered full-time or part-time at South West College.

To find out more about a course or to make an application: visit www.swc.ac.uk/courses



Key: C = Cookstown | D = Dungannon | E = Enniskillen | O = Omagh

**PT = Part-Time | FT = Full-Time
HLA = Higher Level Apprenticeship**

Course Title	Location	Mode of Study
Accounting & Finance		
ACCA Applied Skills HLA	O	PT
Accounting Technicians Ireland (ATI) HLA	O	PT
ACCA Applied Skills Level	D E O	PT
ACCA Strategic Professional Level	O	PT
ATI Level 4 Certificate for Accounting Technicians	D E O	PT
The Open University BSc (Hons) Degree in Corporate Law and Finance	O	FT
Administration and Business		
CIPD Level 5 Associate Diploma in People Management	D E O	PT
ILM Level 5 Certificate in Leadership and Management	D E O	PT
ILM Level 5 Diploma in Leadership and Management	D E O	PT
OCR Level 4 Certificate in Administration (Business Professional)	D E	PT
Ulster University BSc (Hons) in Business Studies (including Link Year)	D E	PT
Ulster University Foundation Degree in Business Management	D E O	FT or PT
Ulster University Foundation Degree in Business Management HLA	D E	PT
Applied Science		
Pearson BTEC Level 4 HNC in Applied Sciences (Biology)	D	FT
Ulster University Foundation Degree in Applied and Medical Science	E	FT
Art, Design and Creative		
Pearson BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma in Art and Design (Art Practice)	E	FT
Pearson BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma in Art and Design (Graphic Design)	E	FT
The Open University Foundation Degree in Visual Media Arts (Film or Games Development)	E O	FT or PT
The Open University BA (Hons) Visual Media Arts Top-Up (Film or Games Development)	E O	FT or PT
Automotive		
City & Guilds Level 4 Certificate in Advanced Automotive Diagnostic Techniques	D E O	PT
IMI AL Level 5 Diploma in Automotive Management	O	PT
Beauty Therapy & Hairdressing		
The Open University Foundation Degree in Hair and Beauty Management (with Specialisms)	E O	FT or PT
Catering & Hospitality		
The Open University Foundation Degree in the Professional Practice of Culinary Arts	D E	FT or PT
Childcare		
Queen's University Belfast BA (Hons) Early Childhood Studies	O	PT
Queen's University Belfast Foundation Degree in Early Childhood Studies	O	FT

Queen's University Belfast Foundation Degree in Early Childhood Studies	O	PT
NCFE CACHE Level 5 Diploma in Leadership for Children's Care Learning and Development (Management) (NI)	D	PT
Complementary Therapy and Sports Massage		
VTCT Level 4 Certificate in Sports Massage Therapy	D E O	PT
VTCT Level 5 Certificate in Sports Massage Therapy	D	PT
CAD / BIM / REVIT		
NOCN Level 4 3D CAD / BIM / REVIT	D	PT
Computing		
The Open University BSc (Hons) Computing Science (Top-Up)	D E O	FT or PT
The Open University Foundation Degree in Cyber Security	E	FT or PT
The Open University Foundation Degree in Cyber Security HLA - Pending Approval	E	PT
Ulster University Foundation Degree in Science in Computing	D E O	FT or PT
Ulster University Foundation Degree in Science in Computing HLA	D	PT
Construction and Built Environment		
The Open University BEng (Hons) Degree in Building Services with Sustainable Energy (Top Up)	D E	FT or PT
The Open University BSc (Hons) Degree in Construction Engineering & Management (Top Up)	D E O	FT or PT
The Open University Foundation Degree Building Services with Sustainable Energy	D E	PT or FT
The Open University Foundation Degree Building Services with Sustainable Energy HLA	D E	PT
NOCN Level 4 Digital Surveying	D	PT
Passivhaus Designer	D	PT
Passivhaus Tradesperson	E	PT
Pearson BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma in Quantity Surveying (Subject to Approval)	O	FT
Ulster University Foundation Degree In Construction Engineering With Surveying	D E O	FT or PT
Ulster University Foundation Degree In Construction Engineering With Surveying HLA	D E O	PT
Ulster University Foundation Degree In Engineering In Civil Engineering HLA	O	PT
Ulster University Foundation Degree In Engineering In Civil Engineering	O	FT or PT
Counselling		
Ulster University Certificate In Counselling Studies	D E O	PT
Ulster University Foundation Degree In Integrative Counselling Practice	O	PT
Education And Training		
City & Guilds Level 4 Award In The Internal Quality Assurance Of Assessment Processes And Practice	E	PT
Engineering		
The Open University BEng (Hons) Degree In Engineering (Top Up)	D O	PT

The Open University BEng (Hons) Degree In Engineering (Top Up) HLA	D O	PT
Pearson BTEC Level 4 Higher National Certificate In Engineering (Advanced Technician In Engineering - Advanced Manufacture) HLA	D O	PT
Pearson BTEC Level 4 Higher National Certificate In Engineering (Advanced Technician In Engineering - Maintenance) HLA	E	PT
Pearson BTEC Level 4 Higher National Certificate In Engineering (General Engineering)	D E O	PT
Ulster University Foundation Degree in Engineering With Specialisms (Manufacturing Engineering)	D	FT or PT
Ulster University Foundation Degree in Engineering With Specialisms (Manufacturing Engineering) HLA	D	PT
Ulster University Foundation Degree in Engineering With Specialisms (Mechatronics)	O	FT or PT
Ulster University Foundation Degree in Engineering With Specialisms (Mechatronics) HLA	O	PT
Environmental Management		
Queens University Belfast Foundation Degree in Environmental Management	O	FT or PT
Queens University Belfast Foundation Degree in Environmental Management HLA	O	FT or PT
Health And Social Care		
Pearson BTEC Level 4 Higher National Certificate In Healthcare Practice (Integrated Health And Social Care) 1 Year Programme - Fast Track	D E O	FT
Pearson BTEC Level 4 Higher National Certificate In Healthcare Practice (Integrated Health And Social Care) 2 Year Programme	E	PT
Ulster University Bsc (Hons) Social Work	D	FT
Ulster University Foundation Degree In Science In Health And Social Care	D E O	FT
Performing Arts		
Pearson BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma In Performing Arts	C	FT
Sport and Exercise		
Active IQ Level 4 Certificate In Strength And Conditioning	D E O	PT
The Open University BSc (Hons) Degree In Sport And Exercise (1 Year Top-Up)	O	FT
The Open University Foundation Degree In Sport And Exercise	D E O	FT or PT
Transport and Supply Chain Management		
The Open University BSc (Hons) Degree In Transport And Supply Chain Management (Top-Up)	D	FT or PT
The Open University Foundation Degree In Transport And Supply Chain Management	D	FT or PT
The Open University Foundation Degree In Transport And Supply Chain Management HLA	D	PT
Travel and Tourism		
Ulster University Foundation Degree In Science In Hospitality And Tourism Management With Specialisms	E	FT or PT