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COURSE PROGRESSION SYMBOLS



COURSE LEVEL	COURSE SUMMARY	PROGRESSION
Higher National Diploma (HND)	Offered to those with A-Level grades, these specific course choices can progress you onto the 2nd or final year of a relevant university degree course	
Foundation Degree	These Level 5 options are also for A-Level grade holders, and are validated by local Universities and are highly sought after qualifications by employers.	
Higher Level Apprenticeships	A unique work-based Level 4 or 5 qualification enabling students to 'earn while they learn' while being employed with a company during the duration of the course.	

ART & DESIGN For entry requirements please visit: www.nwrc.ac.uk/higher-education

COURSE NAME	CAMPUS	DURATION	MODE OF ATTENDANCE
Pearson BTEC Level 4/5 Higher National Certificate/ Diploma in Fine Art (Yr 1 of 2)	Limavady	2 Years	PT Only
Pearson BTEC Level 4/5 Higher National Certificate/ Diploma Fashion & Textiles	Strand Road	1 Year (HNC) 2 Year (HND)	FT Only
Pearson BTEC Level 4/5 Higher National Certificate/ Diploma in Fine Art	Strand Road	1 Year (HNC) 2 Year (HND)	FT Only

ADULT LEARNING (ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION) For entry requirements please visit: www.nwrc.ac.uk/higher-education

COURSE NAME	CAMPUS	DURATION	MODE OF ATTENDANCE
Queens University (QUB) Level 3 Diploma University Access Diploma in Health & Welfare	Derry~Londonderry, Strabane	1 year full time 2 years part time	Both FT and PT
Ulster University Level 3 Access Diploma Combined Studies	Derry~Londonderry	1 year full time 2 years part time	Both FT and PT
Ulster University Level 3 Access Diploma Foundation Studies (Science)	Derry~Londonderry	1 year full time 2 years part time	Both FT and PT

BUSINESS For entry requirements please visit: www.nwrc.ac.uk/higher-education

COURSE NAME	CAMPUS	DURATION	MODE OF ATTENDANCE
Accounting Technicians Ireland (ATI) Level 4 Certificate for Accounting Technicians	Strand Road Limavady	1 Year	PT Only
Accounting Technicians Ireland (ATI) Level 5 Diploma for Accounting Technicians	Strand Road	1 Year	PT Only
Accounting Technicians Ireland (ATI) Level 5 Higher Level Apprenticeship Accountancy	Strand Road	2 Years	PT Only

BUSINESS (continued) For entry requirements please visit: www.nwrc.ac.uk/higher-education

COURSE NAME	CAMPUS	DURATION	MODE OF ATTENDANCE
Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD) Level 5 Associate Diploma People Management	Strand Road	1 Year	PT Only
Chartered Management Institute Level 7 Certificate Strategic Management and Leadership Practice	Online	1 Year	PT Only
Institute of Leadership and Management (ILM) Level 5 Certificate Leadership and Management	Strand Road	1 Year	PT Only
Open University Level 5 Foundation Degree Hospitality, Tourism and Events Management	Strand Road	2 years full time 2.5 years part time	Both FT and PT
Open University Level 5 Higher Level Apprenticeship Hospitality, Tourism & Events Management	Strand Road	2.5 years	PT Only
Ulster University Level 5 Foundation Degree (FdSc) Business and Enterprise	Strand Road	2 years full time 2.5 years part time	Both FT and PT
Ulster University Level 5 Foundation Degree (FdSc) Financial Technologies (FinTech)	Strand Road	2.5 Years	PT Only
Ulster University Level 5 Higher Level Apprenticeship Business & Enterprise	Strand Road	2.5 Years	PT Only
Ulster University Level 5 Higher Level Apprenticeship Financial Technologies (FinTech)	Strand Road	2.5 Years	PT Only

CARE & HEALTH For entry requirements please visit: www.nwrc.ac.uk/higher-education

COURSE NAME	CAMPUS	DURATION	MODE OF ATTENDANCE
Counselling and Psychotherapy Central Award Body (CPCAB) Level 4 Diploma Therapeutic Counselling	Strabane	2 Years	PT Only
Counselling and Psychotherapy Central Award Body (CPCAB) Level 5 Diploma Counselling Children and Young People (CYP - L5)	Strand Road	1 Year	PT Only
Open College Network NI (OCN NI) Level 4 Diploma Working in Adult Care (Northern Ireland)	Strand Road	2 Years	PT Only
Open College Network NI (OCN NI) Level 5 Diploma Leadership and Management in Health and Social Care (Adult Management) (Northern Ireland)	Strand Road	2 Years	PT Only
Open College Network NI (OCN NI) Level 5 Diploma Leadership and Management in Health and Social Care (Adult Residential Management) (Northern Ireland)	Strand Road	2 Years	PT Only
Open University Level 4 Certificate Cert HE Community Health and Recovery (Substance Use Awareness and Harm Reduction)	Strand Road	1 Year	PT Only
Open University Level 4 Certificate of Higher Education in Healthcare Practice	Strand Road	1 Year	FT Only
Open University Level 5 Foundation Degree in Housing Practice (subject to validation by The Open University)	Strand Road	2 Years	Both FT and PT
Pearson BTEC Level 4 Higher National Certificate in Healthcare Practice	Limavady	1 Year	FT Only
Ulster University Level 4 Certificate Counselling Studies	Strand Road	1 Year	PT Only
Ulster University Level 5 Foundation Degree (FdSc) Integrative Counselling Practice	Strand Road	3 Years	PT Only
Ulster University Level 5 Foundation Degree (FdSc) Science in Health and Social Care	Strand Road	2 Years	FT Only



COMPUTING & IT For entry requirements please visit: www.nwrc.ac.uk/higher-education

COURSE NAME	CAMPUS	DURATION	MODE OF ATTENDANCE
Open College Network NI (OCN NI) Level 4 Diploma Software Testing	Strand Road	1 Year	PT Only
Open University Level 5 Foundation Degree Cybersecurity	Strand Road	2 years full time 3 years part time	Both FT and PT
Ulster University Level 5 Foundation Degree (FdSc) Computing	Strand Road	2 Years full time 3 Years part time	Both FT and PT
Ulster University Level 5 Higher Level Apprenticeship FdSc in Computing	Strand Road	3 Years	PT Only

CRAFT SERVICES For entry requirements please visit: www.nwrc.ac.uk/higher-education

COURSE NAME	CAMPUS	DURATION	MODE OF ATTENDANCE
Institute of Motor Industry (IMI) Level 4 Certificate Advanced Automotive Studies	Greystone	2 Years	PT Only

EARLY YEARS For entry requirements please visit: www.nwrc.ac.uk/higher-education

COURSE NAME	CAMPUS	DURATION	MODE OF ATTENDANCE
Council for Awards in Care, Health and Education (CACHE) Level 5 Diploma Leadership for Childrens Care, Learning and Development (Management) (Northern Ireland)	Strand Road	2 Years	PT Only
NCFE Level 5 Higher Level Apprenticeship CACHE Leadership For Childrens Care, Learning & Development (Management) (Northern Ireland)	Strand Road	2 Years	PT Only
Open College Network NI (OCN NI) Level 4 Award Working with Parents	Strand Road Strabane	1 Year	PT Only
Open College Network NI (OCN NI) Level 4 Certificate Working with Parents	Strand Road Strabane	1 Year	PT Only
Open College Network NI (OCN NI) Level 4 UNIT ONLY Understand adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and their impact on children's stress response system	Strand Road	1 Year	PT Only
Pearson BTEC Level 4 Higher National Certificate Early Childhood Education and Care	Strand Road	1 Year	FT Only
Pearson BTEC Level 5 Certificate Trauma in Childhood: Addressing the Impact of Adverse Experiences on Child Health and Wellbeing	Strand Road	1 Year	PT Only
Pearson BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma Early Childhood Education and Care	Strand Road	1 Year (HNC) 2 Year (HND)	FT Only
Pearson BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma Early Childhood Education and Care	Strand Road Limavady Strabane	3 Years	PT Only
Queens University (QUB) Level 5 Foundation Degree Early Childhood Studies (Stranmillis University College)	Strand Road	2 years full time 3 years part time	Both FT and PT

ENGINEERING For entry requirements please visit: www.nwrc.ac.uk/higher-education

COURSE NAME	CAMPUS	DURATION	MODE OF ATTENDANCE
Pearson BTEC Level 4 Higher Level Apprenticeship HNC in Construction Management (with Renewables)	Strand Road	2 Years	PT Only
Pearson BTEC Level 4 Higher Level Apprenticeship HNC in Engineering (Electrical & Electronic)	Strand Road	2 Years	PT Only
Pearson BTEC Level 4 Higher Level Apprenticeship HNC in Engineering (General)	Strand Road	2 Years	PT Only

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COURSE NAME	CAMPUS	DURATION	MODE OF ATTENDANCE
Pearson BTEC Level 4 Higher National Certificate in Construction Management (with Renewables)	Strand Road	2 Years	PT Only
Pearson BTEC Level 4 Higher National Certificate in Engineering (Electrical and Electronic)	Strand Road	2 Years	PT Only
Pearson BTEC Level 4 Higher National Certificate in Engineering (General)	Strand Road	1 year full time / 2 years part time	Both FT and PT
Pearson BTEC Level 5 Higher Level Apprenticeship HND in Engineering (Electrical & Electronic)	Strand Road	3 Years	PT Only
Pearson BTEC Level 5 Higher Level Apprenticeship HND in Engineering (General)	Strand Road	3 Years	PT Only
Pearson BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma in Engineering (Electrical & Electronic)	Strand Road	3 Years	PT Only
Pearson BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma in Engineering (General)	Strand Road	2 years full time / 3 years part time	Both FT and PT

HAIRDRESSING & BEAUTY THERAPY For entry requirements please visit: www.nwrc.ac.uk/higher-education

COURSE NAME	CAMPUS	DURATION	MODE OF ATTENDANCE
Open College Network NI (OCN NI) Level 5 Extended Diploma Hair and Beauty Management	Strand Road	2 Years	PT Only
Vocational Training Charitable Trust (VTCT) Level 4 Certificate in Hair Reduction & Skin Rejuvenation using Intense Pulsed Light Systems (IPL)	Limavady	1 Year	PT Only
Vocational Training Charitable Trust (VTCT) Level 4 Certificate Sports Massage Therapy	Strand Road	1 Year	PT Only
Vocational Training Charitable Trust (VTCT) Level 4 Diploma Reflexology for the Complementary Therapist	Strand Road	1 Year	PT Only
Vocational Training Charitable Trust (VTCT) Level 5 Certificate Sports Massage Therapy	Strand Road	1 Year	PT Only

HOSPITALITY & CATERING For entry requirements please visit: www.nwrc.ac.uk/higher-education

COURSE NAME	CAMPUS	DURATION	MODE OF ATTENDANCE
Highfield Level 4 Award Managing Food Safety in Catering	Strand Road Limavady	1 Year	PT Only

MEDIA, MULTIMEDIA & JOURNALISM For entry requirements please visit: www.nwrc.ac.uk/higher-education

COURSE NAME	CAMPUS	DURATION	MODE OF ATTENDANCE
National Council for Training Journalists (NCTJ) Level 5 Diploma Journalism	Strand Road	1.5 Years	PT Only
Pearson BTEC Level 4/5 Higher National Certificate / Diploma Digital Design	Strand Road	1 Year (HNC) 2 Year (HND)	FT Only
Pearson BTEC Level 4/5 Higher National Certificate / Diploma Film and Television	Strand Road	1 Year (HNC) 2 Year (HND)	FT Only
Pearson BTEC Level 4/5 Higher National Certificate / Diploma Journalism	Strand Road	1 Year (HNC) 2 Year (HND)	FT Only
Open University Level 6 BSc (Hons) Level 6 Top Up Degree in Creative Industries (subject to validation by the Open University)	Strand Road	1 Year	FT Only

MUSIC & PERFORMING ARTS For entry requirements please visit: www.nwrc.ac.uk/higher-education

COURSE NAME	CAMPUS	DURATION	MODE OF ATTENDANCE
Open University Level 4/5 Foundation Degree Modern Music Performance	Strand Road	2 Years	FT Only
Open University Level 4/5 Foundation Degree Music Production (Studio & Stage)	Strand Road	2 Years	FT Only
Open University Level 6 BSc (Hons) Modern Music Professional Practice	Strand Road	2 years part time	PT Only
Pearson BTEC Level 4/5 Higher National Certificate / Diploma HNC Performing Arts (general pathway)/ HND Performing Arts (acting pathway)	Strand Road	1 Year (HNC) 2 Year (HND)	FT Only

SPORT For entry requirements please visit: www.nwrc.ac.uk/higher-education

COURSE NAME	CAMPUS	DURATION	MODE OF ATTENDANCE
Ulster University Level 5 Foundation Degree (FdSc) Sport, Coaching and Fitness	Strand Road	2 Years	FT Only

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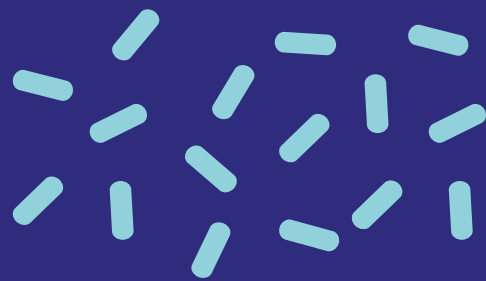
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