TRAVEL

TOURISM AND AVIATION









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Travel, Tourism and Aviation at The Manchester College



Get career ready from day one

Our courses are designed with employability in mind, giving you realworld skills for roles in airline operations, travel consultancy, cabin crew and more - all linked to Greater Manchester's growing travel, tourism and aviation sector.



Learn from industry experts

You'll be taught by experienced tutors who bring real travel, tourism and aviation knowledge into the classroom, helping you understand what employers are looking for right now. Find out more about your tutors on our website: tmc.ac.uk/travel-tourism-aviation.



Experience travel, tourism and aviation in action

Through work placements, employer-led projects and visits to top employers, you'll build practical experience that looks great on your CV.



Discover what inspires you

Start with a solid travel, tourism and aviation foundation, then specialise in areas that match your goals and interests as you progress – from airline operations and airport ground services to travel planning and international tourism.



Go beyond the classroom

Take part in enrichment activities, enterprise challenges and networking events that develop your confidence, leadership and problem-solving skills - all key for success in the travel, tourism and aviation sector.



Job figures



There were approx. **33,960** employees working in the travel, tourism and aviation sector in Greater Manchester in 2025. This is predicted to increase by **5.6%** by 2028.



Average earnings

The average wage in Greater Manchester is £34,756 per annum (2024).



Replacement demand

Around 1,227 of the current workforce will be reaching retirement in the next 10 years, meaning those jobs will need replacing.

Types of jobs Air Traffic Controller Airline Customer Service Agent Airline Pilot Airport Baggage Handler Cabin Crew Hotel Manager Hotel Room Attendant Tour Guide Tour Manager Travel Agent

Skills needed
Business development
Communication
Customer service
Event management
Management
Marketing
Operations
Professionalism
Project management
Selling techniques

Examples of GM Employers
Britannia Hotels Ltd
Clarity Travel Management
Dnata
EasyJet
Jet2
MAG Airport Group
Marriott International
The Emirates Group
Thomas Cook
TUI

Data sourced from Lightcast April 2025.

Careers information





I've learnt how to communicate with people better.
What I've done here,

in college, will really benefit me.

I plan to work my way up from cabin crew.



ErinLevel 2 Air Cabin Crew

I always wanted to work
on a plane. I love all of the
safety demo equipment.
I've learned to improve
and better my
communication skills.



Sophina Level 2 Air Cabin Crew

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Where to find us

With excellent transport links, modern classrooms and vibrant social spaces, you can study Travel, Tourism and Aviation courses at a number of campuses across Manchester.

Across both of our campuses you'll train in realistic air cabin and galley facilities, use specialist check-in software and equipment like life jackets and breathing apparatus, and wear professional uniforms to prepare for real industry roles.



- Two libraries with dedicated study areas and quiet zones
- Refectory serving hot and cold food options
- Spacious social areas and large garden
- Discounted hair and beauty treatments at our salon.





- Student-run restaurant
- Spacious library with IT access and study areas
- Starbucks coffee shop and on-site refectory
- Discounted hair and beauty treatments at our salon.



Get career ready with us

We're here to help you achieve your goals and get career-ready. Our courses are designed with top employers to focus on in-demand skills.

From day one, you'll gain hands-on experience to build confidence. By the end, you'll have the qualifications, knowledge and experience to stand out and take the next step in your career.



Building your employability

To get you career-ready, you'll take part in activities that boost your skills and understanding of the world of work. You'll be supported by a dedicated Employability Co-ordinator who will support you to develop the knowledge, skills and behaviours you'll need to thrive in the workplace.

Real-world experience that counts

As part of your course, you'll complete work experience with an employer. We'll help you find a placement where you can:

- Shadow professionals and see how the job is done day-to-day
- Contribute to real projects that develop your skills and strengthen your CV
- Grow in confidence as you put learning into action.

Many of our students make such a strong impression that they even secure parttime or full-time jobs with their placement provider!

We work with leading employers to deliver our placements, including:















Discover where travel, tourism and aviation can take you

We'll introduce you to a wide range of career options in the travel, tourism and aviation sector through:

- Tours of airports, heliports and hotels
- Careers talks from leading brands in the industry
- Spending a day in the life of a sector employee, such as a travel advisor.





This will help you decide which path to take after your course - whether that's progressing to degree-level study, starting an apprenticeship or going straight into employment.



Courses

We offer qualifications from Level 1 to Level 3. If you haven't already obtained a Grade 4 GCSE in English or maths, you'll study to work towards achieving this qualification.



Travel and Tourism

Level 3 | Harpurhey and Wythenshawe | 2 years

This Level 3 course gives you a solid understanding of the aviation industry and prepares you for employment. You'll develop key skills in customer service, health and safety, security, aviation geography, conflict management and more. You'll also explore cabin crew roles, global airlines, UK airports and the cruise industry. Through guest speakers, simulations, and behind-the-scenes tours — including aircraft and airport check-in areas — you'll gain real insight into the industry and the roles you could soon step into.

Air Cabin Crew, Travel and Tourism

Level 2 | Harpurhey and Wythenshawe | 1 year

If you're aiming to become cabin crew or work within the travel and tourism industry, this course will prepare you for the role with the essential knowledge, skills and confidence you'll need. You'll learn how to keep passengers safe and comfortable through training in emergency procedures, customer service and security. You'll also cover aviation terminology, aircraft types, phonetics, international time, and airport codes, alongside key travel and tourism topics — giving you a solid foundation for a high-flying career in the skies.

Travel and Tourism

Level 1 | Harpurhey and Wythenshawe | 1 year

Our Level 1 qualification will enable you to learn, develop and practice the skills required to get started and progress in your career in the travel, tourism and aviation sector. You'll cover topics including the UK travel and tourism industry, customer service and locational geography. This is an ideal course for anyone looking to work in, or already working, in a number of travel, tourism and aviation roles including holiday representative, tour guide, tourist information centre assistant or travel agent.

Courses for Adults

Are you over 19 and looking to upskill, retrain or progress your skills in travel, tourism and aviation? We've got a wide range of courses for you to help strengthen your CV, start a new career or go further in your current role.

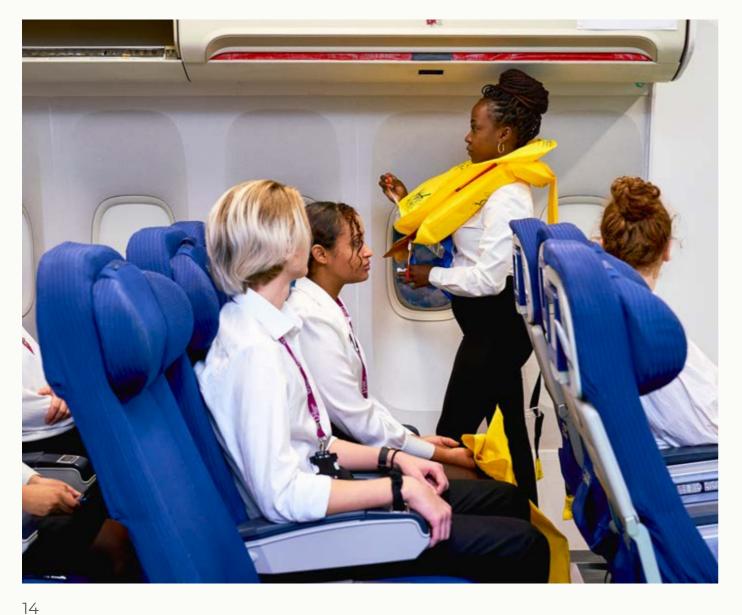
We believe finances shouldn't be a barrier to your success, so if you have any questions about course fees, finance or funding, then get in touch with us.

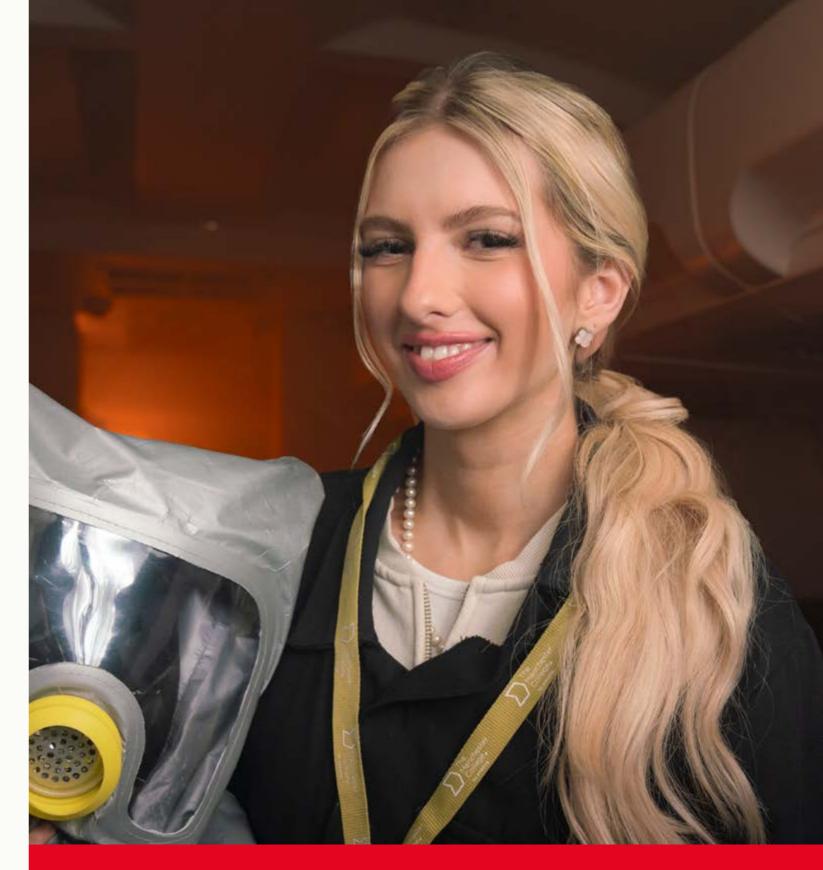
Cabin Crew

Level 2 | Wythenshawe | 1 year

Travel and Tourism

Level 2 | Harpurhey and Wythenshawe | 1 year







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tmc.ac.uk/funding





SUPPORTED LEARNING

Promoting independence through accessibility and inclusion.

Have you received learning support in the past? Do you have an Education, Health and Care Plan or an identified Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND) need? Our Supported Learning team can help students with SEND to achieve their aspirational career goals.

We provide a highly personalised offer for students to create a supportive learning environment for all. Whatever course you choose to study, our provision is specifically designed to support you on your journey to independence and into further education or employment.

Find out more about how we can help you: tmc.ac.uk/supported-learning





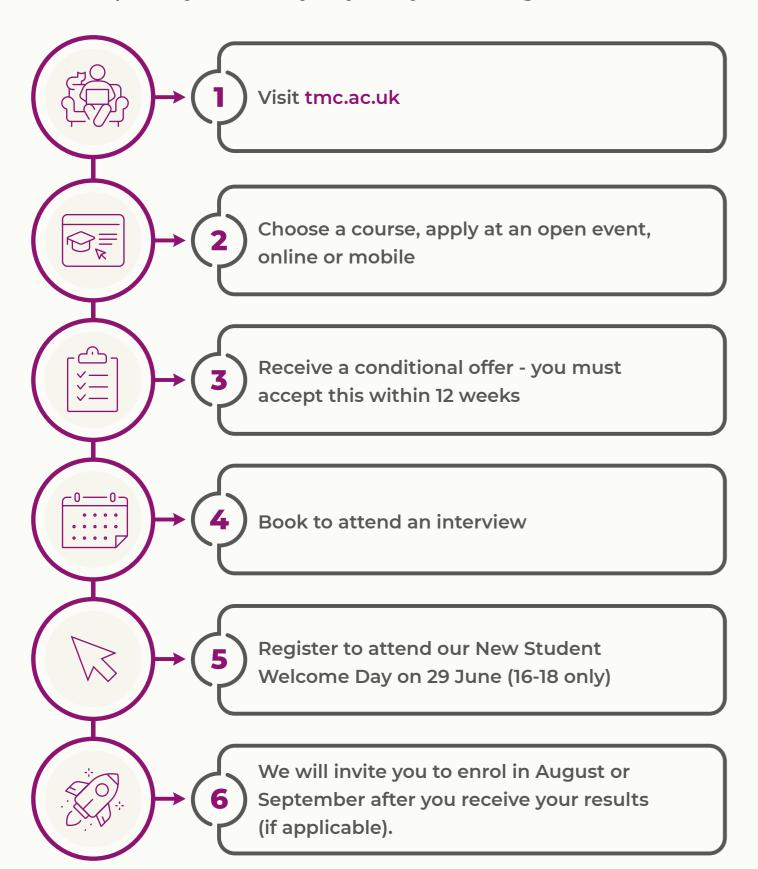


Additional Learning Support Team: specialist support@tmc.ac.uk
Transition Team: transition team@tmc.ac.uk



How to apply

Applying to study at The Manchester College is really easy. Just follow these steps and you'll be on your journey to amazing in no time.



What's next?

You've explored what's possible, now it's time to take your next steps.

To discover more about Travel, Tourism and Aviation, and to start your application, scan the QR code or visit: tmc.ac.uk/travel-tourism-aviation.





Visit us

There's no better way to get a feel for college than visiting in person.

Join us at one of our open events to:

- Learn more about our courses
- Tour our industry-standard facilities
- Meet our expert tutors
- Ask any questions you may have.

Secure your place now: tmc.ac.uk/events



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Contact Us

Got a question about one of our courses, about The Manchester College or just need to get in touch? Contact us:

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All course information is correct at the time of publication and may be subject to change. For the latest details, please visit tmc.ac.uk.



The Manchester College is committed to equality of opportunity, non-discriminatory practices and supporting individual learners. This information is also available in a range of formats, such as large print, on request.