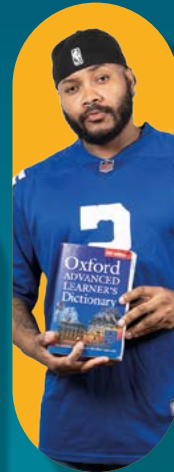


# PART-TIME EDUCATION PROSPECTUS



## 2024-25

# Welcome

**Welcome to SERC, where we are passionate about inspiring, transforming and enriching the lives of our students. We are immensely proud of our learners and their achievements, and of the learning experience we deliver to all students, whether full-time or part-time.**

We work with partners in industry, education, business, and government to create a learning environment which prepares our graduates for employment and for the challenges of the wider world. Our teaching staff and our support services ensure that students have every opportunity to develop as rounded, confident individuals, with the skills, knowledge, and attributes to progress in their career and their life.

We have something for everyone, whatever stage of your education or whatever your age or background. Browse our Part-Time Prospectus, explore our website, and come and talk to us at an open evening to find out how learning never stops SERC.



**Ken Webb MBE,**  
*Principal and Chief Executive*

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# PART-TIME EDUCATION AT SERC

**More than 9,000 people choose SERC each year to study a part-time course in any of a broad range of subjects, to gain qualifications and improve their skills or to stretch themselves with something new.**

The courses within this prospectus are categorised by level. Further Education courses (levels 1-3) include leisure courses, Diplomas, NVQs and Certificates.

Higher Education courses (levels 4-6) include HNCs, HNDs, Foundation Degrees, and Higher-Level Apprenticeships. There is also an Essential Skills section listing FREE courses in Maths and English to help you brush up on your skills or gain a recognised qualification.

We also offer a range of courses suitable for businesses to help you retrain or upskill in your area of work. SERC offers professional qualifications which can support career progression, not only providing skills and increased knowledge but also demonstrating a commitment to succeed within your industry.

You can also study just for fun with leisure courses in a range of areas including arts, cookery, languages and horticulture. These can lead to accredited programmes, opening up the possibility of turning a hobby into a career.

As a part-time student, you'll have the same access to state-of-the-art facilities, expert tuition, and extensive support services as our full-time students, with the added flexibility which allows you to fit study around work and personal commitments.

We strive to ensure the description of courses in this prospectus and on our website is accurate. However, for various reasons there may be occasions when the College may need to change arrangements, or be unable to deliver classes due to circumstances such as reduced funding. If there are insufficient numbers applying for a course, it may not be viable to deliver the class.



# WHY SERC?

## The Student Experience

[CLICK HERE TO WATCH THE PBL  
INDUCTION FORTNIGHT VIDEO](#)

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**Learning is rooted in meeting practical challenges and working on projects to develop teamwork and self-management skills.**

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**FE and HE courses include work placements, and in some cases offer work experience abroad.**

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**We have industry-experienced, qualified tutors and state-of-the-art facilities.**

## Go Greener!

SERC was awarded the prestigious Green Gown Award for our commitment to promoting sustainability. Students and staff are invited to get involved in progressing this commitment through eco committees and involvement in projects.

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## Student Businesses

SERC provides a range of activities through which you can develop enterprise skills. All Full-Time students spend the first two weeks of the academic year developing enterprise ideas. There are also dedicated workspaces for students to develop their ideas, and a team supporting students to establish their own business.

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# FEES & FINANCE

**Fees are payable at the point of enrolment for most Part-Time courses. The College does offer some free courses e.g. Essential Skills.**

The full fee quoted includes tuition, registration, and exam fee (if applicable). Some courses may have an additional fee (for example, for materials, uniforms, and other items). Information on such fees can be found at the bottom of course descriptors on the SERC website.

You may be able to access a range of financial support in the form of a grant or loan, or you may be eligible for a concessionary fee and/or payment by instalments. Please note that concession rates are applied to the tuition fee, not the full fee.

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# Online study will play an important part of your education.

During the full lockdown in 2020, SERC successfully moved online and remained online and open for business. This experience proved that students can develop good study habits, it reinforced digital skills and it developed confidence in independent work. As ever, you will be expected to study a number of hours each week outside college class time to complete assignments. Support will always be available to guide your learning and to help you achieve your goals.





# FURTHER EDUCATION COURSES

**CLICK ON THE COURSE  
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Code	Course Title	Location
<b>Adult Returner</b>		
<b>10672</b>	Level 2 Restart Education	Ballynahinch, Bangor, Downpatrick, Holywood, Lisburn, Newcastle & Newtownards
<b>10923</b>	Level 2 Restart Lite	Ballynahinch, Bangor, Downpatrick, Holywood, Lisburn, Newcastle & Newtownards

<b>Art &amp; Design</b>		
<b>10261</b>	Leisure Creative Ceramics	Bangor & Downpatrick
<b>10268</b>	Leisure Upholstery & Soft Furnishings	Holywood
<b>10296</b>	Level 2 Award in Interior Design	Bangor
<b>10935</b>	Level 2 Certificate in Creative Techniques in 3D – Ceramics	Bangor
<b>10389</b>	Level 3 Award in Interior Design	Bangor
<b>11097</b>	Level 3 Foundation Diploma in Ceramics	Bangor
<b>10607</b>	Painting for Pleasure	Bangor & Downpatrick

<b>Beauty &amp; Holistic Therapies</b>		
<b>10816</b>	Level 2 Diploma in Beauty Therapy Studies	Lisburn
<b>10344</b>	Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Beauty Therapy General	Bangor
<b>10346</b>	Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Nail Services	Bangor & Lisburn
<b>10381</b>	Level 3 Award in Crystal Therapy	Lisburn
<b>10410</b>	Level 3 Certificate in Fashion and Photographic Make-Up	Lisburn
<b>10413</b>	Level 3 Certificate in Stone Therapy Massage	Bangor & Lisburn
<b>10417</b>	Level 3 Certificate Indian Head Massage	Bangor, Downpatrick & Lisburn
<b>10428</b>	Level 3 Diploma In Aromatherapy	Lisburn
<b>10445</b>	Level 3 Diploma in Reflexology	Bangor & Lisburn
<b>10448</b>	Level 3 Diploma in Sports Massage Therapy	Bangor & Lisburn

<b>Bio Sciences</b>		
<b>10936</b>	Level 2 Certificate in the Principles and Practice for Pharmacy Support Staff	Holywood & Other
<b>10818</b>	Level 2 GCSE in Biology	Bangor & Downpatrick
<b>10827</b>	Level 3 Diploma in the Principles and Practice for Pharmacy Technicians	Holywood

Code	Course Title	Location
<b>Bricklaying</b>		
<b>10135</b>	DIY Brickwork	Newtownards
<b>10431</b>	Level 3 Diploma in Bricklaying	Newtownards

<b>Business &amp; Management</b>		
<b>10822</b>	Level 2 Award in Payroll for Business	Bangor & Lisburn
<b>10409</b>	Level 3 Certificate in Computerised Payroll Administration	Bangor
<b>10925</b>	Level 3 Foundation Certificate in People Practice	Bangor & Lisburn
<b>10462</b>	Level 3 Geographical Information Systems	Other

<b>Carpentry &amp; Joinery</b>		
<b>10728</b>	Woodwork Introduction	Lisburn & Newtownards

<b>Computing/Software Engineering/Networking</b>		
<b>10116</b>	Computer Animation	Bangor
<b>10237</b>	Introduction to Games Development	Bangor, Downpatrick & Lisburn
<b>10150</b>	Level 2 Certificate in International Computer Driving Licence (ICDL)	Bangor, Downpatrick & Lisburn
<b>10242</b>	Introduction to Programming	Bangor, Downpatrick & Lisburn
<b>11055</b>	Level 2 GCSE Digital Technology (Programming)	Bangor & Lisburn
<b>10115</b>	Level 3 Certificate in CompTIA A+	Bangor & Lisburn
<b>10471</b>	Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Information Technology	Bangor & Lisburn
<b>11133</b>	Level 3 University Access Diploma in Computing and Engineering Sciences	Bangor & Lisburn

<b>Construction Studies</b>		
<b>10433</b>	Level 3 Diploma in Civil Eng & Dip for Technicians (ICE)	Lisburn
<b>10434</b>	Level 3 National Diploma in Civil Engineering	Lisburn

<b>Early Years</b>		
<b>10426</b>	Level 3 Diploma for Children's Care, Learning and Development	Lisburn & Newtownards

Code	Course Title	Location
<b>Electronic Engineering</b>		
<b>10143</b>	Electronics for Kids	Bangor

<b>ESOL</b>		
<b>10149</b>	ESOL	Bangor, Downpatrick, Lisburn & Newtownards

<b>Essential Skills</b>		
<b>10102</b>	Certificate In Essential Skills - Literacy	Bangor, Downpatrick, Lisburn & Newtownards
<b>10103</b>	Certificate In Essential Skills - Numeracy	Bangor, Downpatrick, Lisburn & Newtownards

<b>GCSE</b>		
<b>10163</b>	Level 2 GCSE in English Language	Bangor, Downpatrick & Lisburn
<b>10164</b>	Level 2 GCSE Mathematics	Bangor, Downpatrick & Lisburn

<b>Hairdressing</b>		
<b>10314</b>	Level 2 Certificate in Barbering	Bangor & Lisburn
<b>10345</b>	Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Hairdressing	Bangor & Lisburn
<b>10496</b>	Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Hairdressing	Bangor, Downpatrick & Lisburn

<b>Health &amp; Care</b>		
<b>10309</b>	Level 2 Certificate Counselling Skills	Downpatrick, Lisburn & Newtownards
<b>10326</b>	Level 2 Diploma in Health and Social Care (Adults) (Northern Ireland)	Downpatrick & Newtownards
<b>10405</b>	Level 3 Certificate in Counselling Studies	Newtownards
<b>10437</b>	Level 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care (Adults)	Downpatrick, Lisburn & Newtownards

<b>Horticulture</b>		
<b>10154</b>	Floral Art	Bangor, Holywood & Newtownards
<b>10263</b>	Leisure Gardening	Ballynahinch & Holywood
<b>11027</b>	Level 2 Award in Botanical Art	Holywood

Code	Course Title	Location
<b>11042</b>	Level 2 Award in Gardening Skills	Hollywood
<b>10301</b>	Level 2 Award in Organic Fruit and Vegetable Growing	Hollywood
<b>11041</b>	Level 2 Award in Plant Knowledge	Hollywood
<b>11039</b>	Level 2 Certificate in the Principles of Plant Growth and Development	Hollywood
<b>11068</b>	Level 2 Extended Certificate in Garden Design	Hollywood
<b>10339</b>	Level 2 Floral Design	Bangor

### Hospitality & Catering

<b>10034</b>	Artisan yeast breads	Bangor & Lisburn,
<b>10039</b>	Baking Breads and Tea Breads	Bangor, Downpatrick & Lisburn
<b>10075</b>	Cakes Bakes and Treats	Bangor, Downpatrick & Lisburn
<b>10996</b>	Cooking for Health	Bangor
<b>10151</b>	European Cookery	Bangor, Downpatrick & Lisburn
<b>10231</b>	International Street Food	Bangor, Downpatrick & Lisburn
<b>10252</b>	Junior Chef School	Bangor, Downpatrick & Lisburn
<b>11031</b>	Level 2 Certificate in Professional Bakery	Bangor, Downpatrick & Lisburn
<b>10932</b>	Level 2 Diploma in Professional Chef	Bangor, Downpatrick & Lisburn
<b>11096</b>	Level 3 Diploma in Professional Chef	Bangor, Downpatrick & Lisburn
<b>10505</b>	Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Professional Cookery - Patisserie and Confectionery	Bangor, Downpatrick & Lisburn
<b>10606</b>	Oriental Cookery	Bangor, Downpatrick & Lisburn
<b>10692</b>	Spanish Tapas and Rioja	Bangor, Downpatrick & Lisburn
<b>10695</b>	Student Cookery on a Budget	Downpatrick & Lisburn
<b>10697</b>	Summer Barbecue	Bangor & Downpatrick
<b>10700</b>	Taste of India	Bangor, Downpatrick & Lisburn
<b>10701</b>	Traditional Irish Bread Making	Bangor, Downpatrick & Lisburn

Code	Course Title	Location
<b>Languages</b>		
<b>10789</b>	Advanced French	Bangor
<b>11036</b>	Advanced Italian	Bangor
<b>11059</b>	Advanced Spanish	Bangor & Downpatrick
<b>10033</b>	Arabic for Beginners	Bangor & Lisburn
<b>10043</b>	Beginners French 1	Downpatrick & Lisburn
<b>10044</b>	Beginners French 2	Downpatrick & Lisburn
<b>10045</b>	Beginners Irish 1	Bangor & Downpatrick
<b>10046</b>	Beginners Irish 2	Bangor & Downpatrick
<b>10047</b>	Beginners Italian 1	Bangor & Downpatrick
<b>10049</b>	Beginners Japanese 1	Bangor
<b>10050</b>	Beginners Japanese 2	Bangor
<b>10051</b>	Beginners Spanish 1	Downpatrick
<b>10052</b>	Beginners Spanish 2	Downpatrick
<b>10198</b>	Holiday French	Bangor & Lisburn
<b>10199</b>	Holiday Italian	Bangor & Lisburn
<b>10200</b>	Holiday Spanish	Bangor & Lisburn
<b>10572</b>	Level 2 Award in French 1	Bangor
<b>10577</b>	Level 2 Award in German 1	Bangor
<b>10582</b>	Level 2 Award in Italian 1	Bangor & Lisburn
<b>10197</b>	Level 2 Award in Japanese 1	Bangor
<b>10594</b>	Level 2 Award in Spanish 1	Bangor & Lisburn
<b>10595</b>	Level 2 Certificate in Spanish 2	Bangor & Lisburn
<b>10166</b>	Level 2 GCSE Spanish	Bangor & Other
<b>10976</b>	Level 3 Award in Japanese 4	Bangor
<b>10596</b>	Level 3 Award in Spanish 3	Bangor & Downpatrick
<b>10801</b>	Level 3 Award in Spanish 4	Bangor & Lisburn
<b>10598</b>	Level 3 Award in Spanish 5	Lisburn
<b>10600</b>	Level 3 Award in Spanish 7	Downpatrick
<b>10599</b>	Level 3 Certificate in Spanish 6	Bangor

Code	Course Title	Location
<b>Manufacturing &amp; General Engineering</b>		
<b>10235</b>	Introduction to CNC Programming and Machine Operations	Bangor
<b>10236</b>	Introduction to Computer Aided Design (SolidWorks)	Bangor & Lisburn
<b>10549</b>	Light Engineering And Decorative Metalwork	Bangor, Downpatrick & Lisburn
<b>10564</b>	Modern Welding Techniques	Bangor & Lisburn

<b>Motor Vehicle</b>		
<b>10076</b>	Car Maintenance	Downpatrick, Lisburn & Newtownards
<b>10441</b>	Level 3 Diploma in Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Principles	Lisburn

<b>Photography</b>		
<b>10262</b>	Leisure Digital Photography	Bangor & Lisburn

<b>Plumbing</b>		
<b>10040</b>	Basic Boiler Maintenance (Oil)	Lisburn & Newtownards
<b>10347</b>	Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Plumbing and Heating	Downpatrick, Lisburn & Newtownards

<b>Sport &amp; Recreation</b>		
<b>11026</b>	Level 2 Certificate in Gym Instructing	Downpatrick & Lisburn
<b>11177</b>	Level 3 Diploma in Personal Training	Lisburn

<b>Training &amp; Development</b>		
<b>10382</b>	Level 3 Award in Education and Training (6502-32) (formerly known as PTTLs)	Other
<b>10401</b>	Level 3 Award in Working with Children and Young People with Special Needs	Bangor
<b>10407</b>	Level 3 Certificate in Assessing Vocational Achievement	Bangor
<b>10934</b>	Level 3 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning	Ballynahinch, Bangor, Downpatrick, Lisburn, Newcastle, Newtownards & Other





I would recommend the SERC ESOL course to everyone who wants to study English. The course is very informative and a great help to anyone new to Northern Ireland who is learning about society and culture here. The ESOL teachers are professional and supportive - the teacher of our course, Monika McAuley, is brilliant. The teachers do everything in their power to help students with studying, and the access we have to the library and free Wi-Fi means we can get in touch with teachers whenever we need help.

**Olena Karpenko**

ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages)



**Olena Karpenko**



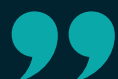
I enjoy all aspects of the course. There is a real mix in the class, and you will meet so many new people that you can bounce ideas off. Everyone is creative and we are like minded people into the same things but all with very different styles. I did the level 2 and enjoyed it so much I thought I would come back and do the level 3. The course has also given me a lot of confidence in myself and, even if you are not thinking of a career but want to do something for yourself, it is a very enjoyable course.

**Charleen Scott**

Level 2 Award in Interior Design



**Charleen Scott**





# HIGHER EDUCATION COURSES

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Code	Course Title	Location
<b>Animal Care</b>		
<b>10811</b>	Pearson BTEC HNC in Animal Management	Bangor & Lisburn

<b>Beauty &amp; Holistic Therapies</b>		
<b>10807</b>	VTCT (ITEC) Level 4 Diploma in Spa and Salon Management	Downpatrick
<b>10722</b>	VTCT Level 4 Certificate in Sports Massage Therapy	Lisburn
<b>10724</b>	VTCT Level 4 Diploma in Aromatherapy for the Complementary Therapist	Lisburn
<b>10725</b>	VTCT Level 4 Diploma in Reflexology for the Complementary Therapist	Lisburn
<b>10726</b>	VTCT Level 5 Certificate in Sports Massage Therapy	Lisburn

<b>Bio Sciences</b>		
<b>10612</b>	Pearson BTEC HNC in Applied Sciences	Bangor, Downpatrick, Lisburn & Newcastle

<b>Business &amp; Management</b>		
<b>10036</b>	ATI Level 4 Certificate for Accounting Technicians	Bangor & Lisburn
<b>10037</b>	ATI Level 5 Diploma for Accounting Technicians	Bangor & Lisburn
<b>10924</b>	CIPD Level 5 Associate Diploma in People Management	Bangor & Lisburn
<b>10546</b>	CMI Level 5 Certificate in Management and Leadership	Bangor
<b>10806</b>	Liverpool John Moores University BSc Hons Business Management	Other
<b>10855</b>	Management Development Programme (MDP)	Other

<b>Computing/Software Engineering/Networking</b>		
<b>11004</b>	BSc (Hons) in Cloud Computing Technologies (Validated by The Open University)	Bangor, Downpatrick & Lisburn
<b>11003</b>	BSc (Hons) in Cyber Security and Digital Forensics (Validated by The Open University)	Bangor, Downpatrick & Lisburn
<b>11002</b>	Foundation Degree in Cloud Computing Technologies (Validated by The Open University)	Bangor, Downpatrick & Lisburn
<b>11001</b>	Foundation Degree in Cyber Security and Digital Forensics (Validated by The Open University)	Bangor & Lisburn

Code	Course Title	Location
<b>10634</b>	Pearson BTEC HNC in Computing	Bangor & Lisburn
<b>10703</b>	Ulster University Foundation Degree in Computing	Bangor & Lisburn

### Construction Studies

<b>10614</b>	Pearson BTEC HNC in Building Services Engineering	Bangor,
<b>10635</b>	Pearson BTEC HNC in Civil Engineering	Lisburn,
<b>10613</b>	Pearson BTEC HNC in Construction Management	Bangor & Lisburn

### Early Years

<b>10073</b>	CACHE Level 5 Diploma in Leadership for Children's Care, Learning and Development (Management)	Bangor, Downpatrick & Lisburn
<b>10665</b>	Queen's University Belfast Foundation Degree Early Childhood Studies	Lisburn & Newtownards

### Health & Care

<b>10126</b>	CPCAB Level 4 Diploma In Therapeutic Counselling	Newtownards
<b>10642</b>	NCFE CACHE Level 5 Diploma in Leadership for Health and Social Care Services (Northern Ireland)	Downpatrick
<b>10637</b>	Pearson BTEC HNC in Healthcare Practice	Newtownards
<b>10639</b>	Pearson BTEC HNC in Social and Community Work (Social and Community Work Practice)	Newtownards
<b>10941</b>	Ulster University Foundation Degree in Integrative Counselling Practice	Lisburn
<b>10937</b>	Ulster University Level 4 Certificate in Counselling Skills	Lisburn

### Hospitality & Catering

<b>11051</b>	Foundation Degree in Culinary Arts (Validated by The Open University)	Bangor
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Code	Course Title	Location
<b>Languages</b>		
<b>10590</b>	OCN NI Level 4 Award in Modern Languages (French)	Bangor & Lisburn
<b>10591</b>	OCN NI Level 4 Award in Modern Languages (Italian)	Bangor
<b>10592</b>	OCN NI Level 4 Award in Modern Languages (Spanish)	Bangor

<b>Manufacturing &amp; General Engineering</b>		
<b>10616</b>	Pearson BTEC HNC in Engineering (General)	Bangor & Lisburn
<b>10619</b>	Pearson BTEC HND in Engineering (General)	Bangor
<b>10706</b>	Ulster University Foundation Degree in Mechatronic Engineering	Bangor & Lisburn



I especially enjoy the practical side of the course; Applied Science includes lab work and I find it very exciting. The lecturers are so enthusiastic, you cannot help but get excited about science yourself. I hope to progress to an HND or a degree, which will open up more opportunities in my career.

**Premdan Majhi**  
HNC Applied Science (Biology)



**Premdan Majhi**



# HIGHER LEVEL APPRENTICESHIPS COURSES

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Code	Course Title	Location
<b>Business &amp; Management</b>		
<b>10186</b>	Higher Level Apprenticeship in Accounting	Bangor & Lisburn
<b>11170</b>	Higher Level Apprenticeship in Leadership & Productivity Improvement	Bangor

<b>Computing/Software Engineering/Networking</b>		
<b>11070</b>	Higher Level Apprenticeship in Cloud Computing Technologies	Bangor & Lisburn
<b>10189</b>	Higher Level Apprenticeship in Computing	Bangor
<b>11069</b>	Higher Level Apprenticeship in Cyber Security and Digital Forensics	Bangor & Lisburn

<b>Construction Studies</b>		
<b>10190</b>	Higher Level Apprenticeship in Building Services Engineering (HVAC)	Bangor
<b>10975</b>	Higher Level Apprenticeship in Construction & the Built Environment (Civil Engineering)	Lisburn
<b>10191</b>	Higher Level Apprenticeship in Construction Management	Bangor & Lisburn

<b>Early Years</b>		
<b>10195</b>	Higher Level Apprenticeship in Leadership for Children's Care Learning and Development (Management)	Bangor, Downpatrick, Lisburn & Newtownards

<b>Health &amp; Care</b>		
<b>10193</b>	Higher Level Apprenticeship in Health and Social Care	Downpatrick & Newtownards

<b>Hospitality &amp; Catering</b>		
<b>11052</b>	Higher Level Apprenticeship in Culinary Arts	Bangor, Downpatrick & Lisburn
<b>11207</b>	Higher Level Apprenticeship in Tourism, Hospitality & Event Management	Bangor

<b>Manufacturing &amp; General Engineering</b>		
<b>11056</b>	Higher Level Apprenticeship in Advanced Technician Mechanical & Manufacturing (General)	Lisburn
<b>11146</b>	Higher Level Apprenticeship in Industry 4.0 Manufacturing (Validated by the Open University)	Bangor
<b>10196</b>	Higher Level Apprenticeship in Mechatronics	Bangor & Lisburn

# ENTRY REQUIREMENTS



**The table on the following page shows typical entry requirements for each level, although your chosen course may have specific requirements, so please check individual course details on the website.**

For FE and HE courses, there is an interview requirement. There may be more specific requirements for some courses; e.g., for some creative arts courses you may be asked for a portfolio of your work.

If you have disabilities or learning difficulties, you may not need to meet some entry requirements – our Learning Support Team can advise you.

Call **0345 600 7555** for further advice.



# Entry Requirements Table

	Vocational Courses	Entry Requirements	Equivalent	When Completed
<b>Level 6</b>	<b>Bachelor's Degree</b>	Successful completion of Level 5 related qualification or related industry experience, and an interview.	<b>BA (Hons)</b>	Continue to Masters or use your skills to start work
<b>Level 5</b>	<b>Higher National Diplomas (HNDs), Foundation Degrees, Higher Level Apprenticeships</b>	Successful completion of Level 4 related qualification or related industry experience, and an interview.	<b>2nd year of a Bachelor Degree</b>	Progress to university or use your skills to start work
<b>Level 4</b>	<b>Higher National Certificates (HNCs), Higher Level Apprenticeships</b>	5 GCSEs at Grades C/4 or above including English Language and Maths (or equivalent). A Levels or successful completion of related Level 3 qualification or related industry experience. Interview.	<b>1st year of a Bachelor Degree</b>	Progress to Higher Education at SERC, university or use your skills to start work
<b>Level 3</b>	<b>BTECs, Diplomas, Apprenticeships and Access to Education</b>	5 GCSEs at Grades C/4 or above including English Language and/or Maths (some courses may require both, please check your individual course). Or successful completion of a Level 2 related qualification. Interview.	<b>A Levels</b>	Progress to Higher Education at SERC, university or use your skills to start work
<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Apprenticeships and Traineeships</b>	5 GCSEs at Grades C/4 or above including English Language and/or Maths (some courses may require both, please check your individual course). Or successful completion of a Level 2 related qualification. Interview.	<b>GCSEs</b>	Progress to Level 3 study or use skills to start work
<b>Level 1</b>	<b>BTECs, Awards, Certificates, Diplomas, NVQs, Skills for Life and Work</b>	1 formal qualification required.		Progress to Level 2 study or use skills to start work
<b>Entry</b>	<b>Skills for Life and Work</b>	No formal qualifications required.		Progress to Level 1 study

# TESTIMONIALS



**Catherine McCrossan**

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As a former teacher, I've been blown away by SERC and how things are done here....it's very practical, it's about creating opportunities to learn and then use the learning. The facilities are amazing and the course is definitely good value for money!

**Catherine McCrossan**  
Level 4 Reflexology

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I could see that the course would equip me with the knowledge and skills to allow me to develop within the workplace....and I am already able to apply these in my day-to-day work. The best part for me has been learning more about medicine management, law and ethics alongside providing excellent patient care. It is an excellent course.

**Danielle McNeill**  
Level 3 Diploma in Principles and Practice for Pharmacy Technicians.



**Danielle McNeill**

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**Ben Harvey**



Coming back to learn at my age was a bit strange to begin with, but I love it. If I were to revisit my education, I would go for the HLA straight from school; I had a good experience at university but the apprenticeship route has proved, for me, a much better way of learning. At SERC, the lecturers are much more accessible and the combination of working and learning has been tremendous.

**Ben Harvey**  
Higher Level Apprenticeship in  
Mechatronics



The course makes you look at a task more professionally; you take a more managerial approach, reflecting on how you are responding to a challenge, why you make the decisions you do. The qualification will let me progress to the next stage in the industry. I will still be learning on the job, but I will have the Level 4 under my belt, and that's made me more confident.

**Chris Nock**  
Level 4 Professional Recognition  
Award



**Chris Nock**



# STUDENT SUPPORT

SERC is committed to supporting all students to meet challenges and achieve their aims. The College has an extensive network of support services and also works with a range of agencies to make sure help is there whenever it is needed.



## Pastoral Care

We work with Ascertainment, Awareness, Inspiration and the HSC to make sure you are able to overcome challenges and achieve your goals.



## Student Carers

If you have caring responsibilities at home, we understand that this can have an impact on your learning. We have a dedicated support service to offer help and advice.



## Learning Support

If you have additional needs, we have the facilities and staff to work with you to help you succeed.



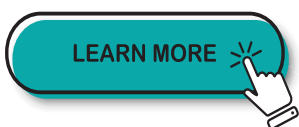
## Learning Resource Centres

If you need a place to study or help in finding resources to support your learning, we have Learning Resource Centres on each main campus with printed books and e-books and quiet study areas.



## Student Finance

It can be difficult to juggle your finances when you're a student. SERC publishes a range of guides and has a team of advisors to support you.



## Little SERC Creche at Newcastle Campus

Little SERC was set up in 2020 to provide safe, stimulating childcare to help parents enrolled on courses at Newcastle.



## Careers

Our award-winning careers advisors can help you plan your path to achieving your ambitions. The service is impartial and available to everyone.



# STUDENTS' UNION



The SU works to enrich and enhance college life for all our students. All students, both full-time and part-time, are members of the Students' Union and can stand for office such as class representative, welfare officer etc.



**Vikki Pinkerton**

Student Governor



**YOUR VOICE**

# APPLYING TO SERC

## STEP 1 APPLY

Visit [www.serc.ac.uk](http://www.serc.ac.uk) and select a course to start the application process. There is no limit to the number of part time courses you can apply for.

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## STEP 2 NEXT STEPS

### **Interview Required:**

If your course requires an interview, you will be invited to attend a pre-entry advice & guidance session with the subject tutor. It's a great chance to talk about the course and discuss how it can help you achieve the career you want. If successful, you will be moved to 'Application Approved'.

### **No interview Required:**

If your course does not require interview, you should contact the College to pay any associated fees and confirm your enrolment.

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## STEP 3 PAYMENT & ENROLMENT

If all entry requirements are met, you can enrol. Payments can be made by telephone, or in person at any SERC Campus reception.

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**Apply now for  
courses starting in  
September 2024**

