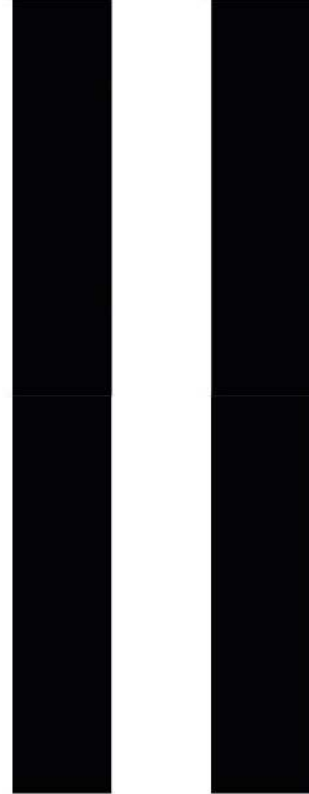
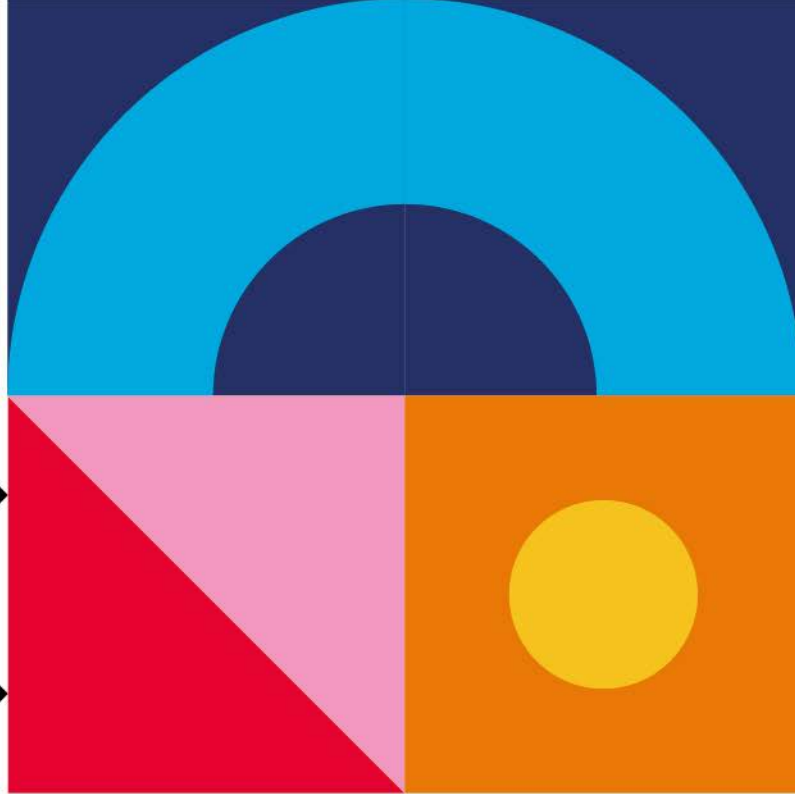
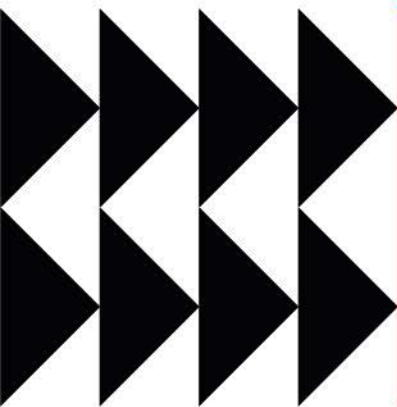
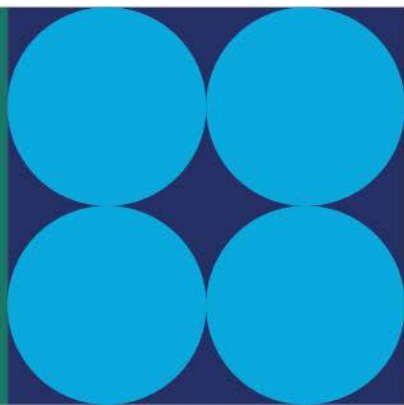


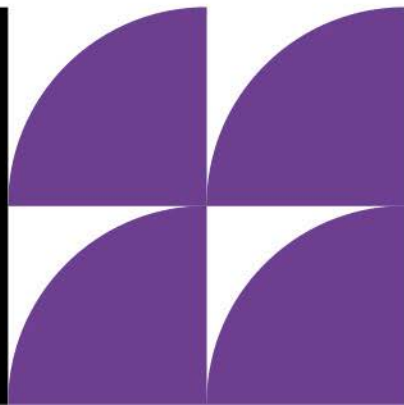
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The first FE College in the UK to be awarded Apple Distinguished School status



Ofsted Graded GOOD (2019)



Our close partnerships with universities give you the option to top up your Higher National Certificate or Diploma to a full honours degree.



Flexible study options, part-time, evenings or online classes so you can fit your study around work and other life commitments



Take advantage of the various options to help pay for your course



New Electric & Hybrid Vehicle Training Centre – opened February 2023



Great location - Harlow
is at the centre of The
London-Stansted-
Cambridge
Innovation Corridor



Institute of Technology
- £3m investment in new
state-of-the-art Centre



New Renewable Energy
Training Centre - helping
to meet Net Zero by 2050



80% of Harlow College
Access to Higher Education
learners secured their first
place university choice



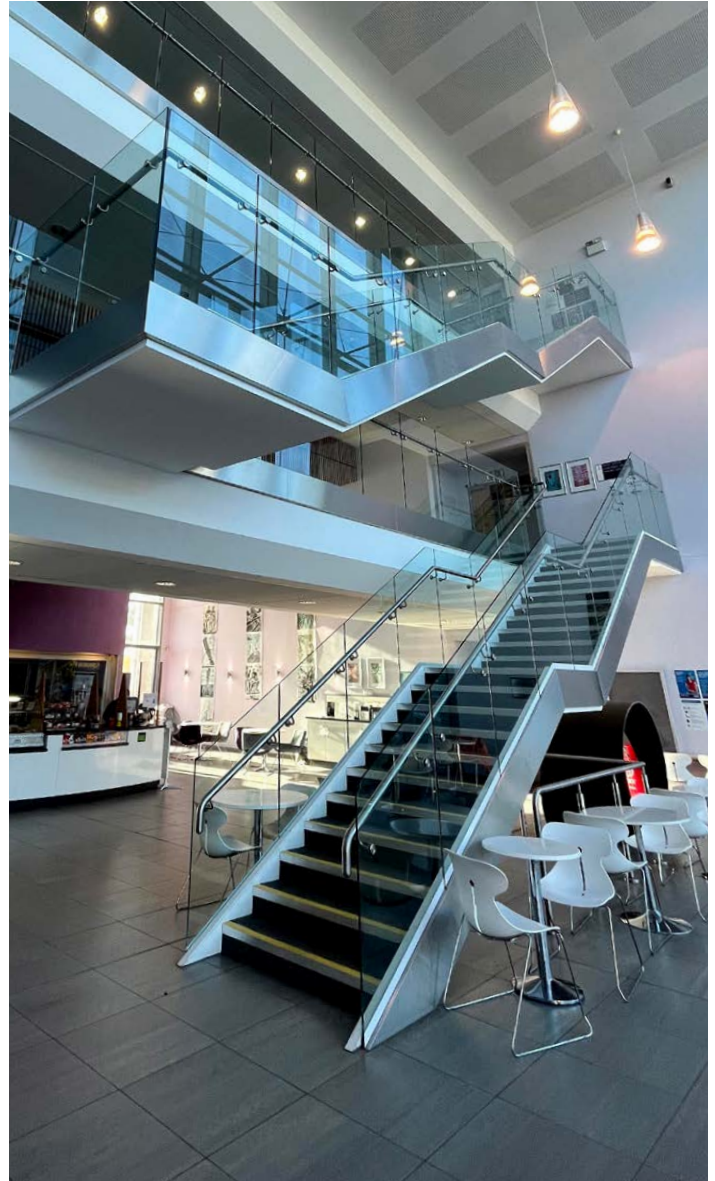
Your Higher Education Experience.



Proudly serving Starbucks coffee



Curate your own study spaces





90 seat Lecture Theatre

**Collaborative
work spaces**



Computer rooms



**Dedicated quiet pods
for teamworking**



Study options.

Access to Higher Education

If you would like to go to university but don't have the qualifications you need, then an Access to Higher Education course could be for you. A typical Access course is 3/4 days a week, 9.30am to 3pm.

[Find out more](#)

Level 4 & 5 HNCs & HNDs

A Higher National Certificate (HNC) is a Level 4 vocational qualification that takes one year to complete. After your HNC, you can continue your studies by progressing to a Higher National Diploma (HND). An HND is equivalent to the second year of university.

[Find out more](#)

Foundation Degrees

Foundation Degrees focus on a particular job or profession and are ideal if you're unsure about taking a full degree or if you want to study while you work. They usually take two years full-time to complete, or longer for part-time students. You can then continue for a further year to gain a full honours degree.

[Find out more](#)

Professional Diplomas

We offer a variety of courses offering flexible study options to work alongside work and other life commitments e.g. evenings, online learning and once a month in the classroom.

[Find out more](#)

Higher Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships are not just for new recruits. Employers can invest in their current staff by upskilling them through a Higher Apprenticeship.

[Find out more](#)

Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs)

Some of our courses have been accredited by the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education as HTQs. This means that the qualification has been developed in collaboration with employers so that our students get the specific training required for their chosen career.

[Find out more](#)



UCAS Key Dates

**Your guide to applying for a Higher Education course
(excl. Access to Higher Education and Professional Diplomas)**

5 September 2023

Completed applications can be submitted to UCAS. Universities and colleges can start making decisions right away.

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28 February 2024

UCAS Extra 2024 opens.

If you have used all five choice on your original application and do not have an offer, you can add another choice. This allows you to add a choice one at a time until an offer has been made.

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16 May 2023

UCAS undergraduate application open for 2024 entry. Students can monitor all progress by logging into their UCAS Hub.

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31 January 2024

UCAS deadline for applications. Universities and colleges do not have to consider applications received after the deadline, although they can if they have spaces available once the on-time applications have been considered.

August 2024

Results day for Level 3 programmes.
You will receive your results this month.

Make sure you have checked
confirmation of your choice. You may
need to enter the Clearing process.

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September/October

Your Higher Education course will
typically start from September/October.
Start dates vary depending on your course.
Contact us for more information.

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30 June 2024

Applications after this date
automatically enter Clearing.
Students can monitor all
progress by logging into
their UCAS Hub.

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17 October 2024

Final date for adding
Clearing choice

Student Finance.

There are several options of financial help available for Higher Education courses, ranging from 19+ Advanced Learner Loans to a student loan from Student Finance England.

19+ Advanced Learner Loans:

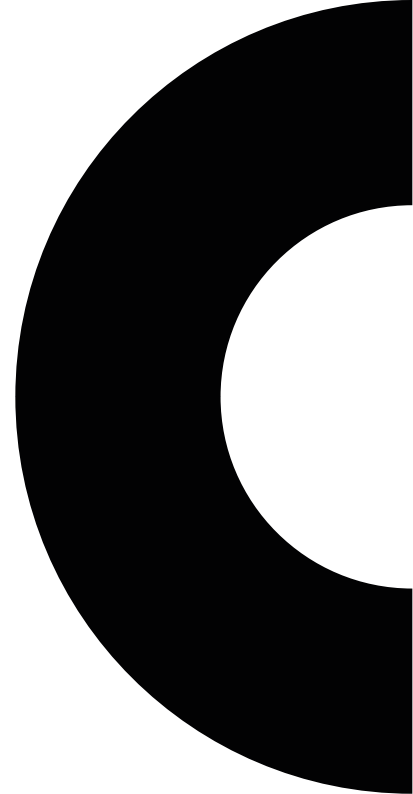
Advanced Learner Loans are available for courses at Level 3 to 5 and are only paid back once you start earning £27,295 a year (before tax and other deductions).

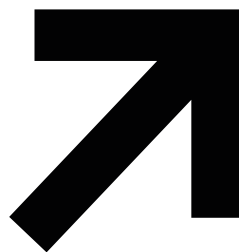
The Student Loan:

Colleges and universities charge tuition fees for Higher Education courses. Most people are eligible to receive a student loan to cover this fee. This loan is available from the government via Student Finance England.

As a Higher Education student you can apply for a range of financial help with living and study costs, loans (which have to be paid back), and grants (which don't have to be paid back).

If you plan to study Higher Education at Harlow College, you may not have to pay for tuition fees upfront. Every new student may be entitled to a Tuition Fee Loan that will cover your fees and this won't be paid back until you're earning a certain level of income.





For more information about Tuition Fee
Loans, contact our Admissions Team:
01279 868100
admissions@harlow-college.ac.uk

or visit the student finance website:
www.studentfinance.campaign.gov.uk

Student Finance

Student Support.

Student Support and Wellbeing

We are committed to safeguarding all Harlow College students by ensuring a safe learning environment where students feel secure, protected from harm, to be listened to and to be heard.

Additional Support

Additional support is available to students who receive a Disabled Student Allowance (DSA). The application for support can be accessed via the DSA website which you will be able to apply for once you have completed your UCAS application. Once funding is confirmed we will work with you to arrange the support you need. We aim to ensure that the Harlow College experience is accessible to you.

Smaller Class Sizes

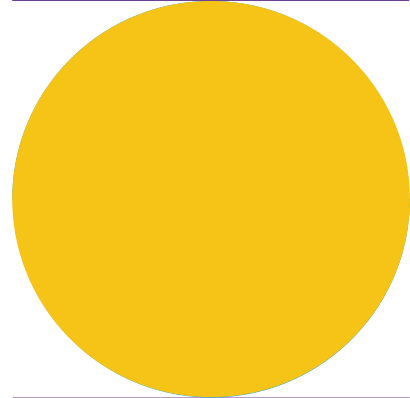
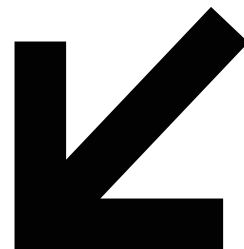
You will benefit from smaller class sizes meaning more one to one time with your tutor.

Student Voice

Your views matter and at Harlow College we make sure they're heard. Whether it's becoming a student governor, course representative or taking part in learner voice surveys and groups, there are plenty of opportunities to get involved with student life.

Enrichment Offer

Taking part in enrichment will help you to develop the important wider skills that employers are always looking for. As well as giving you new challenges and developing your skills you will make new friends and have some fun!







The Facts. Higher National Certificates & Diplomas

What is an HNC & HND?

A Higher National Certificate (HNC) is a Level 4 vocational qualification that takes one year to complete full-time, or two years part-time. After your HNC, you can continue your studies by progressing to a Higher National Diploma (HND). An HND is equivalent to the second year of university. HNCs and HNDs can often be 'topped up' with extra studies at a later date, converting them to a bachelor's degree.

What is an HNC & HND equivalent to?

An HNC is equivalent to the first year at university. You can generally enter a bachelor's degree at year 2 once you complete an HNC. An HND is equivalent to two years at university, meaning you can enter a bachelor's degree at year 3 upon completion.

How much do HNCs & HNDs cost?

The cost of an HNC and HND is considerably lower than a university degree.

The cost of a Higher National Certificate is £5995

The cost of a Higher National Diploma is £5995

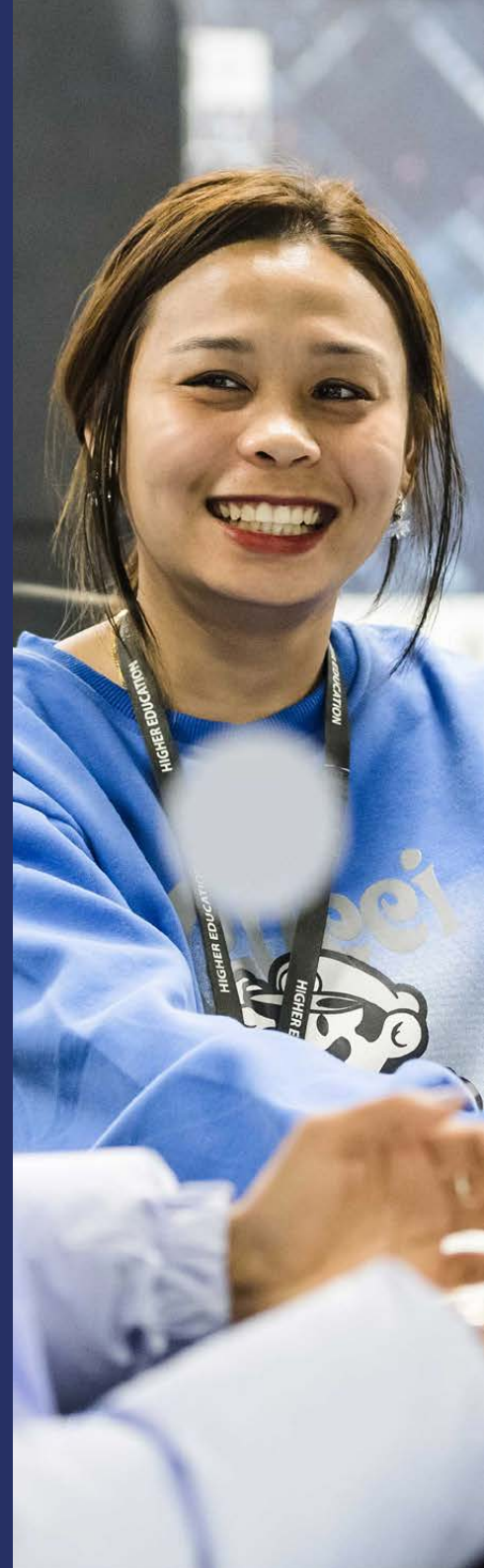
You may be eligible for a student loan from Student Finance England. [Click here](#) to find out more info about Student Finance.

Student Finance

What are the benefits of studying an HNC and HND?

Both are practical-based qualifications, which is perfect if you want to head straight into work. You'll learn the skills needed to move into your chosen career and may even get to work with local employers.

Studying an HNC or HND at your local college also means you don't have to leave family and friends if that's not for you, unlike university where you may end up hundreds of miles away. Both HNCs and HNDs are great alternatives to university.



Our courses.

Business

This course covers essential business and management knowledge as well as the practical skills that are relevant for successful progression to either the HND in Business, the world of work or a related degree.

The HNC year delves into Marketing Processes and Planning, Human Resource Management and Accounting Principles. In the HND year, you'll master topics like Managing and Running a Small Business, Brand Management, Business Strategy and Marketing Analytics.

Course Name	Duration	Start	Full Fee	
HNC (Level 4) Business	1 year - Full-time	Sept	£5995	Find out more
HND (Level 5) Business	1 year - Full-time	Sept	£5995	Find out more

Computing for England (Cyber Security)

In a digital landscape where cyber threats and attacks are on the rise, growing in both frequency and sophistication, the need for highly skilled cyber security experts has never been more critical.



The HNC year explores Programming, Website Design and Development, Database Design and Cyber Security. The HND year delves into topics such as Forensics, Information Security Management and Operating Systems. Graduating with an HND, equivalent to two years at university, opens doors for entry into the third year at university, ultimately leading to an Honours Degree.

Course Name	Duration	Start	Full Fee	
HNC (Level 4) Computing for England (Cyber Security)	1 year - Full-time	Sept	£5995	Find out more
HND (Level 5) Computing for England (Cyber Security)	1 year - Full-time	Sept	£5995	Find out more

Healthcare & Nursing

This comprehensive 2 year course in Healthcare and Nursing is designed to equip you with the essential knowledge, understanding and skills to thrive in a career in the health and social care sector. Whether you're a compassionate individual looking to make a difference or a seasoned professional seeking to advance your career, our course has you covered. In the first year you will explore topics such as Law, Policy and Ethical Practice in Health and Social Care, Reporting and Record Keeping and Healthcare Technology in Practice. Graduating with an HND, equivalent to two years at university, opens doors for entry into the third year at university, ultimately leading to an Honours Degree.

Course Name	Duration	Start	Full Fee	
HNC (Level 4) Healthcare and Nursing Assistant Practice	1 year - Full-time	Sept	£5995	Find out more
HND (Level 5) Healthcare Assistant Practitioner	1 year - Full-time	Sept	£5995	Find out more

Sport & Exercise Science

This course will equip you with the knowledge and skills you need for a successful career in the sports industry as a Practitioner, Manager or Coach. It's not necessary to have athletic abilities in order to pursue a career in sports. Depending on your skill and ambitions you can consider a wide range of sports jobs such as a Physiotherapist, Sports Teacher and Sports Journalist.

The HNC year delves into Nutrition, Anatomy and Physiology and Sport and Exercise Psychology. In the HND year, you'll master topics like Strength and Conditioning for Coaching.

Course Name	Duration	Start	Full Fee	
HNC (Level 4) Sport & Exercise Science	1 year - Full-time	Sept	£5995	Find out more
HND (Level 5) Sport & Exercise Science	1 year - Full-time	Sept	£5995	Find out more



Our courses.

International Travel & Tourism Management

This exciting course is designed to equip you with the skills and knowledge essential for a thriving career in the travel, tourism or aviation sectors. The HNC International Travel and Tourism Management offers a solid foundation, delving into crucial topics such as The Contemporary Travel and Tourism Industry, Customer Service Experience and Leadership and Management. Elevate your expertise further by progressing to the HND Level 5 course, where you can specialise in topics specifically realting to the aviation industry.

Course Name	Duration	Start	Full Fee	
HNC (Level 4) International Travel & Tourism Management	1 year - Full-time	Sept	£5995	Find out more
HND (Level 5) International Travel & Tourism Management	1 year - Full-time	Sept	£5995	Find out more





The Facts. Foundation Degrees




What is a Foundation Degree?

A foundation degree is a standalone qualification equivalent to two years of a three year degree.

Foundation courses focus on developing the technical skills that employers are looking for in a particular job or profession.

Foundation degrees provide an ideal platform for candidates seeking employment while also giving an advantage for those looking to study a full undergraduate qualification at a later stage.



What are the entry requirements?

There are no set entry requirements for foundation degrees. Having the relevant industrial or commercial workplace experience and skills in a particular sector is often more important than any formal qualifications.

Typically, you may need anything from 30 to 80 UCAS Tariff points or above, depending on the chosen qualification. As well as your grades, relevant work or life experience will also be considered. The main requirement is the ability to cope with degree-level study.

What can I progress onto after completing my Foundation Degree?

Most candidates studying a full-time foundation degree choose to top up to a full degree the following academic year. However, there is no time limit on topping up a foundation degree, and many students return to their studies at a later date.

More and more employers are now actively accepting job applications from candidates who've studied qualifications other than a degree.

How much does a Foundation Degree cost?

Course fees for foundation degrees will vary, depending on your chosen qualification.

You may be eligible for a student loan from Student Finance England. [Click here to find out more info about Student Finance.](#)

Advanced Learner Loans



Our courses.

Early Years

Course Name	Duration	Start	Full Fee	
FdA Early Years & Education (Subject to validation)	2 years	Sept	TBC	Find out more

Engineering

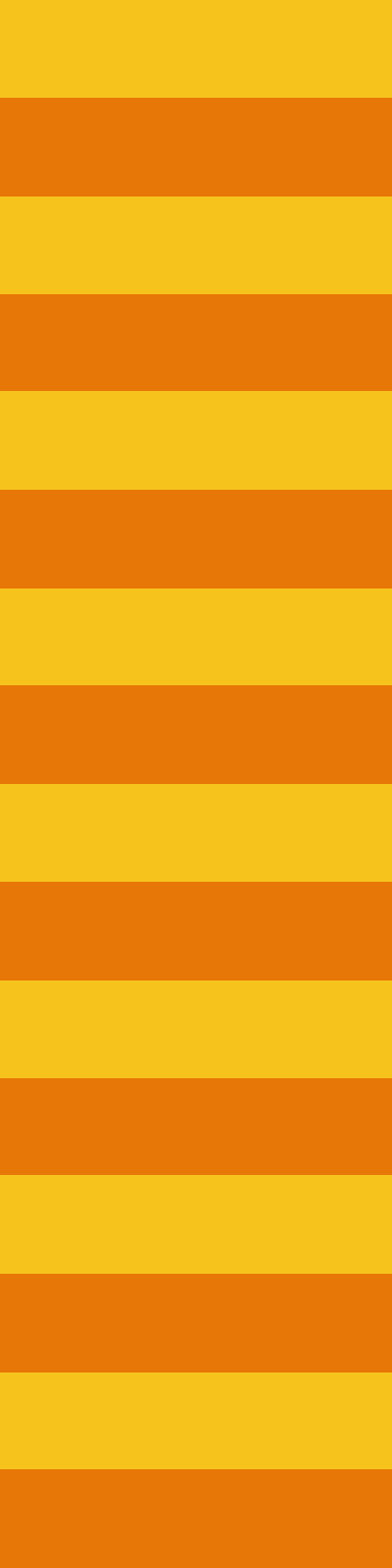
Course Name	Duration	Start	Full Fee	
FdSc Mechatronic Engineering (Subject to validation)	2 years	Sept	TBC	Find out more



Quantity Surveying

Course Name	Duration	Start	Full Fee	
FdSc Quantity Surveying (Subject to validation)	2 years	Sept	TBC	Find out more





The Facts. **Access to Higher Education**

What is an Access to HE course?

An Access to Higher Education course is a 1 year pre-university course that prepares adults for study at university. These courses are ideal if you have been out of education for a while, are planning a career change or want to upskill in your current job. A typical Access course is 2-3 days a week, 9.30am-3pm and are taken by students of all ages and backgrounds.

What can I progress onto after completing an Access course?

You can take an HNC, HND or Foundation Degree in a relevant subject area at Harlow College or a Degree or Foundation Degree at another university.

80% of Harlow College Access to HE learners secured their first place university choice, many achieving high amount of merits and distinctions. The Nursing and Midwifery course saw 94% of all students achieve a full award.

How much does an Access course cost?

The cost of an Access course depends on the provider. At Harlow College the cost of an Access course is £3384. You may be eligible for an Advanced Learner Loan to cover the cost of your course.

Student Finance England, who are responsible for student loans, will 'write off' any outstanding Advanced Learner Loan balance for your Access to HE course as soon as you complete a higher education course. This means you do not have to repay your Advanced Learner Loan if you progress to higher education and complete your degree programme.

You may be eligible for a Harlow College 19+ bursary award to support with travel costs, childcare and course materials.

Can I study an English & Maths course alongside?

In many instances this may be possible. Speak to our Access to HE team for more information.



Our courses.

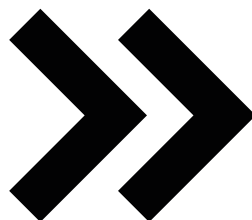
Access to Higher Education

Course Name	Duration	Start	Full Fee	
Access to Nursing, Midwifery & Health Studies	1 year - Full-time (2-3 days a week)	Sept	£3384	Find out more
Access to Psychology & Counselling	1 year - Full-time (2-3 days a week)	Sept	£3384	Find out more
Access to Medicine	1 year - Full-time (3 days a week)	Sept	£3384	Find out more
Access to Construction & Built Environment (Subject to validation)	1 year - Full-time (2-3 days a week)	Sept	£3384	Find out more
Access to Criminal Justice & Policing Studies (Subject to validation)	1 year - Full-time (2-3 days a week)	Sept	£3384	Find out more
Access to Childhood Studies (Subject to validation)	1 year - Full-time (2-3 days a week)	Sept	£3884	Find out more



"I really appreciate my tutors and all of the Harlow College team as well for making the timetable so flexible, as this allowed me to attend the classes and fit my studies around my work."

Allen, Access to Nursing & Midwifery



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The Facts. **Higher** **Apprenticeships**

What is a Higher Apprenticeship?

A Higher Apprenticeship is an Apprenticeship at Level 4 or above. Level 4 Apprenticeships are equivalent to the first year of an undergraduate degree, or a Higher National Certificate (HNC). Level 5 Apprenticeships are equivalent to a foundation degree, or a Higher National Diploma (HND).

How do Higher Apprenticeships work?

An Apprenticeship is like a job, but with an added element of study. You'll spend most of your time doing on-the-job training and the rest studying with your college or training provider.

At the end of the Apprenticeship, you'll have an assessment to check you can confidently perform your role. If you pass, you'll be awarded your Apprenticeship. The assessment is nothing to worry about, you'll have been building up to it throughout your time on the Apprenticeship and will be well prepared.

What are the benefits of a Higher Apprenticeship

You're an employee and as such will get paid a salary, have a holiday allowance and be entitled to sick pay.

You'll gain professional experience in your chosen career and put what you learn into daily practice.

You won't have to pay any study costs, as they're co-funded by your employer and the government.

Many apprentices end up staying with the same company they did their Apprenticeship with after qualifying.



Our courses.

Higher Apprenticeships

Course Name	Duration	Start	
Level 4 Professional Accounting/Taxation Technician	18-24 months	Sept	Find out more
Level 4 Engineering Manufacturing Technician	42 months (24 months of day release)	Variable	Find out more
Level 4 Automation & Controls Engineering Technician	48 months (24 months of day release)	Variable	Find out more
Level 4 Lead Engineering Maintenance Technician	42 months (24 months of day release)	Variable	Find out more





The Facts.

Professional Diplomas

What is a Professional Diploma?

If you want to work at the top level of the profession of your choice, you will usually need a professional qualification.

Professional qualifications are also a very good way to get credit for all the skills and experience you have gained in your job.

We have an exciting range of Level 4 Diplomas and Professional qualifications, designed to enable you to become highly skilled and ready for your next steps without the need to go to university.

For some of our professional courses we offer a blended learning approach where more of your study is carried out online at a time to suit you.

What can I progress onto after completing my Level 4 or 5 Professional Diploma?

You may progress to a higher level of study or use the qualification to seek promotion or new employment opportunities.

How much does a Professional Diploma cost?

The fees vary depending on the provider and the course studied. Student finance is available to help cover the cost of some of these courses in the form of a 19+ Advanced Learner Loan.

Advanced Learner Loans



Our courses.

Professional Diplomas

Course Name	Duration	Start	Full Fee	
Level 4 Accounting	18 months	Sept	£3064	Find out more
Level 5 CMI Leadership & Management	10 weeks - 1 year	20 Mar	from £360	Find out more
Level 4 Counselling	2 years		£3495	Find out more
Level 4 Electric/Hybrid Vehicles Diagnosis, Testing & Repair	6 evenings	2 Nov	£699	Find out more
Level 4 Salon Management	1 year	Sept	£3345	Find out more
Level 4 TAQA Award in the Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice	4 weeks	12 Jan	£720	Find out more
Level 4 TAQA Award in Understanding Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice	4 weeks	12 Jan	£390	Find out more
Level 4 TAQA Certificate in Leading the Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice	4 weeks	12 Jan	£960	Find out more
Level 4 Teacher Training Education and Training	30 weeks	Feb	£950	Find out more

Professional Diplomas

Course Name	Duration	Start	Full Fee	
Level 5 Teacher Training Education and Training	51 weeks	10 Jan	£2440	Find out more
Level 5 NCTJ Journalism - News & Magazine	1 year	Sept	£4170	Find out more
Level 5 NCTJ Journalism - News & Magazine (Fast Track)	24 weeks	Sept	£4170	Find out more



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