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MINI GUIDE

ADULT COURSES



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WELCOME

We are delighted that you are considering returning to education, and with us.

We want you to know your education and achievements are very important to us and that you're in safe hands.

We understand that there's a wide range of reasons why you may want to study – whether it's upskilling or trying something new, whether it's for your professional or personal ambitions – and we want you to know that you can be successful in your life and whatever career you choose to do next with our adult courses.

We believe in life-changing learning and it's never too late to learn. We offer the opportunity to develop the skills for success in a wide range of areas, and with different study options – both at our campuses and online – you can comfortably fit study around other commitments. Our terrific tutors and staff can also offer further academic support, financial information, and childcare advice, so that your learning experience is best tailored to suit you.

We're so pleased that you're considering taking that next step on your learning journey with us and are thrilled that you may delve into something you have a real passion for. We all continue to learn new things every day, throughout our life, so why not discover or revisit your passion whether you are 25, 55 or 85.

Find out more in this guide about how we can help you, and take that next step to realising your potential we know you have with us.



WHAT IS ADULT LEARNING?

Each year, we're proud to help plenty of adults take a firm step towards achieving a wide variety of personal and professional goals.

**But what are the benefits of learning as an adult?
Let's explore what learning as an adult means.**

Learning as an adult is something...

...You will enjoy

You choose what you study. This means learning about something you're passionate about. Growing up, learning can feel like something you're just supposed to do; learning as an adult means you're doing what you want to do.

Taking up an adult course is a way to explore something that inspires and excites you. Returning to education is a journey to increased confidence, achievement, and wellbeing.

...For your career

It sounds like one plus one, but gaining a new qualification brightens your professional future. It provides you the chance to gain that promotion you've been after, increase your pay or swap careers to one that better suits your interests.

...For changes in yourself

For most of us, our priorities, passions and plans change over time as we grow and change as people over time. It shows that you're managing to either focus on what makes you tick, or accept that you'd like to see a change in the way you go about things.

Realising this is one step, and the next often requires you to develop current or new skills to reflect the person you want to be. Our adult courses, offered across a variety of curriculum, provide the opportunity to explore skills suited to individual aims.

...For you

At the end of the day, this is an opportunity for you. It's not like when you were growing up and had expectations from others – learning as an adult is a wonderful way for you to be the go-getter you know you are or can be.

It's an open door to a brilliant future; maybe you want to learn about something because you enjoy it, want to develop your career, swap jobs, keep up with changes in the world or in yourself. It doesn't matter.

Returning to education is something for you – and we're here to help you succeed.

WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY

“ The skills I've learnt on my course are helping me with my aspiration of becoming a Teaching Assistant! ”

Keren Bishell

Level 2 Understanding Children and Young People's Mental Health (Distance Learning)

“ This has been my first time returning to education since leaving school and it's been an absolute joy. I would definitely recommend it; you gain a new appreciation for knowledge you otherwise wouldn't have exposure to. ”

Karen Grizzle

Level 2 Certificate in Common Health Conditions (Distance Learning)

“ There's been a lovely learning atmosphere, with my fellow students all being switched on and full of passion. Thanks to this adult course, I'm off to university in September! ”

I'm moving forward with knowledge, using my time wisely, and boosting my mental health.

Paul Sear

Level 3 Access to HE Diploma (Health Science Professions) Fast Track

STUDENT SUPPORT



Support and Wellbeing

Learning and wellbeing go hand in hand. One of our most important goals is that your time studying is healthy, holistic, and happy. If you feel at your best, you'll do your best.

Student Services

At all our campuses we have a range of services and support to help you stay on track with your studies, reach your full potential and overcome any difficulties you may face.

Health And Wellbeing

We are committed to helping all of our students lead a happy and healthy life, so whether you need tips on how to get a good night's sleep, how to stay active or support with stress and anxiety, we have a range of support tools to help.

You will have access to:

- Our friendly and experienced Health and Wellbeing and Welfare teams who offer confidential support
- Access to Togetherall – an online mental health support service which gives you access to self-help resources, courses and a community of other members to discuss your issues with (all anonymously)
- Our Active for Life Programme, which gives students the chance to try out new activities and sports, build new friendships and have fun

Additional Learning Support

Our Additional Learning Support (ALS) team are dedicated to supporting students who require tailored support plans to help them make the most of their college experience and reach their full potential.

We support students who have a variety of medical and mental health conditions, learning difficulties, and disabilities. The type of support offered will depend upon your individual requirements.

Discretionary Student Support

Further financial support may be available, subject to eligibility if you're in hardship. Please contact us for more information.

Childcare

We want you to feel secure in your studies with us, no matter your commitments. By working with Ofsted-registered childcare providers, we can support you with childcare. Please get in touch for more information.

Learning Resources

We have loanable digital and physical learning resources at each of our campuses, so that no matter where you are studying with us from, you can access an excellent range of materials and tools.

ADULT CAREERS SERVICE

We are happy to help you achieve your ambition - whether you need specific advice, want to change career direction or are unsure what you'd like to do.

We can help with:

- General or specific career guidance
- Adult courses
- Distance Learning courses
- Community courses
- Training information
- Interview advice and preparation
- Application forms
- Personal statements and UCAS
- CVs



COURSE LEVELS EXPLAINED



We are proud to offer a range of higher-level and degree qualifications. Your starting point depends on your existing qualifications.

Level 3 »	Level 4 »	Level 5 »	Level 6 »	Level 7
Foundation Year Access to Higher Education courses are available if you do not meet the entry requirements or are looking for a career change. You will study for one year in preparation to study a Higher Education course.	Higher National Certificate (HNC) This is the first year of a degree in a subject and equips you with the knowledge and skills for employment in your chosen field. An external body awards this qualification.	Higher National Diploma (HND)/ Foundation Degree Studying at Level 5 provides you with advanced employability skills by building on practical knowledge of your chosen course.	Top-up/Bachelors Degree Completing a Bachelors Degree, through either three full years of study or a one-year Top-up, provides you with a holistic understanding of your specialist subject.	Masters Degree This one-year course enables you to further specialise in an area once you have completed a Bachelors Degree. This includes a PGCE course as a route into teaching.

OUR CAMPUS LOCATIONS

University Centre Rotherham

UCR

University Centre Rotherham
Doncaster Gate
Rotherham
S65 1DA

Rotherham College

RC

Rotherham College
Eastwood Lane
Rotherham
S65 1EG

North Notts College

WC

Workshop Campus
Carlton Road
Workshop
S81 7HP

RP

Retford Post-16 Centre
Old Hall Drive
Retford
DN22 7EA

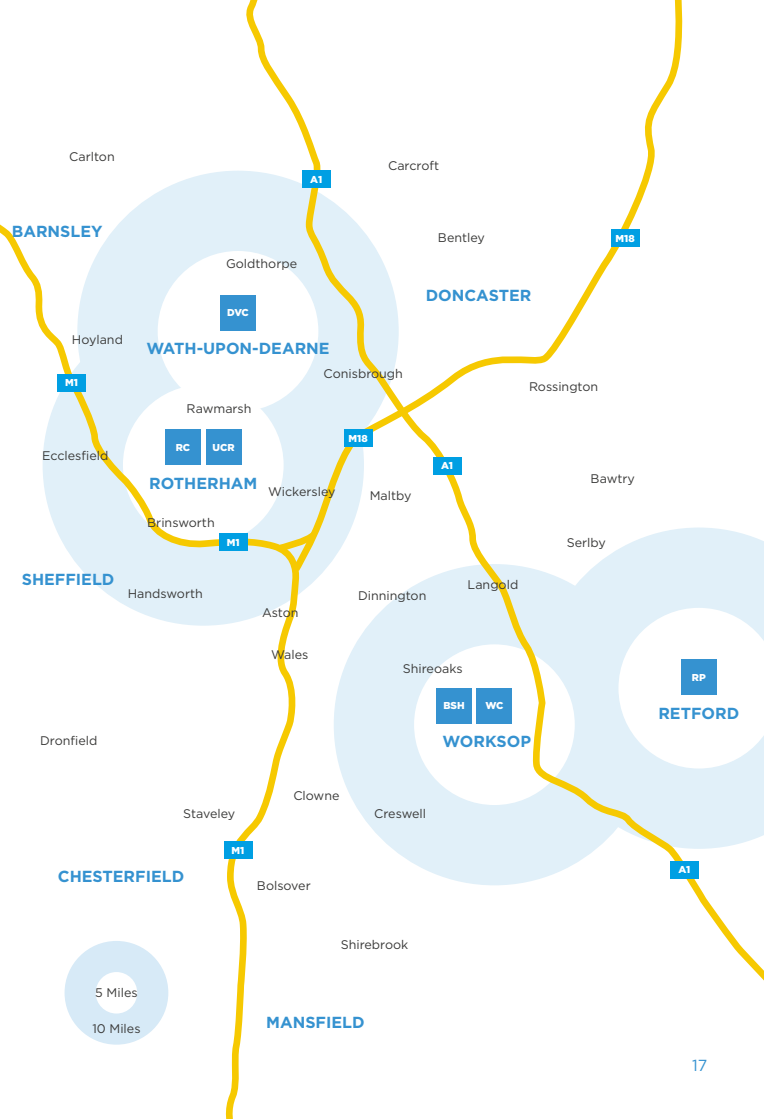
BSH

Bridge Skills Hub
Bridge Place
Workshop
S80 1DT

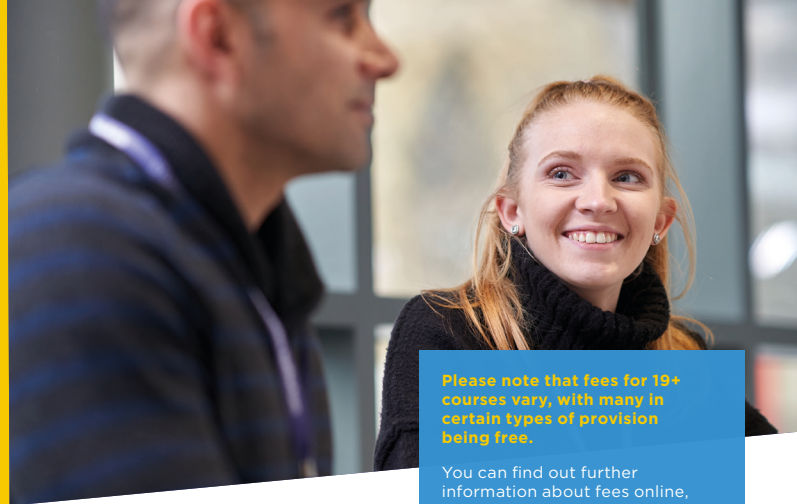
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DVC

Deerne Valley College
Wath-upon-Deerne
Rotherham
S63 7EW



FUNDING AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT



Please note that fees for 19+ courses vary, with many in certain types of provision being free.

You can find out further information about fees online, or by calling the Enquiries Team.

Learners aged 19 and over may need to pay fees and other costs towards their education up to and including Level 4 study.

Funding

In exceptional circumstances, College may be able to provide a contribution to fees, this is dependent on Household Income and personal circumstances.

Course fees are set at the start of each academic year and are based on the level of funding provided by the Government.

Many adult students are entitled to financial support on publicly funded courses, including a complete waiver of fees in certain circumstances.

Because of the changing nature of government funding and the complex rules surrounding fees, please use the contact information above for the latest details.

For level 3 and 4 courses an Advanced Learner Loan is available.

Financial Support

You may receive a contribution towards the cost of:

Travel

Equipment costs

Childcare costs

Maximum support for full time students £200 per learner per week, there is reduced levels of support for those on part time courses.

UCAS application

Awarding body and tuition fees

Other associated study costs

Visit our college websites to complete the financial support application form.

You can find this under the information tab > Student Support > Finance

Once completed, submit this form with the required evidence of income and bank account details to Student Services at your chosen centre of study for assessment.

Please be aware that payments begin at the end of September, so, please complete and hand in your application form with evidence before this to ensure your support is not delayed.

Childcare support will begin from when your application is approved, and all agreements returned.

Advanced Learner Loans

If you are aged 19 or above and are looking to study a Level 3 or Level 4 course the Advanced Learner Loan is available to support with the cost of some or all your course fees.

The loan does not have to be paid back until you are earning over £27,575 a year. For more details visit the Advanced Learner Loans section of the gov.uk website: www.gov.uk/advanced-learner-loan

You may be eligible for financial support with a contribution towards costs, however along with household income evidence you will need to provide evidence of your Advanced Learner Loan for assessment.

Contact Details

Rotherham College

Web: rotherham.ac.uk/course-fees
Enquiries Team: 01709 362111

North Notts College

Web: nnc.ac.uk/course-fees
Enquiries Team: 01909 504500

Dearne Valley College

Web: dearne-coll.ac.uk/course-fees
Enquiries Team: 01709 513355

University Centre Rotherham

Web: ucr.rotherham.ac.uk/student-support/financial-support
Enquiries Team: 01709 722806



HOW TO APPLY

You can apply to study a course at any of our sites specialising in your chosen subject.

Our Sites

Rotherham College

Website: rotherham.ac.uk/adult-courses

Email: info@rotherham.ac.uk

Phone: 01709 362111

North Notts College

Website: nnc.ac.uk/adult-courses

Email: contact@nnc.ac.uk

Phone: 01909 504500

Dearne Valley College

Website: dearne-coll.ac.uk/adult-courses

Email: learn@dearne-coll.ac.uk

Phone: 01709 513355

University Centre Rotherham

Website: ucr.rotherham.ac.uk/what-we-offer

Email: ucr@rotherham.ac.uk

Phone: 01709 722806

1. Research

Search for a course in this guide, email, call, or visit our online adult course information using the contact information below.

Alternatively, you can visit us at one of our Adult course Open Events, with further details on pages 32-33.



2. Apply

On our Adult course pages via our websites, you can find individual courses suited to your interests and aspirations.

On each course page is an 'Apply Now' button. Click it, and follow the instructions provided.



3. We'll be in touch

After receiving your application, we'll be in touch with you to discuss the next steps, ensuring your enrolment goes as smoothly as possible.

You can also enrol in-person at the site which delivers your course.

TYPES OF COURSES

Professional

Whether looking to change career, upskill, gain a promotion, or wanting that special role, our courses develop skills for your success. See pages 26-31 for our range of courses.

Access to HE

These one-year courses are ideal for building up your confidence, knowledge, and academic skills to prepare you for Higher Education.

Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships are a hands-on way to learn, work, and earn. Ask your employer about supporting you through an apprenticeship; we can help with grants and funding. If you aren't currently working, we can help you secure a placement.

Community

These free, informal, short courses are taught in a relaxed settings throughout the local area. They're ideal for meeting new people, delving into a passion and learning new skills.

Distance Learning

Study where you want, when you want at your own pace, fitting study around other commitments. All distance learning courses are accredited by CACHE, one of the UK's leading awarding organisations.

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

These courses can help improve your English language, reading and writing skills, maths, and IT. Courses last 12 weeks and teaching is flexible to fit around existing commitments.

Essential Skills

Local job seekers can benefit from these short courses which include basic online and digital skills, getting help with CV writing and preparing for interviews, improving reading, writing, and spelling, building confidence, and overcoming barriers to learning.

Higher Education

Enhance your career prospects, professional network, and boost your potential earnings. Study a wide range of degree level qualifications with us at our campus locations, where we offer smaller class sizes and personalised support.

Maths and English

Study on a flexible part-time basis. If you've already achieved a GCSE in Maths and English lower than grade C/4, you will be able to take a course free of charge to help you gain a better grade.



OUR COURSES

Animal Management and Land-Based Industries

Level 2 Dog Grooming

Available at Dearne Valley College

Level 3 Forestry

Available at Dearne Valley College

Art and Design

Level 2 Creative Craft Entry

Available at Rotherham College

Level 3 Creative Craft Entry

Available at Rotherham College

Life Drawing Part-time

Available at Rotherham College

Level 1 Sewing Machine Skills

Available at Rotherham College

Level 3 Access to Art and Design

Available at Rotherham College

Level 3-4 Art and Design

Available at Rotherham College

Level 2 Graphic Design

Available at Rotherham College

Business

Social Media for Business

Available at North Notts College

Level 2 Event Planning

Available at Rotherham College

Level 3 Certificate for Managers

Available at Rotherham College

Computing and Esports

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Available at North Notts College

Level 1 Digital Skills

Available at North Notts College and Dearne Valley College

Level 2 Web Design

Available at North Notts College

Level 2 Computing

Available at Rotherham College and North Notts College

Level 2 Game Design and Development

Available at Rotherham College

Level 2 Esports and Enterprise

Available at Rotherham College

Level 3 Esports and Enterprise

Available at Rotherham College

Level 3 Access to HE in Computing

Available at Dearne Valley College

Childcare

Level 2 Early Years Practitioner

Available at Rotherham College

Level 2 Supporting Teaching and Learning

Available at Rotherham College

Level 2 Understanding Children and Young People's Mental Health

Available at Rotherham College

Level 3 Early Years Workforce

Available at Rotherham College and North Notts College

Level 3 Supporting Teaching and Learning

Available at Rotherham College and North Notts College

Construction

Level 1 Plastering

Available at Dearne Valley College

Level 1 Bricklaying

Available at North Notts College

Level 1 Joinery

Available at North Notts College

Level 1 Plumbing

Available at North Notts College

Level 2 Plastering

Available at Dearne Valley College

NVQ Level 2 Plumbing

Available at North Notts College

NVQ Level 2 Trowel Occupations

Available at North Notts College

NVQ Level 2 Wood Occupations

Available at North Notts College

Level 3 Plastering

Available at Dearne Valley College

Level 3 Domestic, Commercial and Industrial Electric Vehicle Charging Equipment Installation

Available at North Notts College

Level 3 In-service Inspection and Testing of Electrical Equipment

Available at North Notts College

Level 2 Computer Aided Design

Available at North Notts College

Digital and Media

Level 2 Media Production

Available at Rotherham College

Level 2 Photography

Available at Rotherham College

Level 3 AIM Access to HE

Available at Rotherham College

Education

Level 3 Education and Training

Available at University Centre Rotherham

Engineering/Motor Vehicle

Level 1 Engineering Skills

Available at North Notts College

Level 1 Automotive Skills

Available at North Notts College

Level 1 Manual Metal Arc

Available at North Notts College

Level 1 Welding Skills

Available at North Notts College

Level 2 Welding Skills

Available at North Notts College

Level 2 Engineering Skills

Available at North Notts College

Level 2 Automotive Skills

Available at North Notts College

Part-time Welding

Available at Rotherham College

Level 2 Computer Aided Design

Available at Rotherham College

Level 2 Electric/Hybrid Vehicle Routine Maintenance

Available at North Notts College and Dearne Valley College

Level 2 Light Vehicle and Hybrid/Electric Maintenance

Available at Dearne Valley College

NVQ Level 2 Fabrication and Welding Skills

Available at North Notts College

Level 3 Welding Skills

Available at North Notts College

Level 3 Automotive Refrigerant Handling

Available at North Notts College and Dearne Valley College

Level 3 Electric/Hybrid Vehicle System Repair and Replacement

Available at North Notts College and Dearne Valley College

Engineering Skills

Available at North Notts College

Level 3 Advanced Manufacturing Engineering Machining

Available at North Notts College

NVQ Level 3 Engineering Maintenance

Available at North Notts College

English and Maths

Study Skills

Available at Rotherham College

Employability Programmes (Various)

Available at Dearne Valley College

Pre-GCSE Maths

Available at Rotherham College

Pre-GCSE English

Available at Rotherham College

GCSE English

Available at Rotherham College, North Notts College and Dearne Valley College

GCSE Maths

Available at Rotherham College, North Notts College and Dearne Valley College

Essential Skills for Employment

Available at Dearne Valley College

Academic Writing for HE

Available Online

AS Maths

Available at Rotherham College

Pre-AS Maths

Available at Rotherham College

Pre-AS English

Available at Rotherham College

AS English Literature B

Available at Rotherham College

Creative Writing

Available Online

Functional Skills English

Available at Rotherham College, North Notts College and Dearne Valley College

Functional Skills Maths

Available at Rotherham College, North Notts College and Dearne Valley College

Hair and Beauty

Introduction to Hairdressing

Available at North Notts College

Make-up for Beginners

Available at North Notts College

Manicure and Pedicure

Available at North Notts College

Level 2 Body Art

Available at Rotherham College

Level 2 Tanning

Available at Rotherham College

Level 2 Nail Technology

Available at North Notts College

Level 2 Award in LED Gel Polish Techniques

Available at Rotherham College

Level 2 Cosmetic Make-up Consultancy

Available at Rotherham College and North Notts College

Level 2 Eye Treatments

Available at North Notts College

Level 2 Mens Hairdressing

Available at North Notts College

Level 2 Part-time Hairdressing

Available at North Notts College

Level 2 Beauty Specialist Techniques

Available at Dearne Valley College

Level 2 Barbering (evening)

Available at Dearne Valley College

Level 2 Colouring Hair

Available at Dearne Valley College

Level 2 Womens Hairdressing

Available at Dearne Valley College

Level 3 Swedish Massage

Available at Dearne Valley College

Level 3 Stone Therapy Massage

Available at Dearne Valley College

Level 3 Womens Hairdressing

Available at Dearne Valley College

Level 3 Beauty Therapy Treatment

Available at Dearne Valley College

Level 4 Permanent Hair Removal and Skin Rejuvenation

Available at Dearne Valley College

Health and Social Care

Level 1 Health, Social Care, Children, and Young People

Available at Rotherham College

Level 1 Progression to Further Study in Health Science Professions

Available at North Notts College

Level 2 Progression to Further Study in Health Science Professions

Available at Rotherham College

Level 2 Pre-access Health Science Professions

Available at North Notts College

Level 2 Diploma in Progression

Available at Rotherham College

Level 2 Understanding Working with People with Mental Health Needs

Available at North Notts College

Level 2 GCSE Biology

Available at North Notts College

Level 2 Counselling Skills

Available at North Notts College and Dearne Valley College

Level 2 Understanding the Safe Use of Medicines

Available at Dearne Valley College

Level 2 Mental Health First Aid and Advocacy

Available at North Notts College

Level 2 Dementia Care

Available at North Notts College

Level 2 Understanding Specific Learning Difficulties

Available at North Notts College

Level 3 Access to HE in Health Science Professions

Available at Rotherham College and Dearne Valley College

Level 3 Access Fast Track

Available at North Notts College

Level 3 Access Full-time

Available at North Notts College

Level 3 Access to HE (Science)

Available at Rotherham College

Level 3 Counselling Skills

Available at North Notts College and Dearne Valley College

Level 4 Therapeutic Counselling

Available at Dearne Valley College

Level 4 Counselling Practice

Available at North Notts College

Sport/Protective Services

Level 2 Gym Instructing

Available at Dearne Valley College

Level 3 Personal Training

Available at North Notts College and Dearne Valley College

Level 3 Access to HE in Criminology and Policing

Available at Dearne Valley College

Tourism and Hospitality

Level 2 Barista Skills

Available at Rotherham College

Visual and Performing Arts

Performing Arts

Available at Rotherham College

Level 2 Music Practitioners

Available at Rotherham College

Level 2 Skills for Music and Music Technology

Available at Rotherham College

OPEN EVENTS



We offer adult course-specific Open Events, where you can meet staff like our Adult Careers Coaches, tutors, and more to discuss our adult-focused provision and any questions you may have.

Adult Course Open Events

Rotherham College

Wednesday 18th January 2023 - 4.00pm-7.00pm

Pre-register at: rotherham.ac.uk/about/events

North Notts College

Wednesday 25th January 2023 - 4.00pm-7.00pm

Pre-register at: nnc.ac.uk/about/events

Dearne Valley College

Wednesday 25th January 2023 - 4.00pm-7.00pm

Pre-register at: dearne-coll.ac.uk/about/events

Can't Attend an Event?

You can find out further information about fees online, or by calling the Enquiries Team.

Careerscoaches@rnnngroup.ac.uk | 01709 362111

FIND OUT MORE



We invite you to contact us on the following details should you have any questions, would like support in making application, or to simply arrange a visit and a tour:

Rotherham College

Website: rotherham.ac.uk
Email: info@rotherham.ac.uk
Phone: 01709 362111

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