

MANY COURSES ARE **FREE***



West Nottinghamshire College
Adult Learning and Skills

ADULT EDUCATION COURSE GUIDE 2026



FREE* Access to Higher Education courses

FREE* construction courses

FREE* English, maths and digital skills courses

FREE* GCSE qualifications

FREE* online courses

FREE* rail engineering training

FREE* security training

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IT'S NEVER TOO LATE!

Whether you're aiming to boost your career with a recognised qualification or delve into a new hobby, our wide range of adult courses cater to all.

Enjoy flexibility with our **online courses**. For professional growth or CV enhancement, explore our **professional training courses**. If your university dreams lack the required qualifications, our **Access to Higher Education courses** bridge the gap. What's more, depending on your circumstances, many of our courses are **FREE*** or low-cost.

It's never too late — apply today!

WHY CHOOSE US?

AFFORDABLE

- Most courses are **FREE*** or low-cost
- Monthly bursaries and financial support for childcare*.

SUPPORTIVE

- Flexible timetables to fit around busy lifestyles
- Small class sizes
- High level of one-to-one support.

EMPLOYMENT-FOCUSED

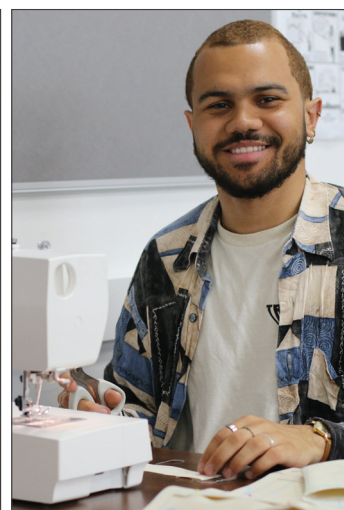
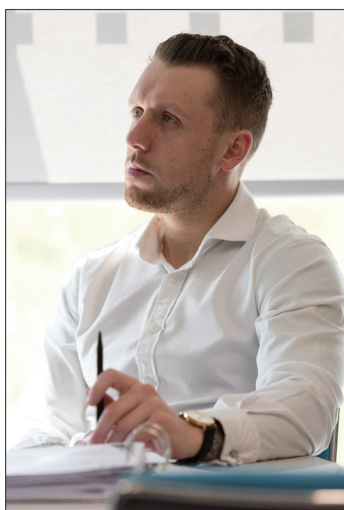
- Industry experienced tutors with up-to-date knowledge
- Ongoing multi-million pound investments in facilities
- Courses created in partnership with local employers to meet their specific needs.

HOW TO APPLY

You can apply for most of our courses through our website. Just visit **wnc.ac.uk**, search for your course, and click the green 'Apply now' or 'Register your interest' button to complete an online form.

PAYING FOR COURSES

Don't be put off by course costs. There's plenty of financial help available. View '**Help with paying with course fees**' for more information.



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COURSES AVAILABLE

COURSE TITLE	DURATION	START DATE	VENUE	COST
ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION				
These courses are designed to help you take the first step towards university. With flexible study options, convenient timetables, and the potential to study for FREE*, there's never been a better time to start your journey to a dream career. Find out more wnc.ac.uk/accesstohe				
GCSEs for Access to HE Courses	1 year	September 2026	Derby Road Campus	FREE*
Preparation for Access to HE	1 year	September 2026	Derby Road Campus	FREE* or £30
Access to HE Diploma (Business)	12-18 months	September 2026	Online	FREE* to £3,022
Access to HE Diploma (Healthcare Professions)	1 year	September 2026	Derby Road Campus	FREE* to £3,384
Access to HE Diploma (Humanities and Social Sciences)	12-18 months	September 2026	Online	FREE* to £3,022
Access to HE Diploma (Nursing)	12-18 months	September 2026	Online	FREE* to £3,384
Access to HE Diploma (Sciences)	1 year	September 2026	Derby Road Campus	FREE* to £3,384
Access to HE Diploma (Social Sciences)	1 year	September 2026	Derby Road Campus	FREE* to £3,022
BOOKKEEPING AND ACCOUNTING				
AAT Award in Bookkeeping - Level 1	7 weeks	September 2026	Derby Road Campus	£450
AAT Business Skills - Level 1	6 weeks	Various - see website	Derby Road Campus	£450
AAT Certificate in Accounting - Level 2	1 year	Various - see website	Derby Road Campus	£1,250
AAT Certificate in Bookkeeping - Level 2	20 weeks	April 2026	Derby Road Campus	£724
AAT Business Environment Synoptic - Level 2	10 weeks	June 2026	Derby Road Campus	£451.50
AAT Introduction to Bookkeeping - Level 2	9 weeks	April 2026	Derby Road Campus	£375.50
AAT Principles of Bookkeeping Controls - Level 2	8 weeks	April 2026	Derby Road Campus	£332.50
AAT Principles of Costing - Level 2	8 weeks	April 2026	Derby Road Campus	£332.50
AAT Diploma in Accounting - Level 3	12-18 months	April 2026	Derby Road Campus	£2,573
AAT Certificate in Bookkeeping - Level 3	5-8 months	April 2026	Derby Road Campus	£1,265
AAT Business Awareness - Level 3	6 weeks	Various - see website	Derby Road Campus	£549.50
AAT Financial Accounting - Preparing Financial Statements - Level 3	10 weeks	Various - see website	Derby Road Campus	£961
AAT Management Accounting Techniques - Level 3	12 weeks	Various - see website	Derby Road Campus	£806.50
AAT Tax Processes for Business - Level 3	7 weeks	April 2026	Derby Road Campus	£498.50
AAT Applied Management Accounting - Level 4	14 weeks	Various - see website	Derby Road Campus	£780
AAT Business Tax - Level 4	7 weeks	Various - see website	Derby Road Campus	£486.50
AAT Drafting and Interpreting Financial Statements - Level 4	10 weeks	September 2026	Derby Road Campus	£634
AAT Internal Accounting Systems and Controls - Level 4	7 weeks	May 2026	Derby Road Campus	£486.50
AAT Personal Tax - Level 4	8 weeks	Various - see website	Derby Road Campus	£487
BUSINESS				
Digital Marketing - Level 2	190 hours	Anytime	Online	FREE*
Equality and Diversity - Level 2	180 hours	Anytime	Online	FREE*
Information, Advice and Guidance - Level 2	150 hours	Anytime	Online	FREE*
Lean Organisation Management Techniques - Level 2	150 hours	Anytime	Online	FREE*

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Lean Organisation Management Techniques - Level 2	6 days	Various - see website	Sites across Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire	FREE*
Principles of Customer Service - Level 2	200 hours	Anytime	Online	FREE*
Principles of Team Leading - Level 2	190 hours	Anytime	Online	FREE*
Want 2 Work in Business	20 hours	Anytime	Online	FREE*
Want 2 Work in Health and Safety	20 hours	Anytime	Online	FREE*
CONSTRUCTION CRAFTS AND BUILDING SERVICES				
Introduction to Bricklaying - Entry Level	4 weeks	April 2026	Station Park	FREE* or £75
Introduction to Carpentry and Joinery - Entry Level	4 weeks	April 2026	Station Park	FREE* or £75
Introduction to Plastering - Entry Level	4 weeks	April 2026	The Old Brewery	FREE* or £75
Introduction to Plumbing- Entry Level	4 weeks	April 2026	Station Park	FREE* or £75
Women in Construction (Free) - Level 1	12 weeks	April 2026	The Old Brewery	FREE* or £75
DIGITAL, COMPUTER SCIENCE AND IT				
Cybersecurity	12 weeks	March 2026	Old Town Hall	FREE*
Digital and IT Skills - Level 2	13 weeks	Various - see website	Old Town Hall	FREE*
Discovering AI (Artificial Intelligence)	2 weeks	Various - see website	Derby Road Campus	FREE*
IT for the Terrified	4 weeks	Various - see website	Old Town Hall	FREE*
Introduction to Digital Skills	12 weeks	Various - see website	Various - see website	FREE*
Next Steps in Digital Skills	12 weeks	Various - see website	Old Town Hall	FREE*
EDUCATION AND EARLY YEARS				
Assessing Vocational Achievement - Level 3	6 months	Various - see website	Various - see website	£810
Award in Education and Training (PTLLS) - Level 3	12 weeks	April 2026	Derby Road Campus	£425
Awareness of Bullying in Children and Young People - Level 2	140 hours	Anytime	Online	FREE*
Entry for the Early Years Workforce - Level 3	18 months	Various - see website	Derby Road Campus	FREE* or £4,670
Special Educational Needs and Disability - Level 2	140 hours	Anytime	Online	FREE*
Supporting Teaching and Learning (Teaching Assistant) - Level 2	1 year	Various - see website	Derby Road Campus	FREE* or £2,225
Teaching Assistant and Early Years Educator - Fast Track to Level 3	11 weeks	Various - see website	Derby Road Campus	£60
Understanding Autism - Level 2	150 hours	Anytime	Online	FREE*
Understanding Distressed Behaviour in Children - Level 2	138 hours	Anytime	Online	FREE*
Want 2 Work in Child Protection and Safeguarding	20 hours	Anytime	Online	FREE*
Want 2 Work in Education	20 hours	Anytime	Online	FREE*
Want 2 Work in Learning Support	20 hours	Anytime	Online	FREE*
EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS				
Digital Skills and Customer Service in Preparation for Work - Level 2	14 weeks	Various - see website	Old Town Hall	FREE*
Jobsearch Accelerator	3 days	Various - see website	Old Town Hall	FREE*
ENGLISH AND MATHS				
English Courses for ESOL Learners	Various	Various - see website	Various - see website	FREE*
Functional Skills English	4-6 months	Various - see website	Derby Road Campus, Old Town Hall or Online	FREE*
Functional Skills Maths	4-6 months	Various - see website	Derby Road Campus, Old Town Hall or Online	FREE*

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GCSE English - Level 2	1 year	September 2026	Derby Road Campus	FREE* or £812
GCSE Maths - Level 2	1 year	September 2026	Derby Road Campus	FREE* or £846
FIRST AID				
Emergency First Aid at Work	1 day	Various - see website	Derby Road Campus	£90
First Aid at Work	3 days	Various - see website	Derby Road Campus	£205
First Aid at Work Requalification	2 days	Various - see website	Derby Road Campus	£169
Mental Health First Aid	2 days	Various - see website	Derby Road Campus	FREE* or £50
Mental Health First Aid	5 weeks	Various - see website	Online	FREE* or £50
Paediatric First Aid	2 days	Various - see website	Derby Road Campus	£169
GREEN SKILLS				
Online courses developed to meet the industry standards required to support the transition to net zero. They'll give you the professional edge in the sector which is valued by employers. Visit wnc.ac.uk/green-skills .	20 hours	Anytime	Online	FREE*
HAIR AND BEAUTY				
Barbering - Adult Fast Track - Level 2	20 weeks	October 2026	Derby Road Campus	£610
Beauty Therapy - Level 4	1 year	September 2026	Derby Road Campus	£5,421
Beauty Therapy (General Route) - Level 3	22 weeks	September 2026	Derby Road Campus	£3,345
Beauty Therapy (Massage Route) - Level 3	22 weeks	September 2026	Derby Road Campus	£3,345
Beauty Therapy Specialist Techniques - Level 2	22 weeks	September 2026	Derby Road Campus	FREE* or £633
Body Massage (Fast Track) - Level 3	15 weeks	October 2026	Derby Road Campus	£941
Complementary Therapies - Level 2	22 weeks	September 2026	Derby Road Campus	FREE
Hairdressing - Level 3	1 year	September 2026	Derby Road Campus	FREE* or £3,345
Nail Services - Level 2	22 weeks	September 2026	Derby Road Campus	FREE* or £993.50
Nail Technology - Level 2	14 weeks	October 2026	Derby Road Campus	£390
Nail Technology - Level 3	36 weeks	September 2026	Derby Road Campus	£3,345
Women's Hairdressing - Adult Fast Track - Level 2	25 weeks	October 2026	Derby Road Campus	£1,645
HEALTHCARE AND HEALTH SCIENCES				
Awareness of Mental Health Problems - Level 2	160 hours	Anytime	Online	FREE*
Falls Prevention Awareness - Level 2	135 hours	Anytime	Online	FREE*
Preparing to Work in Adult Social Care - Level 2	120 hours	Anytime	Online	FREE*
Principles of End of Life Care - Level 2	145 hours	Anytime	Online	FREE*
Principles of Dementia Care - Level 2	150 hours	Anytime	Online	FREE*
Understanding Behaviour that Challenges - Level 2	133 hours	Anytime	Online	FREE*
Understanding Dignity and Safeguarding in Adult Health and Social Care - Level 2	160 hours	Anytime	Online	FREE*
Understanding Specific Learning Difficulties - Level 2	135 hours	Anytime	Online	FREE*
The Care Certificate - Level 2	7 hours	Anytime	Online	FREE*
Want 2 Work in Adult Social Care - Level 2	20 hours	Anytime	Online	FREE*
HOSPITALITY AND CATERING				
Food Safety Awareness - Level 2	4 hours	Anytime	Online	FREE*
Safety Awareness for Community Volunteers	7 hours	Anytime	Online	FREE*
Want 2 Work in Service Industries	20 hours	Anytime	Online	FREE*

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HUMAN RESOURCES				
Introduction to Human Resources Practices	1 day	Various - see website	Derby Road Campus	£75
CIPD Foundation Certificate in People Practice - Level 3	1 year	Various - see website	Derby Road Campus or Blended Learning	£1,395
CIPD Associate Diploma in People Management - Level 5	1 year	Various - see website	Derby Road Campus or Blended Learning	£1,995 (blended) £2,195 (on-campus)
LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT				
CMI Award in Management and Leadership - Level 5	8 weeks	Anytime	Online	£499
CMI Certificate in Management and Leadership - Level 5	14 weeks	Anytime	Online	£655
CMI Diploma in Management and Leadership - Level 5	1 year	Anytime	Online	£1,595
CMI Award in Principles of Management and Leadership - Level 3	8 weeks	Anytime	Online	£499
CMI Certificate in Principles of Management and Leadership - Level 3	8 weeks	Anytime	Online	£655
CMI Diploma in Principles of Management and Leadership - Level 3	9-12 months	Anytime	Online	£1,595
CMI Award in Sustainability Principles for First Line Managers - Level 3	8 weeks	Anytime	Online	£499
CMI Certificate in Sustainability Principles for First Line Managers - Level 3	14 weeks	Anytime	Online	£655
CMI Diploma in Sustainability Principles for First Line Managers - Level 3	6 months	Anytime	Online	£1,395
LOGISTICS AND RETAIL				
Principles of Warehousing - Level 2	140 hours	Anytime	Online	FREE*
Understanding Retail Operations - Level 2	180 hours	Anytime	Online	FREE*
Want 2 Work in Retail	20 hours	Anytime	Online	FREE*
Warehouse and Storage/Driving (Class 2)	8-12 weeks	Various - see website	Various - see website	FREE*
RAIL ENGINEERING				
Skills Bootcamp - Rail Engineering	8 weeks	Various - see website	Gene Haas Centre for Advanced Manufacturing (NG17 5FA)	FREE*
SCIENCE				
GCSE Biology - Level 2	1 year	September 2026	Chesterfield Road Campus	FREE* or £360
SECURITY TRAINING				
Door Supervisor - Security (SIA) - Level 2	3 weeks	Contact us	Sites across Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire	FREE*
Want 2 Work in Security	10 hours	Various - see website	Online	FREE*
SPORT				
Gym Instruction and Personal Training - Level 3	14 weeks	Various - see website	Nottingham and Derby	FREE*

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Looking for a fun new hobby or skill?

Our courses in the community are **FREE*** or low-cost and run in an adult only, friendly and supportive environment.

Arts and Crafts

Cooking Classes

Crystal Wellbeing

Employability Skills

Photography

Spanish

...and many more!



View upcoming courses by visiting our 'Starting soon' page:

wnc.ac.uk/starting-soon



HELP WITH FINANCES

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Don't let paying for a course hold you back from achieving your goals. Funding is available for most courses for those who are ordinarily resident in the UK on the first day of learning. So always speak to us to see if your personal circumstances could make you eligible to study a course for **free** or have your fees lowered. A list of the current funding options available can be found below.

Pay in instalments

If your course lasts over three months and costs over £175, you can pay the tuition fees in four instalments via direct debit. Relevant identification and valid bank account details are required.

FREE online courses

If you're looking to upskill, these **FREE** flexible introductory courses can support your development in industry-specific skills or general professional development.

Eligibility:

- Aged 19+**, irrespective of employment status, but must live in eligible postcodes.

FREE courses up to Level 2 and eligible Level 3 courses

Whether it's a desire to find a new hobby or a positive step towards employment, we offer daytime, evening, and weekend courses across Mansfield and Ashfield that could be **FREE!**

Eligibility:

- Aged 19+** and living in eligible postcodes
 - Your annual income is less than £33,796.80 and you live in the EMCCA area (Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham, Nottinghamshire) OR your annual income is less than £25,750 and you live outside the EMCCA area
 - Economically inactive* but seeking work
 - Claiming one of the eligible benefits
- Aged 19-23 and not achieved a full Level 2 or full Level 3 qualification (course specific).

*Learners who are not working and in receipt of benefits.

**Subject to your date of birth, contact us for more information.

FREE English, maths and IT Skills

Boost your confidence and gain the knowledge and techniques you need to succeed with our **FREE** skills-improvement courses.

- Aged 19+**
- Not achieved a Level 2 qualification in English or maths
- Not achieved a Level 1 qualification in Digital Skills.

Advanced Learner Loan

If you aren't eligible for funding, don't worry, you could still study eligible Level 3 or higher courses with an Advanced Learner Loan.

There's nothing to pay upfront and you don't have to pay anything back until you're earning over £25,000 a year. Even then, you only pay back 9% of what you earn above this amount and after 40 years, your remaining loan is written off entirely.

What's more, if you apply for an Advanced Learner Loan to study an Access to Higher Education course, any remaining loan will be written off once you complete a higher education course.

Eligibility:

- Aged 19+ at the start of the course
- Be studying an eligible course at Level 3 or higher
- Be a UK resident (meeting Student Finance England nationality or residency status).

Find out more, visit www.gov.uk/advanced-learner-loan

GET IN TOUCH

Don't worry if you haven't studied in a while. With years of experience supporting adult learners, we're here to help you get back into the classroom. Contact our friendly team today.



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OPEN EVENTS

Gain personalised advice about our courses and the financial support available.

View upcoming events



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