



**DCG**

**DERBY COLLEGE GROUP**

**HIGHER  
EDUCATION  
COURSES  
FOR 2025-2026**



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# WELCOME TO DERBY COLLEGE GROUP



**If you're considering higher education, you're making a decision which will change your life. It's vital to research thoroughly and choose wisely. This prospectus is an excellent starting point.**

We believe that higher education is a sound investment in your future. Whether you want to gain an edge in the job market, enhance your promotion prospects or even chart a completely new career direction, Derby College Group (DCG) can help you achieve your ambitions.

Our aim is to remove barriers for advancement to higher education, to widen participation and to impact positively on your life chances and future earning potential.

Underpinned by robust links with employers and enterprising partnerships with universities, all our courses provide first-class, up-to-date content. You'll be taught by enthusiastic staff with vast experience in their fields.

You'll also benefit from flexible study options, including part-time routes to help you balance your studies with family or work commitments.

Do take the time to find out more: explore our website, join one of our open evenings and talk to our staff and students.

You'll discover how DCG can take your learning – and your achievements – to a whole new level.

# WHY CHOOSE DCG?

With demand for highly educated and skilled professionals growing across our city, county and region, DCG offers exciting progression routes which will boost your career plans.

## A broad choice of study options

From Honours Degrees and Foundation Degrees to Higher Apprenticeships and Teacher Training, DCG offers a growing portfolio of higher education programmes leading to nationally recognised qualifications. You'll gain high-level skills, knowledge, behaviours, attitudes and professional standards to transform your life chances.

## Impressive standards

As a college, we're regulated by the Office for Students (OfS) and on the approved register of HE providers. In the 2023 Teaching Excellence Framework exercise, we were awarded Gold for student outcomes, Silver for student experience – and Silver overall – by the OfS. We won praise for helping students advance to highly skilled employment or further study.



## Flexible learning pathways

We offer a range of part-time and work-based learning opportunities which make it easy for you to fit your studies around your home and work commitments. At the same time, employers find they can easily integrate our higher education courses into their long-term workforce development plans.





**“Overall, the student experience is excellent, life chances are enhanced, and satisfaction is above expectations. DCG offers opportunities in higher education that would not be otherwise available to some students.”**

*Office for Students*

### **Strong employer links**

Employers and key professional bodies have significant input into our courses. You'll keep in touch with the latest developments in your sector or profession and build invaluable networks of contacts. All our courses are designed to meet the skills priorities identified by employers, so you'll be well equipped to excel in different workplace scenarios.

### **University partnerships**

Our close collaborations with universities mean you can make a smooth transition to other degree courses and masters-level studies. Some of our Foundation and Honours Degrees are validated by and run in association with other institutions such as the University of Derby and Sheffield Hallam University.

**Sheffield  
Hallam  
University**

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**UNIVERSITY OF  
DERBY**

### **High-quality teaching**

Our experienced and enthusiastic teaching teams are devoted to your success. They constantly engage in scholarly activity to enhance their subject knowledge. They also arrange activities like employer-led challenges, industry visits, social action projects and talks by inspirational guest speakers to make your learning experience even more dynamic.



### **Improving your study skills**

You'll benefit from working with Higher Education Academic Coaches who offer confidential, personalised support to develop your scholarship skills. This includes attributes like critical thinking, problem-solving, analysis, reflection and evaluation as well as presentation skills.

### **Research opportunities**

Many of our degree-level courses include the chance to conduct research investigations into themes of your choosing. We also encourage you to share your findings by showcasing projects at local, regional and national conferences. It's an excellent way to prepare if you want to take your academic pursuits to even higher levels.

### **Excellent facilities**

Thanks to our award-winning campus regeneration programme, we've invested in first-rate equipment, resources and learning environments, including dedicated spaces for higher education. The new East Midlands Institute of Technology facilities have brought an exciting new dimension to our Roundhouse campus.

### **Outstanding careers advice**

We provide specialist guidance to help you decide on your next steps – whether you're considering university, looking for new job opportunities or want to embark on a career change. Our experienced Careers Team has been awarded the top accreditation under the national Career Mark scheme and holds the IAG matrix Standard.

## Enjoy campus life

Welcoming and friendly, we have a diverse but close-knit student community. Your social circles will expand as you meet like-minded higher education students. The Derby College Students' Union helps improve your DCG experience and champions the learner voice. Find out more: [www.dcsu.co.uk](http://www.dcsu.co.uk)

## Easy-to-reach campuses

DCG is closer than you think. You'll find that our colleges are all served by good public transport links: just check out the helpful map of transport routes on our website. DCG also provides its own FREE bus service at the start and end of the College day calling at various locations.

## Widening opportunities

We firmly believe that opportunity should be about where you're going to, not where you're from. We're dedicated to improving social mobility and providing the right level of support to boost your confidence and motivation – including programmes tailor-made for students who have been out of education for a while.

**“DCG is committed to providing a high-quality teaching and learning experience, aligned to student needs and characteristics and employer requirements, and extending opportunities for all students, irrespective of background.”**

*Office for Students*



# QUALIFICATIONS EXPLAINED

It's very important to choose a course that suits your individual needs, abilities and aspirations. Here is a brief guide to some of the study options available at DCG.

## Foundation and Honours Degrees

Supported, co-developed and co-delivered by employers, our Foundation Degrees combine technical and professional skills. With a Foundation Degree under your belt, you can often progress directly to the final stages of an Honours Degree – with DCG or at university – or to further professional qualifications. We offer degrees validated by and in partnership with the University of Derby and Sheffield Hallam University.

## Higher National Certificates (HNCs)

Employer-focused and vocational, HNCs place greater emphasis on practice rather than theory and offer an alternative route into higher education. They usually take two years of part-time study, although DCG's flexible approach means that other study routes are often available. A HNC sometimes enables you to enter the second year of a degree programme directly.

## Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs)

The new HTQs provide an alternative to degrees and apprenticeships. Independently approved against the knowledge, skills and behaviours that employers say they need, they are technical qualifications at Levels 4 and 5. Several courses in DCG's higher education portfolio have been endorsed as HTQs by the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education – see page 16 for more information and look out for the HTQ logo in our course guide.



## Higher and Degree Apprenticeships

You can achieve university-level qualifications via the 'earn-as-you-learn' route on an apprenticeship programme. Supported by your employer and DCG's expert teachers and assessors, you'll receive training up to degree level. A Higher or Degree Apprenticeship is a chance to fast-track your career and can also lead to professional qualifications: for example, engineers can take steps towards chartered status.

## Professional development programmes

Continuing with your professional development is crucial if you want to accelerate your progress up the career ladder. You may need to improve your management and leadership skills, advance your technical know-how, add impressive new qualifications to your CV or turn your talents to teaching. DCG offers a range of specialist programmes at Levels 4 to 6 for individuals keen to advance to more senior roles.

## Access to Higher Education

Access to Higher Education Diplomas provide you with a stepping stone to a higher level of study. They are ideal if you are considering a career change, want to return to study or feel you need a more gradual introduction to undergraduate education. They are available to anyone over the age of 19, irrespective of previous qualifications. DCG offers an Access programme in Animal Science.



## Are you a current student?

If you succeed in your Level 3 studies with DCG, we can now guarantee you direct progression to one of our higher education courses. Your place is secure as long as you achieve the relevant entry criteria and have a good attendance and performance record. It is also dependent on there being sufficient student numbers for the programme to run.



# HOW TO APPLY

Choosing a higher education course is one of the most significant decisions you'll ever make. We offer full support and guidance to ensure you select the right option.

## Talk to us

It's important to gather as much information as you can about the course you are considering, including the entry criteria. Then talk to us about your choice and future plans as early as possible. Ideally, speak to a member of the subject team at one of our information events.

## Submitting your application

Simply log onto our website at [www.derby-college.ac.uk](http://www.derby-college.ac.uk), select your course and fill in your application form online. You'll be invited for an interview where we'll tell you more about your programme and discuss your aptitude and motivation to study. You'll be notified of the outcome in writing.

## UCAS applications

The general DCG UCAS number is **D38**. You'll find the UCAS codes for individual courses on the relevant pages of this prospectus. A number of courses ask for UCAS tariff points, allowing you to see if your existing qualifications meet the entry requirements for a particular programme. For more information, including a points calculator, see the UCAS website: [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)

## Changes to GCSE grades

GCSE numeric grades – with 9 being the highest and 1 the lowest – are now introduced in England. The government recognises grade 4 and above as a 'standard' pass in all subjects, representing a similar achievement to the old grade C or above. For English and Maths GCSE, it also categorises a grade 5 or above as a 'strong' pass. Don't hesitate to contact us if you need to know more about entry requirements.

## No formal qualifications?

If you lack institutional qualifications, you may still be able to apply for certain programmes. You'll be interviewed and may be set an appropriate piece of work to help us make a judgement. We'll also take into account your academic potential and relevant experience.

If you have any queries about the application process, please contact us on **0800 028 0289**.

# OPEN EVENINGS 2025



## THE ROUNDHOUSE

### OPEN EVENINGS

At the events listed below, you'll find all the subject areas that are based at our Roundhouse site.

**THURSDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2025**

5.00pm - 7.00pm

Held during Apprenticeship Week - all apprenticeship areas represented

**THURSDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2025**

5.00pm - 7.00pm

**ADULT OPEN EVENING**

**THURSDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2025**

All sites represented

5.00pm - 7.00pm

**ALL SITES OPEN EVENING**

**THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2025**

5.00pm - 7.00pm

## JOSEPH WRIGHT CENTRE

### OPEN EVENINGS

At the events listed below, you'll find all the subject areas that are based at our Joseph Wright Centre site.

**WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2025**

5.00pm - 7.00pm

**WEDNESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2025**

5.00pm - 7.00pm

## BROOMFIELD HALL

### OPEN EVENINGS

At the events listed below, you'll find all the subject areas that are based at our Broomfield Hall site.

**WEDNESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2025**

5.00pm - 7.00pm

**WEDNESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2025**

5.00pm - 7.00pm

**SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2025**

9.00am - 12.00pm

All Broomfield Hall areas open day including Land-based, Sports, Public Services, Inclusion, and Childcare

**FOR UPDATES ON JOBS FAIRS, APPRENTICESHIP EVENTS AND MORE, CHECK OUT OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES.**

**TO GET THE FULL DETAILS OF THE EVENT, PLEASE PRE-REGISTER YOUR CONTACT DETAILS ONLINE.**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT [WWW.DERBY-COLLEGE.AC.UK/EVENTS](http://WWW.DERBY-COLLEGE.AC.UK/EVENTS) OR CALL 0800 028 0289**



# OUR FACILITIES

As one of the country's leading college groups, we offer all the first-rate facilities you would expect. You'll benefit from industry-standard equipment and latest technology amid a dynamic campus setting.

## The Roundhouse

### Technical and Professional Skills College

The Roundhouse on Pride Park is an iconic setting for vocational studies and is now home to a new hub for the East Midlands Institute of Technology (EMIoT). Higher level programmes taught here include those in subjects such as Business; Engineering; Health and Social Care; Professional Construction; and Teacher Training, Coaching and Mentoring.

## The Joseph Wright Centre

### Post-16 Academic and Arts College

The Joseph Wright Centre boasts exceptional resources for academic studies and advanced vocational programmes. Based in the city centre, it includes IT suites, modern science laboratories, a dance studio, a music basement and a games development suite. It is the current base for our higher education provision in Software Development.



## Broomfield Hall

### Land-based and Leisure College

Broomfield Hall, a working estate in the Derwent Valley, is the location for our land-based provision, including the Animal Science Access programme and higher level programmes in Animal Management; Equine Science; and Criminal Justice. The campus features impressive facilities, including a library/learning resources centre. With its sports hall and playing fields, it is also the base for our Sport Coaching, Performance and Education Foundation Degree.



### What will you need to bring with you?

Depending on your course, you might need to bring your own resources to aid your studies – it could be PPE or other specialist clothing, a laptop or tablet, a scientific calculator and technical drawing equipment, or general stationery. For some courses, you might also be expected to contribute towards the cost of trips and visits relevant to your subject. Further details are available on the web pages for each course.

# INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

**The East Midlands Institute of Technology has now opened its doors, with the aim of providing the region's businesses with the skills they need to grow the economy.**

DCG is playing a key role in an innovative partnership which will offer its students the very best in technical education.

The East Midlands Institute of Technology (IoT), specialising in engineering, digital, professional construction and leadership skills, has now welcomed its first students.

The IoT represents a pioneering collaboration between DCG, Loughborough College, Loughborough University and the University of Derby, offering everything from T Level and Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs) to degree and postgraduate education.

At DCG a new 1,100 square metre extension to the Stephenson Building on the main Roundhouse campus has been established to provide state-of-the-art facilities for IoT students. It caters mainly for the College's higher education students and apprentices working towards industry-informed and e-enabled Level 4 technical qualifications.

The East Midlands IoT enjoys major input from leading-name employers – including Rolls-Royce plc, Bloc Digital, Fujitsu, Alstom, National Grid/ESO, Uniper and Toyota – who are helping to shape the curriculum and extend opportunities for students to gain hands-on experience.

An important aim is to develop advanced skills for the digital and low carbon sectors. One latest development has seen the East Midlands Freeport invest more than £2m in building the talent needed by firms to promote clean energy and decarbonise industry. Its Future Energy Skills Hub (FESH) project is led by the IoT and courses such as DCG's Manufacturing Engineering degree will contribute to its objectives.

EAST MIDLANDS

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*“I’m doing this course because I have aspirations to become a Head of Engineering, or to take on a senior role such as Chief Operating Officer. I have more than ten years’ management experience but to get to that higher level I need a degree.”*

**Daniel Skates**, a European Railway Traffic Management System Project Engineer with DB Cargo UK rail freight, who is studying for a Foundation Degree in Integrated Engineering at DCG.

# INTRODUCING HIGHER TECHNICAL QUALIFICATIONS

**DCG is part of the drive to make higher technical education a prestigious and popular choice to get ahead in your career.**

Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs) provide you with a new route to career advancement, giving you extra choice and flexibility in how and where you study.

DCG is at the forefront of delivering HTQs as a high-quality vocational alternative to more traditional university degrees and apprenticeships.

HTQs are Level 4 and 5 qualifications that sit between Level 3 qualifications – such as A-levels or T Levels – and Honours Degrees. They can lead to high-skilled, highly paid jobs in a wide range of sectors, giving you a step up in your chosen career or providing a seamless transition to further study.

Including qualifications such as HNDs and Foundation Degrees, they have been independently approved against the knowledge, skills and behaviours employers say they need. They are therefore a trusted route for firms to ensure their workforce is equipped for the future.

DCG now offers various HTQs which have been endorsed by the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education. The portfolio includes HNCs and Foundation Degrees in subjects such as Engineering, Health and Social Care, Professional Construction and Software Development.

- Look out for the HTQ quality mark logo on relevant courses throughout this prospectus. It means you – and your employer – can be confident you'll gain the skills you need to excel.





# SUPPORTING YOUR STUDIES

Embarking on higher education study can sometimes be daunting – especially if you are returning to learning after a gap. We offer wide-ranging support to help you make the most of the opportunities ahead.

## Student Services

The experienced and friendly staff in Student Services are dedicated to your success. They'll give you initial guidance on the programme that is right for you. They can also refer you to other College support services related to issues such as financial hardship or mental health. Find out more: [www.derby-college.ac.uk/student-support](http://www.derby-college.ac.uk/student-support)

## Study skills

We can help you develop effective – and transferable – study skills which will stand you in good stead throughout your learning and your future career. These include critical thinking and reading, reflective practice, essay structure, grammar and punctuation, referencing, academic regulations, time management and much more.



## Academic Coaches

Our Higher Education Academic Coaches deliver support via one-to-one sessions or group work, covering vital areas such as research skills and how to avoid plagiarism. This can be especially useful for students new to higher education. Your Academic Coach will also help you put together a tailored action plan to achieve your goals.

## Library Services

Library Services are available at all our main campuses, offering study spaces, computers with Internet access, printing and photocopying resources. Studying at a higher level involves lots of research so you'll find a broad range of text books, reference materials, newspapers and magazines – both in print and electronic form. We offer inter-library loans on your behalf, a reservations service and a 'click and collect' service.



### **24/7 access to information**

You can use our online learning system, known as Moodle, and/or Microsoft Teams on a 24/7 basis. They give you access to programme materials such as hand-outs, presentations and online forums.

We have dedicated Moodle/Teams pages for study support resources. In addition, you can book one-to-one study support tutorials.





## A dedicated student hub

We also provide a dedicated Higher Education 360° Student Hub. Here you can access careers and employability advice, study skills guidance, student voice opportunities and bursary/hardship applications.

## Learning support

We're an inclusive education provider and a support team is available at all College sites. They work both in and out of classrooms and during exams, providing technology, equipment, modifications and much more. If you have dyslexia, autism, ADHD or any other specific needs, please provide as much detail as possible. The team will be in touch to find out about the methods of support that suit you best. Call: **0800 028 0289**





### **Careers guidance**

Whatever your future plans, our Careers Team provides impartial advice and guidance to help you take full advantage of your skills, knowledge, learning and opportunities. If you're thinking about moving on to university, it can help with UCAS applications and information on university taster days and workshops.

### **Little Explorers Nursery**

Our unique forest school nursery, focused on the outdoor learning environment, is set in the picturesque grounds of Broomfield Hall and provides excellent care for children, along with clubs for older children in the school holidays. It is rated 'outstanding' by Ofsted inspectors. Find out more: [littleforestexplorers.co.uk](http://littleforestexplorers.co.uk) or call **01332 836620**.

### **Residential accommodation**

If you're enrolling on a programme where the qualification is awarded by the University of Derby, you may have access to the University's own accommodation. We advise you to get in touch with the University of Derby's accommodation office. Find out more: [www.derby.ac.uk/life/accommodation](http://www.derby.ac.uk/life/accommodation) or call **01332 594111**.

# MONEY MATTERS

Choosing to study a higher education course is a real investment in your future, leading to better career prospects and greater earning potential. We'll provide all the advice and support you need to overcome any financial concerns you may have.

## An affordable option

Higher education fees with Derby College Group are competitive and studying locally also means you won't face significant accommodation and transport costs. You can pay for your course through:

- a direct payment to us
- sponsorship from an employer
- a student loan

## Student loans

The Student Loans Company administers financial support for higher education. If you apply for a loan:

- you don't have to pay fees up front
- you don't need to pay back anything until after you have completed your programme and are earning over a certain amount per year
- you won't pay anything back at all if you never reach that salary level

Depending on your household income, you may also be eligible for a maintenance loan to cover your living costs.

## Applying for a loan

If you apply for a loan, you'll need to complete an online form each year you study. Your tuition fee will automatically be paid to us. It makes sense to apply for student finance as early as possible. You can do so as soon as finance applications are open and you've accepted an offer – you don't have to wait until you've achieved all your entry grades.

Find out more: [www.gov.uk/student-finance/overview](http://www.gov.uk/student-finance/overview)



## Disabled Students' Allowance

You can apply for the Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA) if you have a disability (as defined under the Equality Act 2010), long-term health condition, mental health condition or specific learning difficulty such as dyslexia. The support depends on your individual needs and not on your income.

The DSA pays for extra support, which could be help with study skills – such as dedicated support for dyslexia or for specialist equipment such as electronic note-taking software.

Find out more:

[www.gov.uk/disabled-students-allowances-dsas](http://www.gov.uk/disabled-students-allowances-dsas)

## Advanced Learner Loan

You could also qualify for a loan if you're taking other programmes at Level 3 or above, including our Access to Higher Education Diploma. The Advanced Learner Loan provides a financial support package similar to that available to university undergraduates. You can access a loan from the Student Loans Company which you only need to repay once you have completed your studies and when your earnings reach a certain point. Your household income and employment status are not taken into account and there are no credit checks.

Find out more: [www.gov.uk/advanced-learner-loan](http://www.gov.uk/advanced-learner-loan)

Advanced Learner Loan



## Find out more about financing your course

Contact Student Services on 0800 028 0289

Email: [enquiries@derby-college.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@derby-college.ac.uk)

Web: [www.derby-college.ac.uk](http://www.derby-college.ac.uk)

# ANIMAL MANAGEMENT

Domestic, farm, zoo and wild animals ... they all need the attention and care of highly skilled and dedicated professionals. If you have a real passion for working with animals, DCG's specialist higher education courses will help you excel in a career which is truly worthwhile.



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The Foundation Degree Animal Management (FdSc); Foundation Degree Animal Management (Zoo and Wildlife) (FdSc); BSc (Hons) Animal Management (Top Up); and BSc (Hons) Animal Management (Zoo and Wildlife) (Top Up) are delivered in partnership with and awarded by the University of Derby. Students will receive a University of Derby Certificate and will have the opportunity to join the University's Alumni Network on completion of their programme.



## Why choose DCG?

- **A real-world setting:** where better to learn than at Broomfield Hall, our working estate with a broad range of animals, exotic species and rare breeds? You'll build hands-on skills in our superb Animal Unit and well-equipped labs.
- **Expert knowledge:** our enthusiastic teaching team offers the latest industry knowledge in areas ranging from domestic animal welfare to zoo keeping and wildlife management. They're often joined by specialist guest speakers.
- **The choice is yours:** our Foundation and Honours Degrees give you the opportunity to study a broad-based Animal Management curriculum or to specialise in Zoo and Wildlife Management.
- **Clear progression routes:** you don't have to leave DCG to take your studies to the next level. If you succeed on your Foundation Degree, you can top up your qualification by completing the BSc (Hons) degree with us.
- **Courses tailored to you:** our Foundation and Honours degrees include part-time as well as full-time options so that you can fit your studies around your other commitments.



- **Returning to study:** our new Access to Higher Education Diploma in Animal Science is a smart move if you have been out of education for a while or lack traditional qualifications.
- **Industry links:** we've forged exciting partnerships with employers. Our association with Drayton Manor Zoo, for instance, offers valuable work experience alongside established zoo keepers.
- **A rich learning experience:** field trips, industry visits and work placements will help you translate theory into practice.
- **Focus on research:** you'll get involved in novel research projects and may even have the chance to present your findings at the Higher Education Inter-College Challenge.
- **Career opportunities:** we'll give you expert advice on the wide choice of occupations available in what is a thriving and varied sector.

## Access to Higher Education Diploma: Animal Science

Level 3

Number of years: 1

Location: **Broomfield Hall**

**Our Access course is the perfect stepping stone to higher education for animal enthusiasts of all ages and backgrounds.**

This new Access course enables you to ease yourself back into studying and build your confidence – all in a friendly and supportive environment. Ideal if you are seeking a career change or want to secure a more senior animal care role, it helps you progress to a Foundation Degree, job or apprenticeship in animal science.

With its strong vocational focus, the Diploma covers both theory and practice in areas including animal evolution, biodiversity, mammalian reproduction, aquatic husbandry and research skills, plus 100 hours of work experience.

Throughout you'll enhance your study skills so that you can advance to the next level of learning such as one of our acclaimed Foundation Degrees. If you've not already achieved GCSE English and Maths at grades C/4 or above – or Functional Skills at Level 2 – this will form part of your study programme.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- GCSE English and Maths at grade 3/D or Level 1 Functional Skills.
- A strong interest in animal/equine management or environmental conservation.
- A minimum of two weeks in a relevant work placement.



## Foundation Degree Animal Management (FdSc)

Level 5

Number of years: **2 (full time) or 4 (part time)**

Location: **Broomfield Hall**

UCAS code: **D300**

**You can gain a solid introduction to all aspects of animal management – with this inspiring Foundation Degree.**

This Foundation Degree equips you with the right aptitude and attitude to work within the animal management sector. You'll develop your hands-on skills and theoretical knowledge through a fascinating range of academic study, practical classes and industrial visits.

The course comprises 12 modules reflecting the diverse nature of animal management, from anatomy and physiology to health and welfare, exotic mammals to animal breeding programmes, domestic and captive animals to research methods and scientific communication. It also includes work-based learning equivalent to one day per week and we can support you to find an appropriate placement.

Your Foundation Degree qualification will pave the way for you to pursue a new career – or advance an existing career – in a wide variety of animal management fields. It also provides an ideal platform to top up your qualification to an Honours Degree covering subjects such as human-animal interactions, animal training, animal welfare science and business enterprise.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- 64 UCAS points in a relevant subject area.
- Four GCSEs at grades 9-4 (A\*-C) – or the equivalent – to include English, Maths and a Science.



Part-time option also available.

**“The Access course is great if you feel you need extra support before starting university. I enjoy being outdoors and I like the freedom studying at Broomfield brings.”**

*Celine Frosthagen, who has now progressed to the Animal Management (Zoo and Wildlife) Foundation Degree (FdSc).*



# Foundation Degree Animal Management (Zoo and Wildlife) (FdSc)

Level 5

Number of years: **2 (full time) or 4 (part time)**

Location: **Broomfield Hall**

UCAS code: **D300**

**Keen to specialise in areas such as zoo management or wildlife conservation? This exciting Foundation Degree gives you the chance.**

If you want to work within the zoo and wildlife conservation sector, our specialist Foundation Degree will help you build the practical skills and up-to-date knowledge you need.

Including topics such as zoo biology, ecology and biodiversity, and captive breeding for species conservation, the course combines academic study, hands-on classes, industrial visits and opportunities to take part in national and international trips. You'll also undertake work-based learning equivalent to one day per week and we can support you to find an appropriate placement.

You'll graduate with excellent practical skills and the necessary industrial experience with a wide variety of animal species. You could top up your qualification to complete an Honours Degree at DCG specialising in diverse subjects such as anthrozoology and wild animal veterinary science. In addition, you could consider zoo management training courses or setting up a zoological or educational business enterprise.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- 64 UCAS points in a relevant subject area.
- Four GCSEs at grades 9-4 (A\*-C) – or the equivalent – to include English, Maths and a Science.



Part-time option also available.



## BSc (Hons) Animal Management (Top Up)

Level 6

Number of years: **1 (full time) or 2 (part time)**

Location: **Broomfield Hall**

UCAS code: **D328**

**Take your ambitions in animal management to the next level by topping up your existing qualifications to achieve an Honours Degree.**

By gaining a BSc (Hons) qualification, you can open doors to an even more fulfilling future in this hugely varied sector. Our top-up degree is ideal for building on the skills and knowledge you've developed during your HND or Foundation Degree.

The course features five modules covering topics such as animal welfare science, animal training, animal law and ethics, and how to run a successful animal-related business.

You'll also conduct independent research, pursuing a dissertation project on a theme of your choice and you'll have the chance to develop a business proposal if you're planning to launch your own enterprise.

On graduating, you'll be in a prime position to pursue a new career, consider self-employment or progress in your existing role in a broad range of animal management fields. You'll also have an ideal platform to study Masters-level courses specialising in subjects such as conservation, animal management or animal behaviour.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- A Merit grade (2:2) or higher from a Foundation Degree or HND in a relevant subject.
- Four GCSEs at grades 9-4 (A\*-C) – or the equivalent – to include English, Maths and a Science.



Part-time option also available.

## BSc (Hons) Animal Management (Zoo and Wildlife) (Top Up)

Level 6

Number of years: **1 (full time) and 2 (part time)**

Location: **Broomfield Hall**

UCAS code: **D3280**

**With this BSc (Hons) under your belt, you'll be in an excellent position for career advancement in the field of zoo and wildlife management.**

The zoo and wildlife sectors of the animal management industry are developing rapidly, with many exciting openings for dynamic and dedicated professionals. With this Honours Degree, you could advance to senior posts more rapidly, take your career in new directions or consider self-employment.

An excellent opportunity to top up your existing HND or Foundation Degree qualification, this course will help you develop further practical skills and relevant industrial experience with a wide variety of animal species and in areas such as wild animal veterinary sciences.

You'll also have the chance to complete an in-depth investigation into a topic which reflects your ambitions and interests and to look into the options to set up a business enterprise in future.

When you graduate, your BSc (Hons) qualification will act as a potential springboard to Masters-level programmes covering conservation, anthrozoology and animal behaviour, among many other subjects.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- A Merit grade (2:2) or higher from a Foundation Degree or HND in a relevant subject.
- Four GCSEs at grades 9-4 (A\*-C) – or the equivalent – to include English, Maths and a Science.



Part-time option also available.

# ENGINEERING

From a campus which played a key role in industrial history, DCG fosters the engineering pioneers of tomorrow. Underpinned by academic rigour and strong employer partnerships, our higher education opportunities will power up your career.



**Sheffield  
Hallam  
University**





## Why choose DCG?

- **Great timing:** you'll be advancing your career in a growing industry where demand for high performing engineers has never been higher.
- **Employer partnerships:** DCG has close links with world-leading employers such as Rolls-Royce plc and their high-quality supply chains. These important alliances enrich our courses.
- **On track for success:** with Derby becoming home to the Great British Railways HQ, the city's profile as the setting for Europe's largest rail cluster brings exciting opportunities for our Engineering students.
- **Flexibility and convenience:** our study options include day-release and part-time routes so you can balance your learning with work commitments.
- **University approval:** our portfolio features Foundation and BEng (Honours) Degrees validated by Sheffield Hallam University which will help put you on the path to Chartered status.
- **Next-level apprenticeships:** we support Higher and Degree Apprenticeships, ideal if you want to combine on-the-job learning with supported studies at College.

- **The HTQ advantage:** our HNCs have been approved as Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs) which shows that they meet employer-set standards. A HTQ adds substance to your CV.
- **Staff expertise:** our lecturers boast wide-ranging experience and you'll enjoy guest lectures from industry leaders, professional bodies and visiting academics. There's a full development programme to improve your academic writing, verbal presentations and analysis too.
- **A comprehensive skillset:** alongside essential theory, you'll gain hands-on skills by solving technical problems aligned with real-world industrial scenarios. You'll also build transferable skills like communication, teamwork and research.
- **An iconic setting:** our award-winning Roundhouse campus is packed with industry-standard equipment – from rapid prototyping to robotics, CAD to electronics. Centred on the world's first railway roundhouse, the campus now features a new hub for the East Midlands Institute of Technology.



## Foundation Degree Integrated Engineering (FdEng)

Level 5

Number of years: 2

Location: **The Roundhouse**

UCAS code: **H110**

**This course covers general engineering science and mathematics while allowing you to specialise in a particular branch of engineering.**

The FdEng is designed with input from local employers who expect their engineering technicians to have specialist knowledge combined with an appreciation of the challenges across the various engineering disciplines. Generally offered on a day-release basis for those in junior engineering roles, it is an ideal stepping stone from Level 3 courses.

Upon completing your studies, you could progress to the top-up BEng programme to gain the full Honours Degree. The qualification will also further your career in such areas as developing manufacturing process plant, designing and building mechanical or electrical components, modelling complex engineering systems or creating process improvement systems.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least one of the following:

- The equivalent of one A-level pass in a relevant scientific/technology subject.
- A Level 3 qualification in a science or technology-based subject, preferably including further maths.
- A pass in a suitable science/technology-based Foundation or Access programme containing an appropriate level of maths.

You also need GCSE English and Maths grade 9-4 (A\*-C).

Direct entry to the second year of the FdEng is available for anyone with a Merit grade or above in a relevant HNC.



## BEng (Hons) Engineering (Top Up)

Level 6

Number of years: 1

Location: **The Roundhouse**

UCAS code: **H110**

**Complete your journey to a full BEng (Hons) qualification – with this well-regarded top-up programme.**

Offering pathways to BEng (Hons) degrees in Electrical, Manufacturing or Mechanical Engineering, this programme enables you to 'top up' a relevant Level 5 qualification.

It aims to develop engineers who have strong academic and problem-solving skills in combination with work-based vocational skills. It partly meets the academic requirement for registration as an Incorporated Engineer.

Achievement of the BEng (Hons) will ensure your CV stands out. You'll be well placed to advance to senior roles which involve the development and maintenance of manufacturing process plant, the design and build of mechanical or electrical components, or the modelling of complex engineering systems to deliver improved systems.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You'll need to be employed and have permission from your employer to undertake this programme. You also need one of the following:

- The FdEng Integrated Engineering from Sheffield Hallam University or a Foundation Degree from another university in a relevant field.
- A HND in an engineering field at Merit level.

You also need GCSE English and Maths grade 9-4 (A\*-C).





**“University wasn’t for me as I wouldn’t want to be in education full time. This way I’m learning on the job and gaining practical experience as well as studying for a degree – and I’m getting paid!”**

*Luke Payne, who became the first-ever manufacturing engineering degree apprentice at Collis Engineering. Luke, who originally completed a Level 3 Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering qualification at DCG, now works as a planning assistant for the firm and is studying towards his degree on day release at the Roundhouse.*



## Higher National Certificate (HNC) in Electrical and Electronic or Mechanical Engineering (HTQ)

Level 4

Number of years: 2

Location: **The Roundhouse**

**Set yourself apart as a well-qualified, versatile engineer – by taking one of our part-time HNCs which focus on professional and technical skills.**

Offering an advanced work-related curriculum, our HNCs – now approved as Higher Technical Qualifications – equip you with the industry-relevant skills in great demand by employers today.

You can choose to focus on either Electrical and Electronic or Mechanical Engineering and to study modules as standalone options or as part of a Higher Apprenticeship.

Units common to both HNCs cover Engineering Design; Engineering Maths; Production Engineering for Manufacture; Managing a Professional Engineering Project; and Quality and Process Improvement. Specialist modules are then available depending on your chosen pathway.

The course develops and strengthens your core skills while preparing you to study more specialist subjects at Level 5 or to enter employment with the right qualities for job roles that demand some personal responsibility.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least one of the following:

- A Level 3 qualification in Engineering or a related field with an overall grade equivalent of Merit.
- Three A-levels in relevant subjects.
- Full-time work/industrial experience of five years. (If not supported by qualifications like GCSEs, you must evidence Level 2 proficiency in Maths and English.)



## Higher Apprenticeship – Engineering Manufacturing Technician

Level 4

Number of years: 3

Location: **Workplace and The Roundhouse**

**Manufacturing technicians play a key role in bringing new products to life. This programme helps you perform that role effectively.**

Leading to a HNC in Engineering, our Higher Apprenticeship builds your capacity to provide specialist technical support for engineers, helping your organisation to meet customer needs in terms of quality, cost and delivery.

Studying on a day-release basis at DCG, you'll become proactive in problem solving and identifying areas for improving business operations.

You'll complete core modules in Engineering Design, Science and Maths, together with a module which entails managing a professional engineering project. You'll also take four optional modules in subjects ranging from Mechatronics to Manufacturing Systems Engineering.

As a vocational qualification, the HNC equips you for rapid career progression in a variety of roles. The level of independent research and critical thinking you undertake also prepares you for further study at Level 5 or degree level.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You should be employed for 30+ hours per week in a relevant job role. While individual employers set their own criteria, you should typically have five GCSEs at grade 4/5 (C) or above, including Mathematics, English and a Science, Technology or Engineering-related subject, or 90+ credits in an Engineering BTEC at Level 3. There is an advisory GCSE level of grade 5/6 (B) for Mathematics.



## Higher Apprenticeship – Lead Engineering Maintenance Technician

Level 4

Number of years: 2

Location: **Workplace and The Roundhouse**

**Our Higher Apprenticeship is ideal if you want to advance to more senior multi-disciplinary roles in the engineering and manufacturing sector.**

This apprenticeship provides a comprehensive skill set for a career in engineering maintenance in industries including maritime, automotive, energy and general engineering maintenance.

Attending College on a day-release basis to complete a Higher Technical Qualification (HTQ), you'll cover wide-ranging themes including safety measures, technical analysis, maintenance planning, leadership, inspection activities, stakeholder liaison, problem-solving, documentation and process improvement.

Completing this programme equips you to offer engineering support, leadership and expertise; handle complex technical issues; provide customer liaison; and ensure work is completed to the required quality and safety standards.

You could also take your studies further to achieve specialist engineering qualifications at Level 6.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- GCSEs in Maths, English and Science at grades 4-9 (C or above) or Level 2 Maths and English Functional Skills.
- A Level 3 knowledge qualification, such as a BTEC, in Engineering which must include Maths.



## Degree Apprenticeship –

- Electrical and Electronic Technical Support Engineer
- Manufacturing Engineer
- Product Design and Development Engineer

Level 6

Number of years: 3

Location: **Workplace and The Roundhouse**

**Gain an Honours Degree in a specialist area of engineering – an important milestone on the way towards becoming a Chartered Engineer.**

This Degree Apprenticeship includes specialist routes for electrical and electronic engineers, manufacturing engineers and product design and development engineers. You'll initially study the Foundation Degree for two years followed by the BEng for one year on a day-release basis at College. On completion, you can further your career as a professional engineering project manager, product design manager or manufacturing engineer.

The apprenticeship has been designed to meet the professional standards of the Engineering Council for initial registration as an Engineering Technician (EngTech) – a platform for further professional development to reach Chartered Engineer status. You could also advance to Masters-level study at university.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

An application for a Degree Apprenticeship is normally made in conjunction with your employer. You should be employed for 30+ hours a week in a relevant job role. Students typically have:

- Five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, including Mathematics, English and a Science, Technology or Engineering-related subject.
- A-levels at grade C or above in both a Mathematical-based subject and a Science, Technology, Engineering or additional Mathematics-related subject, or 90+ credits in an Engineering BTEC.



# EQUINE SCIENCE

DCG will help you progress as a highly skilled, dedicated equine professional. Our higher education provision in Equine Science prepares the way for you to achieve your ambitions and take your career in exciting new directions.



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The Foundation Degree Equine Science (FdSc) and BSc (Hons) Equine Science (Top Up) are delivered in partnership with and awarded by the University of Derby. Students will receive a University of Derby Certificate and will have the opportunity to join the University's Alumni Network on completion of their programme.



## Why choose DCG?

- **The ideal setting:** the Broomfield Hall equestrian centre includes 40 stables, an outdoor school, a horsewalker, a cross country schooling field and an indoor school that meets British Show Jumping standards.
- **A foundation for success:** our popular Equine Science Foundation Degree is an excellent platform for students to boost their job prospects, secure more senior roles or advance to further studies.
- **Aim even higher:** our portfolio also includes a BSc (Hons) top-up programme so you can gain a full Honours Degree with one extra year of full-time study or two years of part-time study.
- **Routes to suit you:** our specialist pathways, including riding and non-riding options, give you plenty of choice and flexibility.
- **Inspiring teaching:** our lecturers have vast industry experience and are passionate about helping you succeed personally and professionally. Small class sizes mean you'll enjoy lots of one-to-one attention.
- **A great learning experience:** you'll broaden your knowledge through engaging lectures, talks by guest speakers, practical laboratory sessions, work-based learning and exciting field trips.



- **Add to your CV:** alongside your studies, you'll have the chance to achieve British Horse Society (BHS) qualifications.
- **Enrich your studies:** you could go behind-the-scenes at major horse trials, take part in charity fundraising, and compete in dressage and show jumping events.
- **Conduct research:** you'll undertake independent studies into topics of your choosing and could even join national student conferences to present your findings.
- **A vibrant campus:** an approved BHS riding establishment, our equestrian centre is a commercial as well as educational training yard and runs competitions, training clinics and short courses. There's always something happening at Broomfield Hall.



## Foundation Degree Equine Science (Rehabilitation and Performance or Riding and Coaching) (FdSc)

Level 5

Number of years: **2 (full time) or 4 (part time)**

Location: **Broomfield Hall**

UCAS code: **D422**

**This course provides an excellent route into more senior roles in the equine industry and enhances your professional credibility.**

Our Foundation Degree combines academic knowledge with relevant vocational skills and competencies. You can focus on Rehabilitation and Performance or Riding and Coaching.

You'll gain an understanding of the latest equine scientific developments and learn how to apply that knowledge in the practical environment. You'll also explore event management and marketing techniques, including social media strategies, to promote entrepreneurship and business growth within the sector.

The programme equips you with excellent practical skills and industry experience. You'll be well prepared to advance your career in various equestrian businesses. You could also top up your qualification to achieve a full Honours Degree.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

One of the following:

- 64 UCAS points – from either an Extended Diploma or National Diploma in Equine Management.
- At least two A-levels or AS-levels in science subjects or a Level 3 GNVQ/NVQ in an equine-related subject.
- Relevant and comprehensive industry experience.

You'll also need four GCSEs at grades 9-4 (A\*-C), or the equivalent, to include English, Maths and Science.

If you choose a riding option, you'll have a riding assessment before the programme starts.



Part-time option also available.

## BSc (Hons) Equine Science (Biomechanics and Performance or Riding and Coaching) (Top Up)

Level 6

Number of years: **1 (full time) or 2 (part time)**

Location: **Broomfield Hall**

UCAS code: **D424**

**Centred on your employability, our BSc (Hons) enables you to top up a relevant Level 5 qualification to a full Honours Degree.**

With a choice of pathways to suit your ambitions, this top-up degree delivers the ideal progression opportunity for students who have completed a relevant Level 5 qualification.

Core modules include Equine Exercise Physiology, Developments in Equine Science and an Independent Research Project and you will then take further modules in either Training and Developing Horses or Equine Biomechanics and Performance. Both riding and non-riding options are available.

On graduating, you'll have significant industry experience and key employability skills to add to your CV. You can progress to careers such as running a yard, teaching and coaching, or training and developing horses.

You can also consider roles in sales and marketing, product development and business management within the equestrian sector. In addition, you'll be well placed to proceed to a Masters qualification.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need:

- A qualification at Level 5 in a relevant subject.
- Four GCSEs at grades 9-4 (A\*-C), or the equivalent, to include English, Maths and Science.

If you choose a riding option, you'll have a riding assessment before the programme starts.



Part-time option also available.



# HEALTH, SOCIAL CARE AND CHILDCARE

Whether you're looking to build your leadership skills, specialise in new areas or boost your prospects through a higher level qualification, Derby College Group can help advance your career in the health, social care and childcare sectors.



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Hallam  
University**



Health and  
Social Care



Childcare



## Why choose DCG?

- **A foundation for success:** our new Foundation Degree, delivered in partnership with Sheffield Hallam University, is a great way to take your professional skills and knowledge to the next level. It is approved as a Higher Technical Qualification (HTQ) which means it reflects the needs and expectations of employers.
- **Apprenticeship opportunities:** we support high-quality apprenticeships for adult care, residential childcare and practitioners who work with families in the community. They are an ideal 'earn-as-you-learn' route for professionals already working in these sectors to advance to more senior roles and gain the mandatory qualifications they need for certain management positions.
- **Invaluable contacts:** we have strong partnerships with key employers such as local authorities, hospitals, care homes, residential childcare establishments, GP practices and other relevant organisations. We liaise closely with these stakeholders on a wide range of projects designed to respond to the current recruitment and retention crisis within health and social care.



- **Learn from the experts:** our enthusiastic teaching team will inspire you with their vast experience of health, social care and childcare settings. They can also arrange fascinating activities to enrich your learning, including visits, career talks, guest lectures, social action projects and community volunteering.
- **Keep pace with change:** we cover all the latest policy initiatives, modern practices and regulations on issues such as safeguarding so that you can play your part in improving quality standards.



## Foundation Degree: Assistant Practitioner in Health and Social Care (HTQ)

Level 5

Number of years: 2

Location: **The Roundhouse**

**Fast-track your progress into a fulfilling health and social care career with this inspiring course validated by Sheffield Hallam University.**

Our Foundation Degree is a work-based learning programme leading to sustainable success in health and social care careers.

Approved as a Higher Technical Qualification (HTQ), it represents an ideal progression route for students who have just completed a Level 3 qualification and a career advancement opportunity for those currently working within the industry.

The course combines academic studies with a minimum of 400 hours of industry-based work experience across the two years. Units cover everything from person-centred care to promoting health, wellbeing and independence.

The Foundation Degree supports students who want to enter health and social care positions directly as well as those keen to apply for university degrees across the allied professions. Opportunities may also include direct entry to the second year of Sheffield Hallam University degree programmes in subjects such as Nursing, Radiography, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Paramedic Practice and Social Work.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

One of the following:

- A relevant Level 3 qualification plus Maths and English GCSE graded 4 or above.
- Relevant work experience plus Maths and English GCSE graded 4 or above.

You also need an Enhanced DBS.



## Higher Apprenticeship: Children, Young People and Families Practitioner

Level 4

Number of years: 2

Location: **Workplace**

**Covering everything from child development to safeguarding, this apprenticeship will enhance your career potential in a rewarding field of work.**

The programme is designed for professionals working in settings such as a children's home, residential special school or secure children's establishment. It is also suitable for practitioners in the community.

There are two specialist pathways – Practitioner in Children's Residential Care and Children, Young People and Families Practitioner within the Community – and you'll learn in your workplace with 1-1 support from your DCG assessor. You'll also be expected to undertake independent learning.

You'll explore wide-ranging issues including risk factors such as domestic violence, neglect, abuse and online activity. You'll also gain a solid understanding of current processes and legislation to safeguard young people. On completion of the programme, you could consider further studies at Level 5, depending on your job role.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need:

- To be working in a residential or community environment with young people.
- A DBS which is checked and confirmed.
- GCSEs graded 4 in Maths and English or above.



## Higher Apprenticeship: Leadership and Management in Residential Childcare

Level 5

Number of years: **2**

Location: **Workplace**

**This apprenticeship will pave the way for you to advance your career to more senior levels in residential childcare.**

The programme leads to an important qualification which is mandatory for managers in a residential young people's environment. It enables you to understand, demonstrate and develop the skills and knowledge needed in the leadership and management of practice in children's and young people's services.

As well as developing core competencies, you'll take a number of optional specialist units. These can be combined in flexible ways to reflect your own working context, interests and ambitions. Throughout, you'll receive 1-1 support from your DCG assessor as you build your practical experience in the workplace.

After completing your apprenticeship programme, you could progress to higher management roles or degree-level studies.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need:

- To be working as a manager in a residential young people's environment.
- GCSEs graded 4 or above.



## Higher Apprenticeship: Leader in Adult Care

Level 5

Number of years: **2**

Location: **Workplace**

**Ideal for anyone seeking progression in a management role within a care home, this apprenticeship is a flexible route to success.**

Our workplace-based programme provides you with the skills and knowledge to manage practice and lead others in adult health and social care provision or in children's and young people's services.

It covers a range of topics related to health and social care leadership such as statutory frameworks, codes of practice, and the systems and processes needed to ensure compliance with regulations. The course demands a degree of independent study.

You'll learn in the workplace with support from your employer and a DCG assessor. When you complete your studies, you'll be well prepared to advance to higher management positions.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need:

- To be working in a managerial role.
- GCSEs graded 4 or above.
- A DBS check.



# IT, DIGITAL SKILLS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

Take your place at the cutting edge of an industry which is constantly reaching new frontiers. If you aspire to a top career in the digital economy, DCG can help you build the advanced software development skills you need.



In partnership with



The Foundation Degree Software Development (FdSc) is delivered in partnership with and awarded by the University of Derby. Students will receive a University of Derby Certificate and will have the opportunity to join the University's Alumni Network on completion of their programme.



## Why choose DCG?

- **Future-proof your career:** our new Foundation Degree will help you become a versatile software development professional, capable of making a real difference to an organisation's efficiency and impact.
- **Real-world technical skills:** your learning will be based on workplace scenarios that reflect the rapidly changing digital age.
- **Boost your credibility:** the programme is validated by the University of Derby and approved as a Higher Technical Qualification (HTQ) because of the way it's closely aligned to employer expectations.
- **Experience and expertise:** our lecturers have enjoyed successful careers within the digital and IT sector so their teaching is always up to date and relevant.
- **Employer engagement:** there's the chance to interact with the leaders of regional computing companies.
- **Broaden your horizons:** inspiring industry visits are usually part of your programme. As a University of Derby affiliate, you can also access events and activities offered to higher education students there.



## Foundation Degree Software Development (FdSc) (HTQ)

Level 5

Number of years: 2

Location: **The Joseph Wright Centre**

UCAS code: **F200**



**This dynamic Foundation Degree is a smart choice for anyone interested in exploring all aspects of software design and advancing their career in the fast-moving digital sector.**

With opportunities for a relevant work placement or meaningful employer engagement each academic year, our FdSc has been quality marked as a Higher Technical Qualification (HTQ). This indicates that it meets employer-led occupational standards – so you can be confident you'll be equipped with industry-relevant skills for the workplace or higher levels of education.

You'll gain a strong knowledge base in areas such as programming, computational maths, data management, scripting and web technologies, software engineering, IT product design and legal and ethical issues in computing. You'll also complete work-based and team projects to broaden your understanding of how the industry operates.

The Foundation Degree provides a solid platform for you to progress to employment as a software developer or to undertake further study and top up your qualification to achieve an Honours Degree.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need one of the following:

- 48 UCAS points, with at least 32 preferably coming from a related subject (e.g. ICT or Computer Sciences).
- An Access to HE qualification.



# PROFESSIONAL CONSTRUCTION

In an era of dramatic change for the UK construction industry, well-qualified, forward-thinking and dynamic managers are in demand like never before. Let DCG put you on the path to more senior professional roles.



## Why choose DCG?

- **Unlimited potential:** you'll be advancing your career in a fast-paced global industry worth £90 billion annually to the UK economy.
- **A wide choice:** whether your ambitions lie in architectural technology, building services engineering, modern construction methods, construction management, site supervision or quantity surveying, we have a course to suit you.
- **Flexible options:** you can study our HNCs as standalone qualifications or as part of one of the Higher Apprenticeships offered at DCG.
- **Join the HTQ revolution:** we offer HNCs which have been approved as Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs) which means they reflect employers' expectations and standards.
- **Boost your credibility:** your studies will match the requirements of recognised professional bodies. Your HNC could help you meet educational requirements for Technician status or the equivalent.
- **Highly transferable skills:** you'll have the chance to respond to client briefs and undertake practical group projects. You'll also build research, communication and problem-solving skills.



- **An exceptional learning experience:** you'll benefit from expert teaching by industry-experienced professionals in the state-of-the-art classrooms and collaborative workspaces of our new East Midlands Institute of Technology hub.
- **Employer partnerships:** our courses are co-designed and co-delivered with employers so that your learning has real-world relevance and matches latest industry advances. There are guest lectures from industry specialists, professional bodies and visiting academics too.
- **Latest updates:** you'll have access to the Construction Information Service (CIS) online tool covering current regulations, construction standards, technical advice and industry news.
- **At the cutting edge:** you'll be part of the country's Net Zero strategy, implementing low-carbon, sustainable construction projects in efficient and cost-effective ways.



## HNC in Architectural Technology for England (HTQ)

Level 4

Number of years: 2

Location: **The Roundhouse**

**This programme helps you perform key architectural technology tasks, understand processes and operations, and work effectively.**

This HNC is aimed at professionals working at a junior level as construction design and build technicians, architectural technologists, housing design technicians, BIM technicians or digital design technicians. It can be studied as a standalone qualification or as part of the Level 4 Higher Apprenticeship for Design and Build Technicians.

Approved as a Higher Technical Qualification (HTQ), the programme will help you step up to more senior roles that require greater responsibility. You'll gain a broad introduction to construction and different architectural technology functions, including issues such as BIM and the principles of refurbishment.

You'll also be well prepared to study specialist subjects at Level 5. You could progress to a HND or to a BSc (Hons) in Architectural Technology, Construction Technology or Architectural Technology and Design, drawing on the broad knowledge base you've gained from this course.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least one of the following:

- A Level 3 qualification in a relevant field with an overall grade equivalent of Merit.
- Relevant full-time work/industrial experience of five years, plus a minimum proficiency in Maths and English at Level 2.



## HNC in Building Services for England (Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning) (HTQ)

Level 4

Number of years: 2

Location: **The Roundhouse**

**If you're employed as a technician, manager or designer of HVAC systems, this part-time course is an ideal way of moving your career forward.**

As exciting opportunities are emerging in areas such as low carbon technologies, energy management and renewable energy, this HNC will help building services engineers to assess the sustainability of their construction projects.

Approved as a Higher Technical Qualification (HTQ), it represents the latest in professional standards and will equip you with the knowledge, skills and behaviours needed to succeed in the workplace. It can be studied as a standalone qualification or as part of a Higher Apprenticeship.

The HNC paves the way to employment in a specialist role such as designer or installer of heating, cooling or acoustics systems. You could also choose to progress to a HND at Level 5 or a BSc/ BEng Honours Degree or Degree Apprenticeship in a related discipline.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least one of the following:

- A Level 3 qualification in a relevant field with an overall grade equivalent of Merit.
- Relevant full-time work/industrial experience of five years, plus a minimum proficiency in Maths and English at Level 2.





## HNC in Construction Management for England (HTQ)

Level 4

Number of years: **1 (full time) or 2 (part time)**

Location: **The Roundhouse**

**This HNC offers a broad introduction to different construction management functions, together with the chance to develop strong practical skills.**

Our flexible HNC paves the way for you to secure more senior roles such as design and build technician, assistant construction site supervisor, assistant project manager, assistant health and safety manager or quantity surveyor technician.

Approved as a Higher Technical Qualification (HTQ), it can be taken as a standalone qualification or as part of a Higher Apprenticeship – and we offer both full-time and part-time routes.

Throughout, you'll have the opportunity to solve real-world technical problems closely aligned to industrial, commercial and domestic construction scenarios.

On completion of the HNC, you'll be able to perform key construction tasks, understand processes and operations, and work more effectively. As well as advancing your career, you could consider progressing to a Level 5 HND, a BSc/BEng Honours Degree or a Degree Apprenticeship.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least one of the following:

- A Level 3 qualification in a relevant field with an overall grade equivalent of Merit.
- Relevant full-time work/industrial experience of five years, plus a minimum proficiency in Maths and English at Level 2.



## HNC in Modern Methods of Construction for England (HTQ)

Level 4

Number of years: **2**

Location: **The Roundhouse**

**An excellent way to extend your knowledge of modern methods of construction, this HNC helps you take your career to the next level.**

If you're employed as a junior construction design and build technician, offsite construction manager trainee, housing design technician, BIM technician, digital design technician or architectural technologist, this two-year part-time course is for you. Approved as a Higher Technical Qualification (HTQ), it can be taken as a standalone qualification or as part of a Higher Apprenticeship.

The HNC delivers in-depth construction knowledge linked to practical skills gained through research, independent study, directed study and workplace scenarios. You'll cover a broad range of topics from construction technology to building information modelling, alternative energy to the principles of off-site construction.

Your studies will equip you to progress into job roles that require greater responsibility. They'll also prepare you to focus on more specialist subjects at Level 5 and beyond, by taking further qualifications such as a HND, a BSc/BEng Honours Degree or a Degree Apprenticeship.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least one of the following:

- A Level 3 qualification in a relevant field with an overall grade equivalent of Merit.
- Relevant full-time work/industrial experience of five years, plus a minimum proficiency in Maths and English at Level 2.





## HNC in Quantity Surveying for England (HTQ)

Level 4

Number of years: 2

Location: **The Roundhouse**

**If you aspire to become a senior construction quantity surveying technician, this part-time HNC will enable you to achieve your goals.**

Aimed at professionals already working in quantity surveying technician roles who are keen to advance their careers, this HNC provides excellent practical skills and theoretical knowledge. It can be studied as a standalone qualification or as part of the Level 4 Higher Apprenticeship for Construction Quantity Surveying Technicians.

Covering themes ranging from measuring, estimating, tender and procurement to construction economics and sustainability, the programme has been approved as a HTQ because it reflects employer needs and expectations. You'll build a wide range of construction knowledge linked to practical skills gained through research, independent study, directed study and workplace scenarios.

On completing your studies, you'll be equipped for promotion to more senior roles. You could also choose to take your knowledge to the next level by progressing to a HND at Level 5 or to a BA (Hons)/BSc (Hons) Quantity Surveying.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least one of the following:

- A Level 3 qualification in a relevant field with an overall grade equivalent of Merit.
- Relevant full-time work/industrial experience of five years, plus a minimum proficiency in Maths and English at Level 2.



## Higher Apprenticeship – Building Services Engineering Senior Technician

Level 4

Number of years: 3

Location: **The Roundhouse**

**Enhance your career prospects by completing a specialist HNC in Building Services Engineering as part of this Higher Apprenticeship.**

This programme will equip you to devise building services engineering solutions to resolve technical problems, harnessing a full spectrum of practical and workshop skills and using a variety of engineering analysis software.

The Higher Apprenticeship entails a combination of work-based learning and studying at the College to gain the HNC qualification on a part-time basis. It has been approved by the Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers as meeting the educational requirements for the status of Engineering Technician (EngTech LCIBSE).

Your qualification will enable you to progress in wide-ranging roles including heating/cooling system designer or installer, building services engineering supervisor, infrastructure senior technician or assistant engineer. You could also choose to continue your studies by taking a HND at Level 5, a BSc/BEng Honours Degree or Degree Apprenticeship at Level 6.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to be working in the building services industry and should have at least one of the following:

- A Level 3 qualification in a related field with an overall grade equivalent of Merit.
- Relevant full-time work/industrial experience of five years, plus a minimum proficiency in Maths and English at Level 2.





**“The atmosphere at the Roundhouse was so friendly and welcoming. Our tutors were great. My distinction grade is testament to their teaching ability.”**

*Shabaz Baz, who completed his HNC in Building Services Engineering through a Higher Apprenticeship programme. He is one of three former DCG higher apprentices now advancing their careers with Nottingham-based Chord Consult.*

## Higher Apprenticeship – Construction Design and Build Technician

Level 4

Number of years: 3

Location: **The Roundhouse**

**This programme represents a chance to upgrade your skills if your job role involves co-ordination of design information on construction projects.**

You'll combine work-based learning supported by an assessor with part-time studies at DCG to gain a HNC – in Architectural Technology or Modern Methods of Construction. The programme is approved by professional bodies as meeting the educational requirements for Technician status or the equivalent.

During your apprenticeship, you'll achieve knowledge and skills relating to client requirements, health and safety, sustainability, construction technology, development of designs, design documentation, monitoring compliance and monitoring costs.

On completing the programme, you could progress to a Level 5 HND, a BSc/BEng degree or a Level 6 Degree Apprenticeship. It also paves the way to more senior roles such as managing projects and contracts and will provide a solid platform for gaining chartered status and further qualifications through the CIOB or RIBA, with the potential for moving into a project director position.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Your job role and responsibilities should allow you to provide evidence for the knowledge, skills and behaviours of this apprenticeship. In addition, you should have at least one of the following:

- A Level 3 qualification in a related field with an overall grade equivalent of Merit.
- Relevant full-time work/industrial experience of five years, plus a minimum proficiency in Maths and English at Level 2.



## Higher Apprenticeship – Construction Quantity Surveying Technician

Level 4

Number of years: 3

Location: **The Roundhouse**

**This Higher Apprenticeship is an ideal choice for professionals whose role involves monitoring and controlling costs and contracts.**

This Higher Apprenticeship is designed for professionals who aspire to success as quantity surveyors, construction surveyors, cost engineers and cost analysts. The programme includes a HNC in Quantity Surveying and equips you with the knowledge, skills and behaviours typically required to achieve Technician status with the industry's recognised professional bodies.

The apprenticeship consists of workplace learning with the help of an assessor, together with part-time study at the College as you work towards the HNC. You'll cover key themes including financial reporting, cost control, contracts and procurement.

The knowledge and skills you gain will stand you in good stead for rapid progression within your career. You could also consider taking your qualifications to the next stage, with a Level 5 HND, a BSc/BEng degree or a Level 6 Degree Apprenticeship in a related discipline.

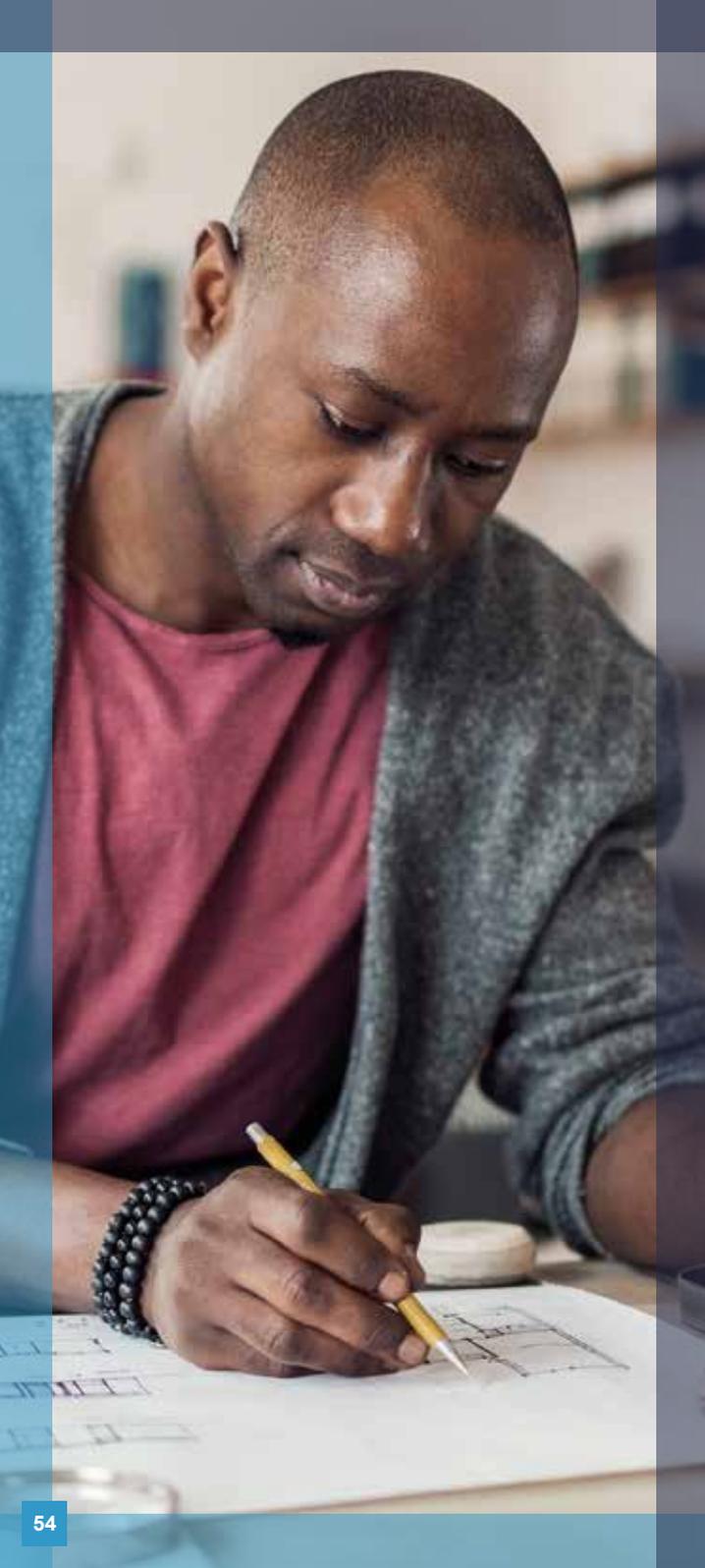
### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Your job role and responsibilities should allow you to provide evidence for the knowledge, skills and behaviours of this apprenticeship. In addition, you should have at least one of the following:

- A Level 3 qualification in a relevant field with an overall grade equivalent of Merit.
- Relevant full-time work/industrial experience of five years, plus a minimum proficiency in Maths and English at Level 2.







## Higher Apprenticeship – Construction Site Supervisor

Level 4

Number of years: 3

Location: **The Roundhouse**

**If your job entails supervising specialist contractors and workers, this programme is a platform for promotion and career advancement.**

Completing this Higher Apprenticeship is a firm foundation for securing senior positions such as construction site supervisor, construction site manager or project manager.

You'll combine your work-based learning – which is supported by an assessor – with part-time study at the College as you work towards the HNC in Construction Management. You'll follow the specialist Construction Site Supervisor pathway, covering topics which range from planning and organising work to monitoring quality and costs, sustainability to construction technology.

The programme helps you build a broad and versatile knowledge base and is also a stepping stone to further qualifications such as a Level 5 HND, a BSc/BEng degree or a Level 6 Degree Apprenticeship in a related discipline. On completion of the apprenticeship, you'll also have the knowledge, skills and behaviours typically required to achieve Technician status or the equivalent with the industry's recognised professional bodies.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Your job role and responsibilities should allow you to provide evidence for the knowledge, skills and behaviours of this apprenticeship. In addition, you should have at least one of the following:

- A Level 3 qualification in a related field with an overall grade equivalent of Merit.
- Relevant full-time work/industrial experience of five years, plus a minimum proficiency in Maths and English at Level 2.





**“DCG has significantly helped me in my career so it was particularly exciting to be involved in a project which will help the next generation of learners.”**

*Ellis Boyall, who studied for higher education qualifications in construction at DCG. As Site Manager for Davlyn Construction, he returned to the College to oversee work on the new East Midlands Institute of Technology hub at the Roundhouse.*

# PUBLIC SERVICES, SECURITY AND OFFENDER MANAGEMENT

If you're looking for a role where you can make a real difference to society, DCG will help you prepare for a worthwhile and challenging future within the criminal justice system.



In partnership with



The Foundation Degree Criminal Justice (Security and Offender Management) (FdSc) and the BA (Hons) Security and Offender Management (Top Up) are delivered in partnership with and awarded by the University of Derby. Students will receive a University of Derby Certificate and will have the opportunity to join the University's Alumni Network on completion of their programme.





## Why choose DCG?

- **A head start:** our Foundation and Honours Degrees pave the way to careers in some of the most rewarding and demanding walks of life – from the police, probation and prison services to security work and victim support.
- **Fascinating topics:** you'll explore all the issues and practicalities involved in the management and rehabilitation of offenders as well as latest developments within the security industry.
- **Academic credibility:** our courses are run in partnership with the University of Derby and you'll gain a thorough grounding in the theories of criminology.
- **Transferable skills:** alongside your academic knowledge, you'll enhance your critical thinking, research, analysis, communication, problem-solving, teamwork and leadership skills to give you an edge in your career.
- **Real-world learning:** we encourage a focus on independent learning so you can devise solutions to real-life challenges within criminal justice.
- **Experienced tutors:** you'll be taught by lecturers who have served within the uniformed public sector such as the police, prison service and army, and who can relate security and offender management to a diverse range of scenarios.
- **Employer engagement:** work experience will form a vital part of your studies. We have an excellent network of contacts across the sector and we regularly host guest lectures by leading professionals.
- **Valuable insights:** you'll have the opportunity to go on trips and visits to enrich your learning. In previous years, our students have been on an optional trip to the Royal Courts of Justice and Old Bailey in London.
- **Inspiring advice:** in a sector which offers so much scope, your career could take many different directions. We offer full support and comprehensive careers advice to inform your decisions.

# Foundation Degree Criminal Justice (Security and Offender Management) (FdSc)

Level 5

Number of years: 2

Location: **Broomfield Hall**

UCAS code: **L313**

**SUBJECT TO  
REVALIDATION  
JUNE 2025**

**If you're keen to pursue or advance a career in the criminal justice agencies, this Foundation Degree offers a sound knowledge base for success.**

You'll explore issues like youth crime and justice; victimology; offender management and substance misuse; penology, punishment and rehabilitation; and policing and society.

Your studies will be underpinned by a solid grounding in criminological theory and applied research skills. You'll also be expected to undertake a relevant work placement for at least 72 hours each academic year.

On completion of the Foundation Degree, you may wish to apply for employment within the security industry, custodial care, probation service, reservist forces, police specials, the criminal justice sector or charitable organisations. You'll also have an excellent basis to progress to the BA (Hons) Security and Offender Management with DCG. There may be opportunities to study other 'top-up' degrees at the University of Derby too.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

One of the following:

- 64 UCAS points, with at least 32 preferably coming from a related subject such as Public Services, Law or Sociology.
- Access to HE qualifications.

You also need GCSE English at grades 9-4 (A\*-C); an appropriate competency in maths for higher level study; and a DBS check.



# BA (Hons) Security and Offender Management (Top Up)

Level 6

Number of years: 1

Location: **Broomfield Hall**

UCAS code: **L312**

**SUBJECT TO  
REVALIDATION  
JUNE 2025**

**Achieve higher levels of professionalism, gain specialist skills and benefit from up-to-date knowledge with our Honours Degree.**

This top-up degree has evolved in response to the expanding nature of work in the criminal justice agencies. Its wide-ranging themes include the management of violent, sexual and mentally disordered offenders and interventions aimed at reducing re-offending.

You're expected to undertake around 72 hours of work experience to enhance your employability skills. You'll also conduct independent research on a relevant topic of your choice.

On graduating, your qualification will meet the entry criteria for the degree holder route for joining both the police and probation services. You could also seek employment in the prison service, social work, youth offending agencies, or the voluntary sector in areas such as offender rehabilitation and victim support. Some of these roles may require further study.

In addition, you may choose to build on your knowledge by applying for postgraduate studies.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

One of the following:

- A Foundation Degree in a relevant subject such as Criminal Justice or Public Services – you must have attained 120 credits at Level 5.
- A HND in Public Services or the equivalent.

You also need GCSE English and Maths at grades 9-4 (A\*-C) or the equivalent.



**“I really enjoyed the fitness training side and leadership elements of my DCG courses. They prepare students well for a life in the public and uniformed services.”**

*Marek Piontkowski, who studied with DCG for six years, taking courses from Level 3 all the way to the BA (Hons) Security and Offender Management and then the PGCE teaching qualification. He has now joined the teaching staff at Broomfield Hall as a Uniformed Services tutor, inspiring those students who are following in his footsteps at the College.*



# SPORT

Studying with Derby College Group (DCG) will help you shape up for an action-packed career in sport coaching. Our outstanding facilities, expert staff and impressive links with sports organisations will ensure you reach your personal best.



In partnership with



The Foundation Degree Sport Coaching, Performance and Education (FdA) is delivered in partnership with and awarded by the University of Derby. Students will receive a University of Derby Foundation Degree Certificate and will have the opportunity to join the University's Alumni Network on completion of their programme.



## Why choose DCG?

- **A solid foundation:** our Foundation Degree will equip you to become an effective professional coach in an arena where career opportunities are growing rapidly.
- **First-rate facilities:** Broomfield Hall boasts a well-equipped sports centre and playing fields where you can hone your skills.
- **A dedicated team:** our teaching staff have excellent backgrounds across the range of the sports coaching continuum (Long Term Athlete Development: LTAD).
- **Partnership working:** thanks to our strong links with sports clubs, fitness clubs, recreation centres and schools, you'll gain real-world coaching practice.
- **Inspirational experiences:** field trips help you put learning into practice. Past students have, for example, visited a physiotherapy and rehabilitation centre, a biomechanics lab and professional sports clubs.
- **Pursue your passion:** the course design allows you to focus on the area that interests you most, whether that is cycling, golf, football, basketball, athletics or other sporting activities.



## Foundation Degree Sport Coaching, Performance and Education (FdA)

Level 5

Number of years: 2

Location: **Broomfield Hall**

UCAS code: **C610**

**Offering opportunities to coach different sports at different levels, our Foundation Degree will help you build a unique blend of skills and knowledge.**

Excellent coaches are needed across all areas of sport participation – and this Foundation Degree equips you to deliver progressive coaching practices, encourage athlete potential and prepare sports people for competition.

Through our theory-into-practice philosophy, you'll develop your understanding of sport coaching in specified contexts and learn how to analyse scientific data and convert it into coaching and training regimes. You'll have the chance to deliver coaching sessions in various settings.

On successful completion of the Foundation Degree, you could undertake a final year top-up programme and achieve a full BA (Hons) at the University of Derby in one of the following subjects:

- Sport Coaching and Development
- Sport and Education
- Analysis and Coaching Performance

You could also consider further study within teaching.

On the employment front, coaching jobs are available in schools, national governing bodies, councils and sports clubs. You could also work towards establishing your own coaching company.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- 64 UCAS points.
- GCSE English Language and Maths at grade C/4 or above.



# TEACHER TRAINING, COACHING AND MENTORING

Planning to change your career to teaching? Already working in education and need to update your practice? Studying with DCG can boost your prospects in one of the most important sectors of all.



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The Certificate in Education Post 14 (Education and Training) (Cert Ed) and the Postgraduate Certificate in Education Post 14 (Education and Training) (PGCE) are delivered in partnership with and awarded by the University of Derby. Students will receive a University of Derby Certificate and will have the opportunity to join the University's Alumni Network on completion of their programme.



## Why choose DCG?

- **High-calibre programmes:** our courses are inclusive, relevant and up to date, leading to recognised qualifications that meet the very latest educational standards.
- **Clear progression routes:** with our Cert Ed, PGCE and Higher Apprenticeship, you'll be well equipped to complete professional formation and achieve Qualified Teacher Learning and Skills (QTLS) status.
- **Set for success:** our trainees consistently exit as outstanding practitioners. Employment data is very positive and most trainees secure relevant teaching jobs or enhance their role in the sector.
- **Draw on our expertise:** our friendly and experienced teaching team will inspire you via a blend of classroom-based learning, research, tutorials and lesson observations, plus insights into innovative technologies and learning methods.



- **A commitment to excellence:** we're dedicated to delivering first-rate lessons, support and feedback as well as continuous professional development. Throughout, you'll have the chance to apply theory to your own practice.
- **Excellent support:** you'll have access to high-quality resources, library and career development services, as well as comprehensive support to improve your academic writing and research skills.
- **A rich learning experience:** our cohorts come from a broad range of contexts across secondary education, further education and non-mainstream provision, allowing for a fascinating sharing of experiences from different perspectives.
- **Academic credibility:** some of our programmes are run in collaboration with the University of Derby. An Ofsted inspection rated the University's Further Education and Skills teacher training provision – in which we are a main partner – as 'outstanding'.

## Certificate in Education Post 14 (Education and Training) (Cert Ed)

Level 5

Number of years: 2

Location: **The Roundhouse**

**Do you want to become a fully qualified teacher in the FE and Skills sector? Then this course will take your career forward.**

Our Cert Ed programme gives you a solid foundation in all aspects of teaching. It is an in-service part-time route to a full teacher qualification – an ideal ‘earn as you learn’ opportunity.

The programme develops your skills, knowledge and professional behaviours so you become a highly effective teacher. You’ll improve your knowledge of how people learn, how to plan effective and engaging teaching sessions, and how to assess learners. Throughout, you’ll draw on latest educational theory to continuously improve your professional practice. As well as the core programme, we offer specialist pathways covering a key subject area: choose from English, Maths, Science, Engineering, Sport or SEND. This supports you in becoming a subject specialist teacher.

Successful completion of this course enables you to apply for professional formation (QTLS) which is now equated with Qualified Teacher Status (QTS). Some students also add an assessor qualification to their CVs, especially if they are teaching apprentices or undertaking workshop/workplace training.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- At least a Level 3 qualification in a subject relevant to what you teach.
- ETF-recognised Level 2 qualifications in English and Maths.
- Access to a minimum of 75 hours teaching (in a full teaching role) each year.



## Postgraduate Certificate in Education Post 14 (Education and Training) (PGCE)

Level 7

Number of years: 2

Location: **The Roundhouse**

**Are you a graduate aspiring to become a fully qualified teacher in the FE and Skills sector? Do you want a platform for Masters level study?**

Aimed at students holding an Honours Degree, our PGCE is an in-service part-time route to a full teacher qualification – enabling you to earn as you learn on the way to achieving your goals.

You’ll experience wide-ranging teaching techniques and will be supported to experiment with these within your own classroom so that you exit the programme as a creative and innovative practitioner. Alongside the core programme, we offer specialist pathways focused on a key subject area. You can choose from English, Maths, Science, Engineering, Sport or SEND, which will support you to become a subject specialist teacher.

The course offers a foundation for professional development and you can apply for professional formation (QTLS), now equated with Qualified Teacher Status (QTS). It represents the start of a rich, rewarding career in education: with further experience you can secure management and leadership roles. The PGCE also provides an ideal platform for MA ED studies. If you progress to the University of Derby, you’ll already have 60 credits towards your Masters qualification.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- An Honours Degree (class 2:2 or above) in a subject relevant to what you teach.
- ETF-recognised Level 2 qualifications in English and Maths.
- Access to a minimum of 75 hours teaching per year (in a full teaching role).



**“Taking the Cert Ed with DCG was an emotional roller coaster. It was excellent but some parts took me way out of my comfort zone. I left school at 16 so that level of academic writing was a big jump for me. I did it though!”**

*Ben Hirst, whose Cert Ed qualification has enabled him to teach Carpentry and Joinery apprentices at DCG. He thoroughly enjoys seeing his students evolve into young tradespeople. In the time he has been teaching, 95% of his apprentices have successfully come through their End Point Assessments - 60% with distinctions.*



## Higher Apprenticeship – Learning and Skills Teacher

Level 5

Number of years: 2

Location: **Workplace**

**DCG offers an innovative pathway to qualifying as a teacher in the Post-14 sector: a supportive and rigorous Higher Apprenticeship route.**

This Higher Apprenticeship is best suited to someone already in an unqualified teacher or vocational education and training role, with responsibility for delivery of group teaching or training in a classroom or workshop setting.

It gives you the opportunity to earn as you learn, while exploring the role of the teacher in the FE and Skills sector and considering various creative teaching, learning and assessment approaches. You'll cover the roles and responsibilities of a teacher; learners and learning; classroom management; curriculum design; and becoming a subject specialist.

On completing the programme, you'll be able to achieve professional formation (QTLS) and progress to a permanent teaching position in Post-14 education including schools, FE colleges, training providers and prison education services. Depending on your prior qualifications, you could also consider taking your academic studies to the next level with a BA (Hons) Education Studies or Masters in Education.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Teacher apprenticeship contract of at least two years.
- At least a Level 3 qualification in your subject specialism.
- Approved Level 2 qualifications in English Language and Maths (or a commitment to achieve these).
- A mentor within your organisation to support you.



## Higher Apprenticeship – Operations/Departmental Manager

Level 5

Number of years: 2

Location: **Workplace**

**Help your organisation achieve its strategic goals and enhance your career prospects: this programme adds an extra dimension to your CV.**

An excellent choice for professionals who manage teams and projects, this Higher Apprenticeship equips you to achieve operational or departmental goals in line with your organisation's overall strategy.

It is suitable for those working in – or aspiring to – roles such as operations, regional, divisional, departmental or specialist manager. Working in the private, public or third sector and in any size of organisation, their specific responsibilities and job titles may vary, but the knowledge, skills and behaviours they need will be the same.

This Higher Apprenticeship enables you to succeed in meeting key responsibilities including creating and delivering operational plans, managing projects, leading and managing teams, managing change, financial and resource management, talent management, coaching and mentoring.

On completion of the programme, you could progress to further study at Level 6.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To be decided by each employer, but may typically be five GCSEs at grade 4/C and above.







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