

SCHOOL LEAVERS

ADULT RETURNERS

NORTH EAST
SCOTLAND
COLLEGE



YOUR

FUTURE

STARTS

HERE

CAREER CHANGE

UPSKILLING

APPRENTICESHIPS

SCHOOL LINKS

UNIVERSITY PROGRESSION

2024-25
FULL-TIME

COURSE
GUIDE



Hello

Welcome to NESCol

Your Future Starts Here!



We are very proud of the role NESCol plays in supporting students to fulfil their potential in education and training, in employment and in life.

NESCol provides a vibrant, engaging and nurturing environment for all. Whether you are joining straight from school or returning to College to retrain or upskill, there are opportunities waiting to be explored.

With industry standard facilities and close partnerships with employers and university partners, we aim to bring learning to life and provide the next step towards rewarding careers.

Our experienced and expert staff ensure a warm and inclusive atmosphere designed to give every individual the opportunity to achieve their ambitions.

We're excited to showcase the subjects on offer and our teams look forward to guiding you through the application process.

Neil Cowie
Principal and Chief Executive

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YOUR ROUTE TO SUCCESS

MORE THAN
125
FULL-TIME COURSES

18
SUBJECT AREAS

4
LOCATIONS

NESCol is one of Scotland's largest providers of vocational education, with a huge variety of courses in a vast range of subject areas.

Everyone can start on a course to suit their ability and experience, from introductory to advanced level. The curriculum is constantly evolving, with new and updated courses developed to meet the needs of industry and give students the best chance of rewarding careers.



ABERDEEN ALTENS

ABERDEEN CITY

FRASERBURGH

SCOTTISH MARITIME ACADEMY

ADULT RETURNER

INTRODUCTORY COURSES

SCHOOL LEAVERS



PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

PROGRESS TO EMPLOYMENT

ACCESS BRILLIANT STUDENT SUPPORT

The College's friendly Student Advice Centre staff and Student Advice and Support Team offer expert guidance on anything that might affect your NESCol experience or future education and employment. Additional learning support, funding and advice for international students as well as personal support and career guidance are all available from our advisors. Access to a host of other support services is also provided to students.



18 HOURS A WEEK

MORE THAN
38%

OF NORTH EAST SCHOOL LEAVERS CHOOSE NESCOL FOR THEIR NEXT STEP

ENJOY FLEXIBLE LEARNING

We know everyone's circumstances are different and flexibility is more important than ever. From distance learning and part-time courses through to our full-time offering, all of our courses offer the chance to fit with family, work and other commitments. Most full-time courses require you to be in class for 18 hours per week – leaving plenty of scope to study, work, and enjoy your own free time. Some courses will require more than this and our subject specialists will be happy to advise.

PATHWAYS TO UNIVERSITY

EMBRACE THE COLLEGE EXPERIENCE

Equality is central to all of our ambitions for a bright, vibrant and inclusive College. Everyone is welcome at NESCol and our Respect commitment ensures that we strive to provide the best possible environment for all students, staff and stakeholders - free from harassment and discrimination. This means that every campus is a diverse, interesting, safe and exciting place to be. Find out more at

www.nescol.ac.uk/respect

GIVE • GET • GROW
RESPECT

CHECK OUT
OUR FANTASTIC
FACILITIES

A JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY



Behind the doors at NESCol there's a whole new world waiting to be discovered.

Inspirational creative spaces sit side by side with the buzz of professional kitchens and hair and beauty salons, the energy of construction and engineering workshops, study and social areas and much more in between.



The Basement Theatre

A hidden gem on the North East arts scene, our very own theatre at City Campus has a capacity of more than 100 and hosts a range of shows each year. Most importantly it provides the ideal space for students to hone their skills in performance and production. The theatre complements music rehearsal spaces as well as sound production, TV and radio studios.



Gate 63 and Wallace Restaurant

NESCol's training restaurants are renowned for their excellent service and fine dining, delivered by students as they put theory into practice in the professional kitchens and front of house settings. Open to the public, Gate 63 at City Campus and the Wallace Restaurant at Fraserburgh Campus provide a wonderful location for any occasion.

TV STUDIOS

FITNESS SUITES

PLANETARIUM

The Salon and in:tuition

Hair and beauty students at our Fraserburgh and City campuses benefit from the very best facilities to perfect their technique, with professional salon services on offer to the public in relaxing and welcoming environments that are complete with the very latest equipment to keep pace with the industry.



Bridge Simulators

One minute students can be navigating the calm waters of the Port of Singapore, the next the harsh seas of the North East as they are trained in the vital skills required for a life at sea. The bridge simulators at the Scottish Maritime Academy provide a challenging and realistic representation of the rigours of the sector.



Future Skills Zone

Created following a generous donation by a local benefactor, this vibrant learning area is at the heart of Fraserburgh Campus and is designed to provide a hands-on showcase of the technology that will drive key industries in the region. Students gain experience in everything from robotics and 3D printing to drones and virtual reality.



Construction Workshops

From replica home heating systems and circuit rigs for plumbing and electrical engineering students, to full scale interiors in the painting and decorating department and joinery and brickwork workshops, Altens and Fraserburgh campuses provide realistic training spaces that bring the construction disciplines to life.



Science Laboratories

Our labs are always a hive of activity and practical work is central to the curriculum. Cloud chambers, flame tubes, fluorescence spectrometers, hydrogen and biotechnology equipment and a range of other instruments and research resources provide the opportunity for students to build their skills and knowledge at City and Fraserburgh campuses.



Art, Photography and Floristry Studios

Building the right environment for creativity to flourish is very important to us. Across City and Fraserburgh campuses there are a range of vibrant learning spaces, ranging from textile rooms and art studios to newly created photography studios equipped with the very latest industry equipment.



SOCIAL SPACES

Engineering

At Fraserburgh and Altens campuses our students learn in surroundings that replicate the world of work - from automotive workshops, complete with spray booths, to professional welding facilities and much more. A major focus is on developing the College's resources dedicated to energy transition, with exciting investment plans.



Learn From the Best

Dedicated, enthusiastic and industry-experienced teaching staff guide students through their chosen course. Comprehensive online resources, engaging classroom sessions and innovative practical experiences are used to provide a springboard to future careers. Our nurturing learning environment and supportive approach aims to get the best out of every individual and ensure NESCol students fulfil their potential in employment and life.



LIBRARY AND DIGITAL SKILLS SPACES

Care Ward

Did you know we have a replica of a care ward at our City Campus, complete with hospital beds and specialist mannequins? Fraserburgh Campus also has dedicated health and social care facilities, with childcare areas also featuring materials and learning tools that help students make the transition from classroom to the workplace seamlessly.

GETTING STARTED



Our aim is to make securing a place at NESCol as straightforward as possible.

Expert teams are available to provide advice and guidance on every stage of the application process and we've mapped out exactly what to expect. You can find a quick guide to applying on P18.

Applications are accepted right through to the start of each session, but we always advise submitting yours as soon as you are ready. Courses can fill up quickly so applying early can help avoid disappointment.

We keep in regular touch with applicants, providing all of the information needed to get started at NESCol.

The College knows that every student is different. We offer impartial and confidential information and advice on a range of topics.

These include: application and course advice; funding applications and queries; international admissions; induction information; transition from school to college; additional support for learning; assistive technologies; mental health and wellbeing advice; money management; key skills and study support; support for care experienced students; exams and graduation; careers, employability and enterprise; university progression.

With a Student Advice Centre at each of our main campuses, advisors are available in person or to talk to using LiveChat, email and phone.

T 01224 612704

E studentadvice@nescol.ac.uk

LiveChat support is available on our website
www.nescol.ac.uk

Monday to Thursday
08:30 - 10:00 and 14:30 - 16:00

Friday
08:30 - 10:00 and 14:30 - 15:30



Funding

Funding is a key consideration when joining NESCol. There are a number of different funding options available for full-time courses.

Most students will receive funding to meet tuition fees.

You may also be eligible for help towards the cost of living and travel costs while studying. Additional provision, including childcare and discretionary funding for those facing financial hardship, is also available depending on personal circumstances.

Visit nescol.ac.uk/full-time-funding for full details on the full range of funding options.

The Student Information Scotland website also includes a funding checker and detailed information on eligibility requirements:

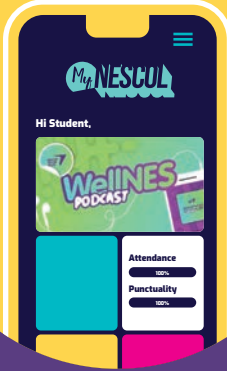
www.studentinformation.gov.scot

Full-time funding
nescol.ac.uk/full-time-funding



LEARNING RESOURCES

As a NESCol student you will have access to a host of resources and facilities to help you make the most of your experience.



MyNESCol: Our student intranet is where you will find your timetable, manage absences and get the latest news and information for students. It is accessible using web browsers or as an Android or Apple app.



VLE: The Virtual Learning Environment provides every student with access to a course area with material and resources as well as a place for groups to collaborate and chat online. Our VLE also allows learning to be delivered online and is available as an app.



Bring Your Own Device: NESCol embraces online opportunities to add to the learning experience. Some courses require access to a device and the Bring Your Own Device initiative supports this. Funding may be available to ensure you have the equipment you need.



Office 365

Office 365: As a student at NESCol you will have free access to Microsoft Office 365, including key applications such as Word, Excel and Powerpoint. A range of communication tools, including Teams and Skype, are part of the package as well as OneDrive cloud storage.

IT.HELPZONE

IT HelpZone: Run by students for students, the helpdesks at each campus provide assistance on a wide range of IT issues. Available as a drop-in service or to provide email and phone assistance, the IT HelpZone teams offer a friendly, professional and swift service.

LIBRARY PLUS

Libraries: The libraries at our Altens, City and Fraserburgh campuses stock a range of resources for study and leisure. From subject specific books and journals to the latest fiction releases, there is something for everyone. With a Digital Skills Space at each, they offer a friendly study space for all.

NESCOL FIRST IMPRESSIONS SURVEY

MORE THAN
5,000
students responded

AUTUMN 2022



99%
OF FULL-TIME STUDENTS
BELIEVE THEY ARE
TREATED FAIRLY

98%
OF FULL-TIME STUDENTS
ARE SATISFIED WITH
THEIR COURSE

96%
OF FULL-TIME STUDENTS
ENJOY ATTENDING
COLLEGE

STUDENTS THINK

At NESCol, one of our priorities is to listen to what our students have to say so that we can make sure your college experience is the best it can be.

During your time as a student with us, you may have the opportunity to put yourself forward as a class rep, take part in a focus group or complete online surveys. One of these is the NESCol First Impressions Survey which full-time students are invited to complete a few weeks after starting their course. More than 5,000 students responded in autumn 2022 (86% of those eligible) and we're delighted with the results!

Read our student stories
nescol.ac.uk/stories



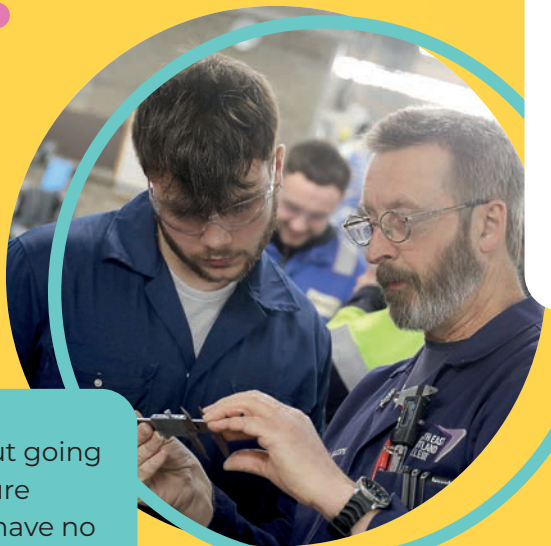


Incredibly friendly and helpful lecturers that are easy to talk to and are always willing to help.”



When we asked students about their introduction to NESCol, the warmth of the welcome and support from staff shone through.

“I am learning something new every day!”



I had concerns about going to college as a mature student but would have no qualms in recommending NESCol to anyone. My experience is one of total inclusion.”



My course has been great. Lecturers are very supportive and encourage us to do well.”

There’s support and advice available throughout the summer for anyone keen to find out more about what to expect and to help with the transition to College.



Staff are on hand to welcome students to campus at the start of each academic year and to help everyone find their way.

With an Academic Tutor assigned to every full-time student, there’s a friendly face from day one to support and guide you during your time with us.

“I love the teaching staff. Very interesting and informative.”



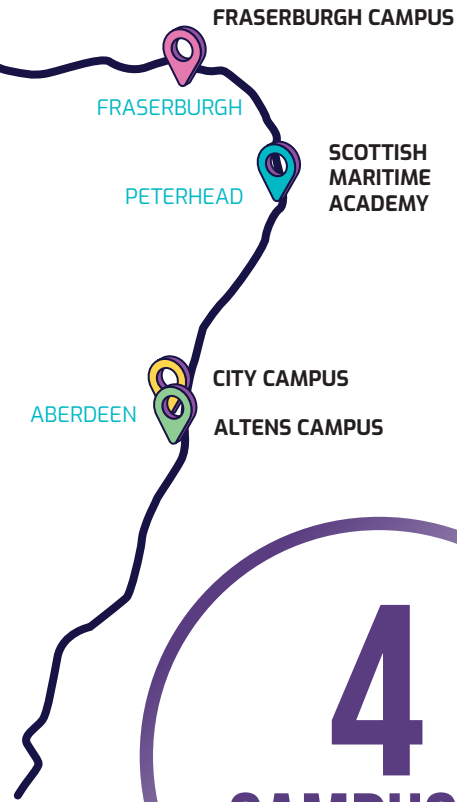
OUR CAMPUSES

The reach of NESCol extends throughout the region, with campuses and learning centres across the North East of Scotland.

The majority of full-time courses are delivered at our Altens, City and Fraserburgh campuses. The Scottish Maritime Academy in Peterhead is another important NESCol centre of excellence.

All benefit from excellent transport links, including College buses serving Fraserburgh and Altens campuses, and have their own specialist learning areas.

The campuses offer students a range of additional facilities, ranging from advice and support to IT assistance, libraries and study spaces as well as fitness suites and catering outlets.



**4
CAMPUSES**



Altens Campus

**500+
STUDENTS**



**FITNESS
SUITE**

**2
CAFÉS**



**QUIET &
SOCIAL
AREAS**



City Campus

**4,500+
STUDENTS**



**FITNESS
SUITE**

**4
CAFÉS**



**QUIET &
SOCIAL
AREAS**



Fraserburgh Campus

**950+
STUDENTS**



**FITNESS
SUITE**

**3
CAFÉS**



**QUIET &
SOCIAL
AREAS**

**ALL CAMPUSES
FEATURE:**

IT.THE.ZONE

LIBRARY

**NESCol
Students'
Association**

**STUDENT
ADVICE
CENTRE**



The Scottish Maritime Academy

Overlooking Peterhead Marina, the Scottish Maritime Academy is at the forefront of training in the Merchant Navy, Standby and Supply sector and fishing industry. It offers courses for new entrants as well as experienced mariners from across the UK and overseas.

The Academy has access to high specification teaching resources and specialist maritime equipment. It's able to replicate what is happening in the port in the classroom with realistic training scenarios in a secure training environment.

Learners can gain practical experience in the net hall, build their communication expertise in the radio room or sample life on the bridge using the full bridge Wartsila simulator.

40 YEARS MARITIME TRAINING EXPERIENCE



250 METRES PROXIMITY TO PORT

A CLEAN, GREEN FUTURE

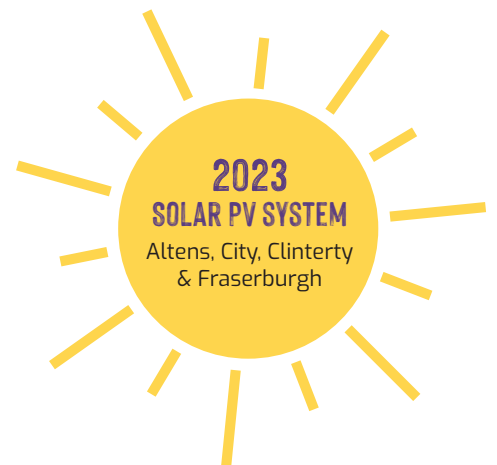
Sustainability is a way of life at NESCol.

The College is integral to the skills revolution that is driving energy transition in the North East and beyond by creating a workforce equipped for a new era.

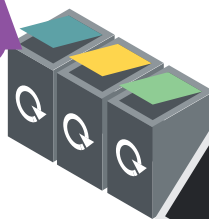
Our teams are also passionate about working with students to reduce the carbon footprint of the College by changing the way we operate. The aim is to become a net zero institution by 2035.

From planting trees on campus and major solar energy projects, to a fleet of zero emission vehicles and from recycling activity to the use of compostable catering materials, good practice can be found at every turn.

It all adds up to a firm commitment to a green and vibrant future for the region and all those we serve.



AIM TO BE **net zero** BY 2035



THE NESCOL EXPERIENCE

FRESHERS' WEEK

The College year starts with Freshers' Week – a chance to settle into new surroundings and find out more about what's available. In addition to promoting opportunities within NESCol, we also invite specially selected external exhibitors to join the week and to share information and offers with students.



NESCOL STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Run by students for students, the SA leads initiatives, events and activities as well as supporting those keen to establish clubs and societies of their own. From music to sport and politics, there are opportunities for all. The SA also plays a vital part in representing the student voice at NESCol and everyone has a chance to get involved in key roles.

GO CELEBRATE!

Each year the achievements of students are recognised in the Go Celebrate! awards, with nominations invited from students and staff across a range of categories. It is just one of a number of celebrations on the NESCol calendar, including the Modern Apprenticeship Awards and opportunities to get involved in regional and national competitions.

SPARKLE WINTER FESTIVAL

In December, the College community joins together for a month of fun and fundraising, with a packed festive programme. In 2022 the events raised thousands of pounds for The Student Pantry, a NESCol SA initiative designed to combat food insecurity among students by offering free store cupboard goods and other essentials. A free Breakfast Club is also run by the SA.

EXHIBITIONS AND PERFORMANCES

We love to put the creativity of our students in the spotlight. From photography exhibitions and art shows to theatre productions and special music showcase events, there is always a busy schedule both on campus and through partnerships with external venues and organisations.

SUPPORT NETWORKS AND EVENTS

Support is at the heart of our student-centred approach. A number of initiatives are in place, ranging from those for care experienced students and student carers to the essential tips in the Hack Your Studies sessions, university transition and career events. There is also free access for every student to a variety of resources and advice through wellbeing specialist Spectrum.Life.

GRADUATION

With annual ceremonies in Aberdeen and Fraserburgh, NESCol Graduations are a glittering occasion designed to ensure every student completing their HNC, HND or equivalent qualification has the chance to share their special occasion with those closest to them. Always a highlight of the year, the events are an inspiring way to mark each individual's accomplishments.



YOUR FUTURE, YOUR WAY

More than 6,000 students enroll on full-time courses each year.

The total number of students under our wing at any one time swells to more than 20,000 through part-time, distance learning, schools-college partnerships and our role in the apprenticeship family.

FULL-TIME
PART-TIME
DISTANCE LEARNING
SCHOOLS-COLLEGE PARTNERSHIPS
APPRENTICESHIPS

SCHOOLS-COLLEGE PARTNERSHIPS

For many students, the association with NESCol starts well before they start a full-time course. Through our close links with North East secondary schools, we offer a wide range of courses at a variety of levels for pupils in S4, S5 and S6 in Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire. Alongside Foundation Apprenticeships there are also qualifications awarded by City and Guilds and the SQA. Further information is available at nescol.ac.uk/school-links

MODERN APPRENTICESHIPS

A Modern Apprenticeship provides anyone aged 16 or over the opportunity to achieve industry recognised qualifications whilst working. They come in all shapes and sizes, typically lasting from two to four years. Individuals must be employed to enrol on a Modern Apprenticeship programme. Visit nescol.ac.uk/apprenticeships to discover the range of apprenticeships delivered by NESCol teams.

DFN PROJECT SEARCH

This one-year internship programme is based on an international model which originated in the USA and supports young people with additional needs to gain skills and experience to go on to employment. It is a collaborative project between NESCol, the University of Aberdeen and Values Into Action Scotland. It is supported by Skills Development Scotland. Full course details are available at nescol.ac.uk/courses/project-search

PART-TIME AND DISTANCE LEARNING

We have a comprehensive range of flexible learning options, from leisure courses offering the chance to try fun and exciting activities with expert tuition to opportunities to upskill or retrain for career change or progression. Our growing distance learning programme provides an extensive selection of online courses aimed at personal and professional development. Find out more at nescol.ac.uk/part-time-and-distance-learning

FOR EMPLOYERS

Free training worth up to £15,000 is available for every North East business through the Flexible Workforce Development Fund. Tailored support can be provided alongside a well-established choice of existing courses designed to support the needs of the region's traditional and emerging sectors. NESCol provides a variety of services for employers and further information can be found at nescol.ac.uk/college-services/employers/

**FREE TRAINING
WORTH UP TO
£15,000**

is available for every North East business through the Flexible Workforce Development Fund

nescol.ac.uk/modes-of-study

ROUTES TO EMPLOYMENT

NESCol is the gateway to a world of opportunity and we are here to support our students every step of the way.

Our courses offer progression to employment with a recognised qualification and relevant industry skills as well as the confidence to put that new knowledge and expertise into practice in the workplace.

The latest national study carried out by the Scottish Funding Council found that a record 91% of the country's college leavers progressed to positive destinations, including work or university.

NESCol has close relationships with employers and a strong track record of providing talented recruits to businesses and organisations throughout the region, across the UK and worldwide.

We collaborate with businesses, industry bodies and trade organisations to ensure courses are relevant to the sectors they serve.

The latest trends and developments are used to shape the way subjects are taught and industry links help to attract input from guest speakers as well as providing opportunities to take part in special projects, class field trips and much more.

The College also places a strong emphasis on developing enterprise skills and confidence amongst students at all levels.

Close work with organisations including Bridge 2 Business and Elevator ensure opportunities to get involved and to gain insight into the world of business. Many NESCol students have gone on to establish successful businesses and to provide employment across a host of different industries.



I'm so glad that I came to NESCol because it really has been a life changing experience. Studying an HND in Social Sciences really helped me to see the world in a better light.

Kirsten Koss
Social Sciences

MORE THAN
91%
OF STUDENTS
PROGRESS TO POSITIVE
DESTINATIONS



PATHWAYS

TO UNIVERSITY

Achievements at NESCol open up a range of options when it is time to take that important next step.

The College can provide a direct route to university and hundreds of our students make the transition to degree courses each year.

Articulation arrangements with RGU, the University of Aberdeen and universities across Scotland mean students can progress to year two or year three of university on successful completion of an HNC or HND.

According to the latest study, more than 55% of students leaving Scottish colleges with a qualification at SCQF Level 7 or above went on to study at university.

NESCol works closely with partner universities to offer well established pathways and align courses to provide a smooth transition – with more than 50 links from NESCol to RGU alone!

A 3D graphic showing the number '55' in large, bold, yellow and blue letters, followed by a percentage sign '%' in a smaller, blue, 3D font. The graphic is set against a light blue circular background.

OF STUDENTS GO ON TO STUDY AT UNIVERSITY

DEGREElink make the connection

NESCol has partnered with RGU to make the transition from college to university as straightforward as possible.

The collaboration allows students to take their first steps towards a degree by studying in the vibrant and nurturing NESCol environment, with the aim of progressing to university when the time is right.

The Degree Link programme is the perfect platform for students who aim to study at university after building qualifications, knowledge and skills at College.

Entry will be subject to specified routes through HNC/HND or certain knowledge requirements. Completion of a HNC will lead to entry in year two of a degree course and completion of a HND will lead to entry in year three of a degree course.

In some cases there may be course-specific requirements, such as taking specified options on an HN programme, and some courses may require presentation of a portfolio or an interview with an RGU tutor.

As a NESCol student you can join the RGU Associate Student scheme, bringing a number of benefits.

rgu.ac.uk/degree-link

ASSOCIATE UNIVERSITIES

NESCol has a number of associate universities, and you will find that every HND course offers formal articulation arrangements.

Our associate universities are:

[Abertay University](#)

[Edinburgh Napier University](#)

[Glasgow Caledonian University](#)

[Queen Margaret University](#)

[RGU](#)

[The Open University](#)

[University of Aberdeen](#)

[University of the Highlands and Islands](#)



ADMISSIONS PROCEDURE

**DECIDE WHICH
COURSE YOU'D
LIKE TO STUDY**

 www.nescol.ac.uk

Do you meet the entry requirements for this course or are you working towards them?

NO

Explore alternatives on our website or contact our Student Advice Centre to talk about the best route for you.

We're confident we have a course to suit everyone.

YES

APPLY NOW

Excellent! Apply online now*.

(Current students enrolled on Year 1 of an HND will have an application processed on their behalf by our admissions team.)

For further information on how to complete your application visit the 'How to apply' section on our website.

*A paper application can be submitted

You'll receive an acknowledgement of your application within 24 hours*. If we need further information from you or want to invite you for an interview, we'll be in touch within 5 weeks. Interviews may be in person on campus or online via Teams.

*For paper applications this will be within five working days

Sometimes our admissions team can make you an offer straight away.

This is often the case for current students progressing between course levels.

The course you've applied for is at high demand

Some of our courses attract more applications than places available. When this happens we hold your details on our waiting list and should spaces become available we'll let you know. You are welcome to withdraw your application for that course and apply for an alternative.

Please contact enquiry@nescol.ac.uk to do so.

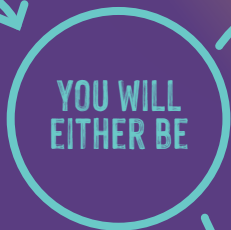
You've been invited for an interview

Don't worry! It's more of an informal chat so our curriculum staff can find out if the course you have applied for is the best option for you. It's also a chance for you to ask questions about the course and studying at NESCol. Remember to bring any documentation you've been asked to take along and give yourself plenty time to get to campus if your interview is in person.

**WHAT
HAPPENS
NEXT?**



You'll be notified of the outcome of your interview within 10 days.



Made a full (unconditional) offer.

Congratulations! Accept your offer to confirm your place on the course.



Made a conditional offer.

Your place on the course is dependent on achieving exams or successfully completing your current NESCol course. For those sitting exams (e.g. SQA Nationals or Highers at school) we'll let you know how to share those with us nearer results day.

Not offered a place?

Our curriculum team may recommend an alternative course or an advisor from our Student Advice Centre will be in touch to discuss your options.



NEED HELP WITH YOUR APPLICATION?

Contact our Student Advice Centre on 01224 612330 or studentadvice@nescol.ac.uk

Find out more nescol.ac.uk/how-to-apply



Follow our social channels to keep up to date with NESCol



NORTH EAST SCOTLAND COLLEGE



APPLICANT UPDATE

We'll keep in touch with you via our regular applicant update emails where we will share useful information on funding, student support, key events, enrolment and more. Please keep an eye out for these.

FOLLOW THE DIRECTION THAT'S RIGHT FOR YOU

NESCol provides levels and modes of study that offer unparalleled flexibility.

Our teams work with applicants to ensure they are placed on a course at the most appropriate level, giving every individual the best opportunity to achieve the qualification they need to follow their chosen path.

Most subjects offer courses at non-advanced and advanced (HNC and HND) level, all with progression routes to further qualifications or employment.

Full-time courses listed in this guide have a Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF) level or comparable level as a quick and easy reference.

The SCQF Framework supports lifelong learning in Scotland and helps learners, employers and the public understand the full range of qualifications and how they relate to each other. To view an interactive version of the SCQF Framework visit www.scqf.org.uk

SCQF Levels	SQA Qualifications		Qualifications of Higher Education Institutions	Apprenticeships & SVQs	
12			↑	Professional Apprenticeship	
11			↑	Graduate Apprenticeship, Professional Apprenticeship SVQ	
10			↑	Graduate Apprenticeship, Professional Apprenticeship	
9			Professional Development Award	Graduate Apprenticeship, Technical Apprenticeship SVQ	
8	Higher National Diploma		Diploma Of Higher Education	Higher Apprenticeship, Technical Apprenticeship SVQ	
7	Advanced Higher, Awards, Scottish Baccalaureate	Higher National Certificate		Certificate of Higher Education	Modern Apprenticeship, SVQ
6	Higher, Awards, Skills for Work Higher		↑	Modern Apprenticeship, Foundation Apprenticeship SVQ	
5	National 5, Awards, Skills for Work National 5		↓	Modern Apprenticeship SVQ	
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Management**

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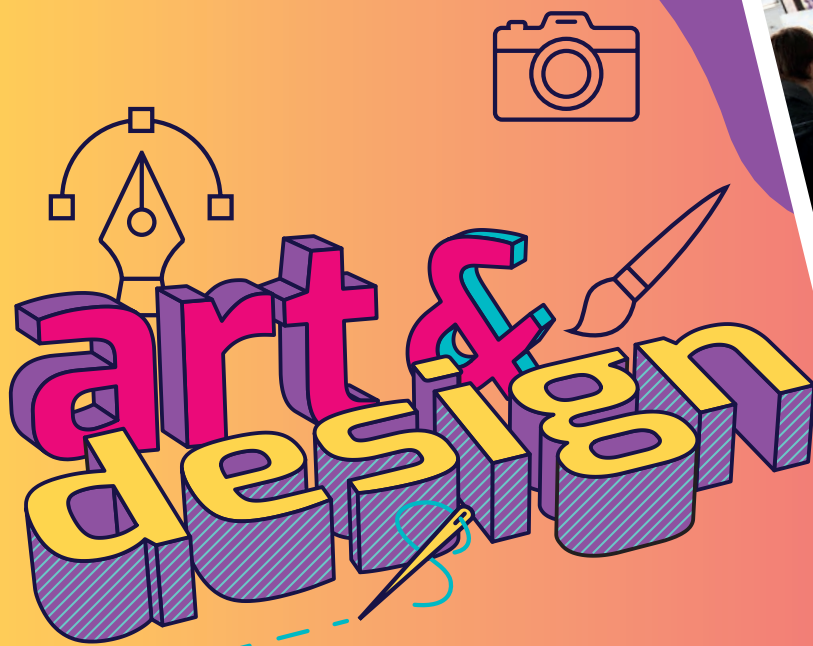
Travel & Tourism

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Careers at Sea

View our courses
& apply online
nescol.ac.uk/courses



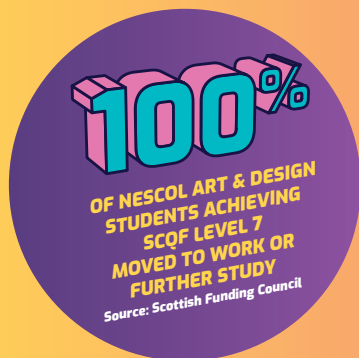


CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- [Animator](#)
- [Art Coordinator](#)
- [Content Producer](#)
- [Designer](#)
- [Fashion/Textile Designer](#)
- [Florist](#)
- [Freelance Artist](#)
- [Gallery Curator](#)
- [Graphic Designer](#)
- [Illustrator](#)
- [Image Editor](#)
- [Media Assistant](#)
- [Photographer](#)
- [Printmaker](#)
- [Product Designer](#)
- [Retail Management](#)
- [Seamstress/Tailor](#)
- [Visual Merchandiser](#)

Whether you aspire to work as an artist, a fashion designer, a photographer, animator, graphic designer, or one of many more exciting roles in the ever-evolving creative industries, NESCOL will equip you with the knowledge and skills to make a positive impact within your chosen field.

nescol.ac.uk/art



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auto- motive

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

[Engineer](#)

[Motor Mechanic](#)

[Motor Vehicle Breakdown](#)

[Motor Vehicle Fitter](#)

[Motor Vehicle Parts Person](#)

[Motor Vehicle Technician](#)

[Vehicle Body Repairer](#)

[Vehicle Spray Painter](#)

Do you want to work in a rapidly changing industry incorporating new technologies and keeping the population mobile? A career in the automotive industry offers opportunities to become expert in body repair or repair and maintenance, including in the growing area of electric and hybrid vehicles.

nescol.ac.uk/automotive

25,000

EXTRA ELECTRIC
VEHICLE TECHNICIANS
REQUIRED IN THE UK
BY 2030

Source: The Social Market Foundation

8,400

MOTOR MECHANICS
EMPLOYED IN
SCOTLAND

Source: Oxford Economics



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£1bn

SCOTTISH LEGAL
SECTOR'S VALUE
TO THE ECONOMY
Source: Scottish Government



business & management



Business & Management attracts highly motivated individuals with management potential and promising entrepreneurs of the future. Those qualified in business disciplines are sought after by employers in highly diverse industries and careers worldwide.

nescol.ac.uk/business



220,000

EMPLOYED IN SCOTLAND'S
FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS
SERVICES SECTOR
Source: Scottish Government

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Administrator

Assistant Accountant

Bookkeeper

Clerical Assistant

Conveyancing Assistant

HR Administrator

HR Officer

Junior Admin Manager

Legal Accountant

Legal Cashier

Management Consultant

Paralegal Assistant

Payroll Administrator

Personal Assistant

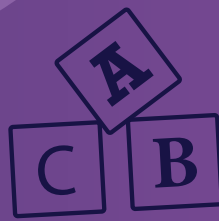
Recruitment Consultant

Trainee Accountant

Trainee Administrator

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Care



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

[Advanced Nurse Practitioner](#)

[Care Home Manager](#)

[Childcare Support Worker](#)

[Childhood Practitioner](#)

[Childminder](#)

[Children's Nursing](#)

[Criminal Justice Support Worker](#)

[Education Support Assistant](#)

[Health Care Support Worker](#)

[Nursery Manager](#)

[Occupational Therapist](#)

[Paramedic Practice](#)

[Senior Childhood Practitioner](#)

[Social Care Assistant](#)

[Social Work Assistant](#)

[Social Worker](#)

People are at the heart of a career in care. Whether you are hoping to work in the child, health or social care field, every day will be spent making a difference to the lives of others.

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computing

Come and join a fast-paced environment, which is continuously changing and evolving to meet the demands of the growing computing industry. Our courses help develop your character and skill set, expanding your creativity, communication and problem-solving abilities as well as your technical skills.

nescol.ac.uk/computing

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- [App Developer](#)
- [Business Analyst](#)
- [Cyber Security Specialist](#)
- [Data Management](#)
- [Digital Content Editor](#)
- [Digital Designer](#)
- [Digital Marketing](#)
- [Forensic Analyst](#)
- [IT Management](#)
- [Network Engineer](#)
- [Penetration Tester](#)
- [Security Analyst](#)
- [Software Developer](#)
- [Technology Consultancy](#)
- [Web Content Editor](#)
- [Web Developer](#)

83,000

ALREADY EMPLOYED
IN SCOTLAND'S
TECHNOLOGY SECTOR

Source: SDI

76%

OF SCOTTISH
TECHNOLOGY FIRMS
EXPECT TO GROW

Source: ScotlandIS

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or to apply visit
nescol.ac.uk/computing



16,000

**EXTRA CONSTRUCTION
JOBS IN SCOTLAND
BY 2030 RELATING TO
ENERGY EFFICIENCY
PROJECTS**

Source: ClimateXChange for
the Scottish Government

CONSTRUCTION

Do you want to work in a rapidly changing industry incorporating new technologies and helping to shape the world around us? Building schools, homes, hospitals and other infrastructure ensures skills are in demand. A range of new and exciting career opportunities are also available as the construction sector plays an important part in energy transition, adopting low carbon solutions and driving energy efficiency in homes and businesses.

nescol.ac.uk/construction

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

[Architectural Technician](#)

[BIM Technician](#)

[Bricklayer](#)

[Building Services Technician](#)

[Building Surveyor](#)

[Construction Manager](#)

[Construction Supervisor](#)

[Joiner](#)

[Painter and Decorator](#)

[Planner](#)

[Plumber](#)

[Quantity Surveyor](#)

[Site Manager](#)

300

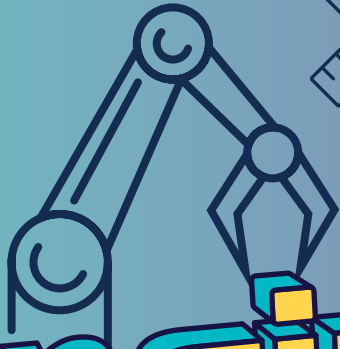
**SCOTTISH CONSTRUCTION
COMPANIES REPORTING
VACANCIES DUE TO
SKILLS SHORTAGES**

Source: ClimateXChange for
the Scottish Government



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nescol.ac.uk/construction





58,000

EXTRA LOW CARBON
ENERGY PRODUCTION
ROLES IN SCOTLAND
BY 2050

Source: Scottish Government

100%

OF NESCOL ENGINEERING
STUDENTS ACHIEVING SCQF
LEVEL 7 MOVED TO WORK
OR FURTHER STUDY

Source: Scottish Funding Council

engineering

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Energy Industry and Energy
Transition, including Renewables

Aerospace

Construction

Entertainment

Environmental Protection

Fashion

Food and Drink Production

Manufacturing

Medicine

Sports

Technology

Transport

If you have an interest in problem solving and tackling challenges, then a career in engineering may be the one for you. Engineers are needed in various roles across a whole range of industries – including transition, transport, technology, aerospace, medicine, construction, food and drink, production, sports, fashion, entertainment, protection and more!

nescol.ac.uk/engineering



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esol

ENGLISH FOR
SPEAKERS
OF OTHER
LANGUAGES



The English for Speakers of Other Languages courses offered at NESCol have been specifically designed by professionals to help you meet your full potential by building the confidence needed for using the English language in everyday life in Scotland. Studying ESOL can help with progression to further study or employment.

nescol.ac.uk/esol

HEAR FROM OUR STUDENTS

"Thanks to the ESOL course, I can now understand and speak to the people around me and help my children with their homework."

"I have always wanted to work with children, but my English is not good enough! The ESOL course will give me the opportunity to study **Childcare at College.**"

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hair, & beauty complementary therapies





£5.5bn
 VALUE OF THE HAIR AND
 BEAUTY INDUSTRY TO
 THE UK ECONOMY
 Source: National Hair and
 Beauty Federation

The hair, beauty and complementary therapies industries are exciting, rewarding and constantly changing. These industries are led by fashion, trends, health and wellbeing. Working in a vibrant, creative sector provides a variety of career and enterprise opportunities.

nescol.ac.uk/hair

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

A therapist in organisations such as the NHS, hospices, salons and clinics

Beauty or Spa Therapist

Colour Technician

Junior Stylist

Lecturer

Make-up support within a television or theatre company

Salon Assistant

Salon Owner/Manager

Salon Receptionist

Stylist

Stylist within a television or theatre company

Trainer/Assessor



63%
 WORKING IN THE
 INDUSTRY ARE
 SELF-EMPLOYED
 Source: National Hair and
 Beauty Federation

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hospitality,

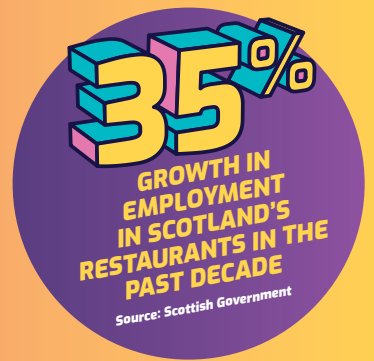
professional cookery

& events



The hospitality industry, which includes professional cookery, is a growing and important part of the North East economy. There is an increasing demand for skilled and motivated employees throughout the region, across Scotland and beyond.

nescol.ac.uk/hospitality



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Armed Forces
- Chef De Partie
- Commis Chef
- Cruise Liners
- Events Coordinator/Manager
- Executive Chef
- Head Chef
- Hotels
- Industrial Catering
- Overseas Opportunities
- Private Catering
- Product Development
- Restaurants
- Sous-chef
- Waiting staff and front of house roles



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Learning opportunities

If you need or have needed support for your learning in the past, Learning Opportunities courses as part of our range of supported programmes at NESCol will get you started at College. Building confidence, consolidating core skills and learning new skills in a nurturing and welcoming environment are all at the heart of these programmes.

nescol.ac.uk/learning-opps



30,000+

ESTIMATED
HOSPITALITY
VACANCIES IN
SCOTLAND

Source: UK Hospitality Scotland

10%

OF SCOTLAND'S
WORKFORCE IS
EMPLOYED IN RETAIL

Source: Scottish Government

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to apply visit
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media,

communication
& TV

10,000+

JOBS IN SCOTLAND'S
SCREEN SECTOR

Source: Screen Scotland

79%

GROWTH IN
ADVERTISED UK
JOURNALISM JOBS
SINCE 2019

Source: Press Gazette

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Advertising Account Manager

Broadcasting/Audio-visual

Camera Operator

Editor

Equipment Operator

Journalist

Market Researcher

Marketing Professional

Public Relations Professional

Social Media Professional

TV Researcher

TV Runner

TV/Film Director

TV/Film Editor

TV/Film Producer

Writer

The fast-paced media sector offers a huge range of career opportunities. If you aspire to work in print, photography, video or audio and want to hone your skills as a content developer, editor, director or presenter, NESCol is the perfect place to shine.

nescol.ac.uk/media



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music, sound & drama production

296,000

UK JOBS IN MUSIC,
PERFORMING AND
VISUAL ARTS

Source: UK Government

96%

OF NESCOL PERFORMING
ARTS STUDENTS ACHIEVING
SCQF LEVEL 8 MOVED TO
WORK OR FURTHER STUDY

Source: Scottish Funding Council

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Actor

Audio Engineer

Audio Technician

Drama Teacher

Music Producer

Music Teacher

Music Therapist

Musician

Presenter

Sound Designer

Music, Sound Production and Drama courses are innovative and relevant to the future needs of the sector. NESCol provides an environment for new, emerging talent to develop and thrive in their respective fields. Our courses also help to build the key employability skills required to succeed.

nescol.ac.uk/music



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nescol.ac.uk/music



science



100%
OF NESCOL SCIENCE
STUDENTS ACHIEVING SCQF
LEVEL 7 MOVED TO WORK
OR FURTHER STUDY
Source: Scottish Funding Council

Science is the evidence-based study of the world and universe in which we live. It is essential to all aspects of our lives: health and medicine, the environment, materials, industry, nature, food, communications and so much more. Life sciences are a key strand of the North East's economic growth, with the aim of doubling the number of related jobs in the region by 2027.

nescol.ac.uk/science

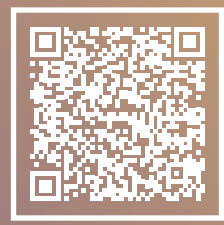
CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Biochemist
- Biological Scientist
- Brewing Technician
- Chemical Scientist
- Environmental Health
- Environmental Scientist
- Fermentation Engineer
- Forensic Scientist
- Geophysicist
- Laboratory Technician
- Marine Biologist
- Medical Physicist
- Pharmaceutical Technician
- Physical Scientist
- Researcher

75%
OF SCOTLAND'S LATE STAGE
DRUG DEVELOPMENT
COMPANIES ARE IN THE
NORTH EAST
Source: Invest Aberdeen



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Social Sciences

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UNIVERSITIES IN
ABERDEEN OFFERING
PATHWAYS TO DEGREES
IN RELATED SUBJECTS

Social Sciences cover a diverse and interesting area of study, focused on the understanding of society and human behaviour. The varied nature of the subject gives those who study it a huge variety of career and progression opportunities, as well as the chance to develop a range of transferable employability skills.

nescol.ac.uk/social-sciences

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Administration
- Business Management
- Community Planning and Development
- Journalist
- Police
- Public Services
- Recruitment Consultant
- Social Researcher
- Social Worker
- Teacher
- Tourism and Service Industries

100%

OF NESCOL SOCIAL SCIENCES STUDENTS ACHIEVING SCQF LEVEL 8 MOVED TO WORK OR FURTHER STUDY

Source: Scottish Funding Council



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100%

OF NESCOL SPORT, FITNESS & UNIFORMED SERVICES STUDENTS ACHIEVING SCQF LEVEL 7 OR 8 MOVED TO WORK OR FURTHER STUDY

Source: Scottish Funding Council

38,000

EMPLOYED BY THE THE ARMED FORCES, POLICE AND FIRE SERVICES IN SCOTLAND

Source: Scottish Government

sport, fitness & uniformed services

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- [Ambulance Service](#)
- [British Army](#)
- [Coastguard](#)
- [Fitness Instructor](#)
- [Outdoor Activities Instructor](#)
- [PE Teacher](#)
- [Personal Trainer](#)
- [Police Scotland](#)
- [RAF](#)
- [Royal Marines](#)
- [Royal Navy](#)
- [Scottish Fire and Rescue](#)
- [Scottish Prison Service](#)
- [Sport and Exercise Scientist](#)
- [Sport and Leisure Manager](#)
- [Sports Coach](#)
- [Sports Professional](#)
- [Sports Rehabilitator](#)

A career in the sports industry will allow you to make a positive impact on individuals, communities and wider society. This growing sector offers a huge range of career opportunities across the UK and the world.

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travel & tourism

£1bn

TARGET SET FOR ANNUAL SPENDING BY TOURISTS IN THE NORTH EAST

Source: Opportunity North East

45,000

EXTRA WORKERS REQUIRED TO SUPPORT THE SCOTTISH TOURISM INDUSTRY

Source: VisitAberdeenshire

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Airport Check-in Staff

Airport Ground Crew

Retail Travel Agent

Seasonal Tour Guide

Hospitality Supervisor

Customer Service Personnel

Regional Cabin Crew

Cruise Line Worker

Information Centre Manager

Tour Manager

Tourism Officer

Travel Agency Manager

Travel Agent

Travel and Tourism is a huge growth sector for the North East, with lots of new developments and investment creating exciting career opportunities. Our courses help build professional attitudes, skills, awareness and knowledge to enable students to embrace the diverse opportunities available.

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NTC
NESCol
Travel Centre

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scottish maritime academy

A centre of excellence of NORTH EAST SCOTLAND COLLEGE

careers at sea

Whether you aim to become a Deck Officer in the Merchant Navy or work in the standby and supply fleet or fishing industry, the Scottish Maritime Academy can help you build a career at sea. As NESCol's nautical centre of excellence, the Peterhead campus and its expert staff play a key role in supporting the maritime sector in the UK and beyond.

nescol.ac.uk/sma

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Merchant Navy Ship's Captain

Merchant Navy Deck Officer

Deckhand: renewables; standby and supply; fishing; cruise and leisure craft

Fisherman

Fishing Vessel Skipper

Able Seaman

Ordinary Seaman



22,000

SEAFARERS BASED IN THE UK

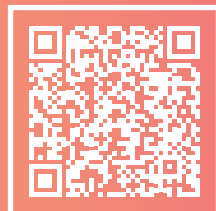
Source: UK Government

2,000+

ACTIVE FISHING VESSELS IN SCOTLAND

Source: Scottish Government

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SCOTLAND
COLLEGE**



Open events give you the opportunity to find out everything you need to know about college life including information on courses, the application process, funding, and support available to you during your studies.

TOUR FACILITIES

SPEAK TO SUBJECT SPECIALISTS

LEARN ABOUT COLLEGE LIFE

GET ADVICE ON APPLICATIONS AND FUNDING

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days**

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WE WELCOME YOUR FEEDBACK



Please take the time to let us know if you have found the NESCol Prospectus useful. An online survey can be found at nescol.ac.uk/course-guide-feedback

All of our courses are available to apply for online. Application forms can also be downloaded via the website or by contacting our Student Advice Centre team using the contact details below.



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