

IT STARTS

WITH YOU



COURSE GUIDE

25/26



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SCHOOL LEAVER PROSPECTUS 2025/26



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WELCOME TO THE MANCHESTER COLLEGE

from our Principal, Rachel Curry



HELLO,

I am delighted that you are considering coming to The Manchester College to take your next steps in education and to gain the skills you will need for a future career.

As you start to think about what you'll do after school, I want to let you know that we're here to help you realise your full potential. We set high standards for ourselves and our students and encourage you to set ambitious, aspirational goals, but we will give you all the support you need to achieve them.

We have a wide range of high quality technical, career focussed courses that will help make sure that you are ready for your next steps, whether that be progressing to the next level, a career or higher education after you have completed your studies with us. By embracing one of our programmes of study (all of which are rated 'Good' by Ofsted) and focusing on your ambitions, I am confident that you will be able to achieve your goals and really make the most of your time with us.

We are incredibly proud of our partnerships with local, regional and national employers who not only help create our programmes of study but also give our students first-hand experience of industry by offering work placements and internships. Through this hands-on experience we will help you develop the professional standards and values that will be key to you having a successful, rewarding career.

What's more, by working closely with employers, we can ensure that you develop the skills that employers want and need from you, making sure that you are ready to be the next generation of industry excellence.

The Manchester College has a high percentage of students who progress on to university, work or further study; take a look at our student case studies and the news stories on our website and social media channels to see for yourself the successes our students achieve.

While helping you achieve your goals is very important, it also really matters to us that you enjoy your time at College, that you get to have new experiences, make new friends and create happy memories that will last a life time. That's why we have a varied and exciting enrichment programme that will ensure you have an amazing student experience and get the most out of your time at College.

We would love for you to come and join us as, ultimately, we believe that if you work hard, we can help you to achieve anything in your studies.

WE CAN'T WAIT TO MEET YOU



Rachel Curry

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NUMBER 1 COLLEGE FOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT*

As you come to the end of your secondary education, you're faced with the exciting prospect of deciding what you'll do next. From T Levels to other technical qualifications, apprenticeships, employment and everything in between, you have a number of options to choose from.

But, as exciting as it is, we know that making that decision isn't always easy. The chances are you know that you want to end up in a rewarding and fulfilling career, but you may not know how to get there.

As you set off on this next stage of your journey, you'll want to know you're coming to a College that doesn't just have some of the best student achievements in the region but is also somewhere you'll feel comfortable and have the best chance of progressing into a successful career.

So, what you'll really want to know is why you should choose The Manchester College to help you develop the technical and professional skills you will need for that exciting career. Here's more than a handful of reasons why you should choose us!



We are the number one further education college in Greater Manchester for student achievement*



We are in the top ten of further education colleges nationally for student achievement*



We have invested £140m to provide industry standard facilities



97% of our students complete a work placement in exciting business environments



We work with over 1,000 industry partners to ensure our courses are aligned to the skills they need



The majority of our employers tell us our students are ready for the workplace



We're award-winning – our tutors and courses have been recognised with local and national awards, we've even had one from the late Queen Elizabeth II!



Our students say their teachers at the College are inspiring, have industry expertise, a good knowledge of what they teach and 'deliver sessions with enthusiasm'**



Our environmentally friendly campuses mean we are saving the equivalent carbon of planting over 1,131 trees every single year.

Whatever your career ambitions are, we passionately believe that education and training are the key to unlocking a better, brighter future. We'll work with you to help you make the choices that will give you the best possible chance of success.

* As per the latest Government National Achievement Rates Tables (NARTs)

**Feedback from 125 'Quality of Curriculum' focus groups we conducted with 1034 students in January/February 2024

WE ARE INDUSTRY EXCELLENCE



At The Manchester College we passionately believe in helping you to reach your ultimate goal, focussing on your future employability and developing the technical and professional skills you need to have a successful career or to progress into higher education.

From the courses we offer, the professional behaviour standards we set, the support we provide and the work placements we will help you to secure, our aim is to prepare you for life in the world of work.

To help us to achieve this goal we have amazing partnerships with a range of regional, national, and global employers that either provide input on our courses, offer work placements or a combination of both. This means that everything you learn when you study with us will help you to acquire the skills that employers demand and prepare you for a career in your chosen sector.

All of our courses are designed in collaboration with employers and include either a work placement of more than 15 days or an extended industry placement with a named employer for 45 days (a minimum of 315 hours).

Depending on your level of study you'll also be supported by an Employability Co-ordinator who will oversee your placement.

Regardless of your starting point we'll help you to gain the qualifications you need to progress closer to your dream career and throughout your time with us you'll benefit from access to our dedicated Employability and Partnerships Team and Careers and Guidance Teams who will be on hand every step of the way to support you with career guidance and opportunities.








T-LEVELS

THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION

Our offer includes T Levels, a two-year technical programme that provides you with a high-quality alternative to A Levels.

T Levels have been developed in collaboration with employers and combine theory, practical and classroom learning with a minimum 45-day industry placement. After completing the course, you can progress directly into work or higher education.

From September 2025 The Manchester College will offer T Levels in the following subject areas:

	Animal Care and Management		Education and Early Years
	Business Management and Finance		Engineering and Manufacturing
	Construction		Health and Healthcare Science
	Craft and Design		Media, Broadcast and Production.
	Digital		

PROGRESSION TO T LEVEL COURSES

If you don't meet the entry requirements for a T Level you can join a one-year T Level Foundation Year programme. On successful completion of all aspects of the Foundation Year you can progress directly to the corresponding T Level the following September.

JUMP START TO T LEVELS

Jump Start to T Levels is a two-week introduction to our T Level and T Level Foundation Year programmes where students can meet their tutors and experience what learning at The Manchester College is like. Students will take part in a project-based learning experience to demonstrate their creativity, teamwork and problem-solving skills, as well as their resilience, timekeeping and commitment.



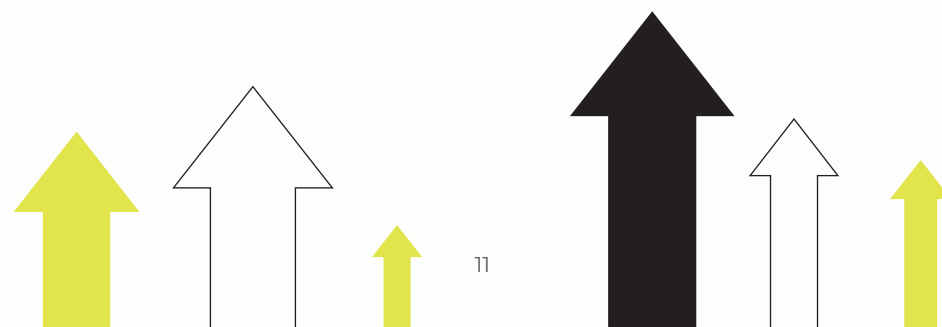
THE MANCHESTER COLLEGE T AWARD

Those successful in gaining a place on a T Level will be eligible for the 'T Award', a package of amazing benefits that includes:

- £300 per year bursary*
- Free branded work wear
- Automatic enrolment to The Manchester College competitions teams
- Minimum 20% delivery by industry experts
- Access to industry standard laptop (as appropriate)
- Guaranteed progression to a Higher Education Course at UCEN Manchester – our sister organisation that provides university level education right here in Manchester **
- Bursary incentive if progressing to UCEN Manchester
- Digital upskilling
- Masterclasses
- And much more.

To find out more about T Levels visit our website: tmc.ac.uk or scan the QR code below.

*Subject to requirements including 95% attendance, positive attitude and grade profile.
** Where a corresponding course is available.



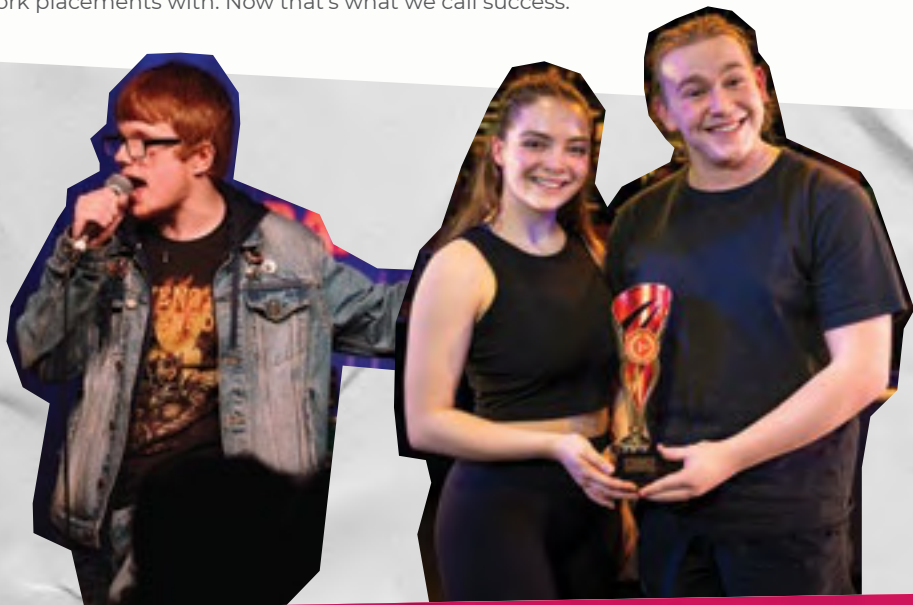
WE ARE INDUSTRY CONNECTED

We believe that to achieve a job in an amazing career it makes sense to work with employers to ensure our courses are helping you to develop the technical and professional skills you'll need when you enter the world of work.

That's why we have developed relationships and partnerships with a multitude of employers and businesses across a diverse range of industry sectors. We work closely with them to identify the skills and qualifications you'll need in your future career and ensure that when you complete your time with us you are 100% work ready.

We're exceptionally proud of our industry partnerships because they help you gain the invaluable experience that will help you to stand out from the crowd to future employers. What's more, they ensure our tutors are fully up to speed with the latest developments in industry practice and thinking.

Indeed, many of our students secure employment with the organisations that they do work placements with. Now that's what we call success.



ONE THOUSAND INDUSTRY CONNECTIONS

In total we work with over a thousand industry and employer partners, including multiple partners in every single one of our subject areas.

Our amazing partners work with us to give you as many touch points with a future career as possible. These include:

- Work placement and internship opportunities
- Provide mock auditions and interviews
- Help you find jobs that you might not be aware of and provide mentorship
- Provide live, real-world briefs for you to work on to gain experience of professional projects
- Run and judge competitions for you to participate in
- Provide guest lectures, masterclasses and workshops as part of your timetable
- Co-design your course to keep it relevant with changes in the industry
- Work with our teachers to train them on the latest skills needed in industry – so they can pass them onto you
- Develop bespoke modules for your course so that you gain the skills employers are looking for.

You'll see just some of the examples of all the employers we work with on the subject area pages.



ASPIRATION FOR ALL

You don't become the number one college* in Greater Manchester unless your students achieve positive outcomes. That's why we are committed to ensuring that you have the best possible opportunity to reach your potential, regardless of your starting point and the journey you take to realise it.

So, what does that mean? It means that when you enrol on a course with us you know that you will receive all the help and support you need to achieve your ambitions and be amazing. Equally it means that you are committing to working towards your goals and to learning the skills you will need for a successful career.

To make sure that everyone can meet their commitments and that every student at The Manchester College can aim to achieve their full potential, we make sure that no student makes their journey to industry excellence alone. That means providing support on everything from your welfare and wellbeing through to career and progression advice.

AN ASPIRATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL CULTURE

To help you achieve your goals we set high expectations and when you enrol with us you will be asked to commit to The Deal which represents the professional standards and behaviours that all students at The Manchester College are asked to demonstrate.

These play an important part in creating a positive, aspirational, and enjoyable learning environment, that will give you the best possible chance to succeed.



*As per the latest National Achievement Rates Tables.

STUDENT CAREERS

Our Student Careers team are here to help, from the moment you consider enrolling at The Manchester College until the day you get your qualification... and beyond.

Once you are enrolled with us you will have the chance to get support through workshops and one-to-one appointments throughout the college year.

Our award-winning Student Careers team can help you to choose the right courses for your career plans, guide you through career options and offer workshops on career topics like job applications, CV writing, job interviews, labour market information and using social media to find work. They will also help to remove any financial barriers to your learning.

For more information on the help available please speak to a member of the Student Careers team: careers&welfare@tmc.ac.uk

STUDENT SUPPORT

Our Student Support team will ensure that you receive the support you need to overcome any challenges and barriers to achieving your goals. With this you will have everything you need to achieve both the highest possible grades and your aspirations.

You will be assigned an Achievement Tutor who will focus on your attendance, progress, aspirations and support your learning and personal development.

Should you need extra help or more personal support, there are dedicated Pastoral Support Officers and Safeguarding Practitioners here to help you.

Our dedicated Supported Learning team will work to provide personalised learning support for students with additional needs such as special educational needs and disabilities as well as specialist help for those students with an Education, Health and Care Plan. They also assist students who might need access arrangements for examinations. For more information on the support available, please speak to a member of our supported learning team at: specialistsupport@tmc.ac.uk.

PROGRESSION TO HIGHER EDUCATION

We are committed to supporting you to take the next steps required towards achieving your ambitions, including helping you choose a higher education (HE) provider.

Our Student Careers team can help you to choose the right course and place of study, whether that's with our sister HE organisation UCEN Manchester (ucenmanchester.ac.uk) or another university.

If you choose to progress to higher education with UCEN Manchester, you may be eligible for the Progressors Award, a cash bursary which is subject to availability and meeting qualifying criteria.

All applications for full-time places are through UCAS and our Student Careers team can help you with your application and personal statement.



YOUR ROUTE TO EXCELLENCE

To ensure that you become the next generation of industry excellence, we will put together a full programme of study.

This will include your core qualification alongside other elements that will be important in getting you work ready, developing your wider skills and preparing you for your career.

This will include:



Enrichment



Tutorial and support



Industry specific employability skills



English – if you don't already have a GCSE grade 9-4 or Functional Skill Level 2



Maths – if you don't already have a GCSE grade 9-4 or Functional Skill Level 2

Depending on the skills and qualifications you have already gained, we have a number of different options available to help you take your next step to a successful career.

These include:

- Entry level qualifications
- Level 1 qualifications
- Level 2 qualifications including T Level Foundation Year
- Level 3 qualifications including T Levels.

What's more, after you complete a level of study we'll provide you with the support you need to take the next steps along your journey to a career in industry.

MANCHESTER: A PLACE TO WORK AND PLAY



A PLACE TO WORK

By coming to study with us you'll be giving yourself the best possible chance to go on and fill one of the many roles that Greater Manchester's booming economy is set to create in the coming years.

Take a look at the opportunities that might be waiting for you in our amazing city!*

- Jobs in business and accounting are expected to grow by a projected 4.6% until 2029, with an average median wage of £31.3K
- Roles in IT and computing are projected to grow by 5% until 2029, with an average median wage of £43K
- The number of jobs in construction are set to grow by more than 2.5% every year until 2029
- Demand for professionals in the hospitality sector are projected to continue increasing by 5% until 2029
- Jobs in the automotive sector are expected to grow until 2029, with an average median wage of £37K
- Demand for skilled professionals in creative, cultural and digital industries will grow by more than 4% by 2029
- Media City offers fantastic opportunities in the creative and media sector without having to move to London.

With so much opportunity across the region it is perhaps unsurprising that over 50% of graduates from GM universities are still working in the North West more than five years after graduating!

A PLACE TO PLAY

At The Manchester College our campuses are either in the city centre or offer easy access to it. As such, when you enrol with us you'll be in a great place to be able to enjoy all the leisure activities Manchester has to offer!

From vintage shops, record shops and sports venues like the Aquatic Centre to the many theatres and cinemas and from the coffee shops to the vast variety of activities such as Junkyard Golf and bowling, there are plenty of ways to have fun in our wonderful city!

In a city renowned for its music and football you'll never be more than a stone's throw away from a live music venue or the opportunity to watch live sport. And of course, there are a vast array of galleries and museums where you'll find somewhere to soak up the culture of both our city and the rest of the world.

Put simply, whatever your interests might be, Manchester has something for you.

*Latest data available from Lightcast at time of publication reflecting labour market information

LIFE AT THE MANCHESTER COLLEGE

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At The Manchester College we passionately believe that you are more likely to achieve your potential and go on to be the next generation of industry excellence if you're enjoying life as a student.

That's why we are committed to creating an environment you feel comfortable in and provide a range of extras that are designed to make your time with us as enjoyable and fulfilling as possible.

These not only include some amazing benefits but also fun activities that will help you to develop some of the essential skills that employers and universities really want you to have.

Here's just a sample of the opportunities that we offer:

- Enrichment activities covering everything from sports and volunteering to clubs, societies and short courses
- Access to treatments in our beauty studios, performances in our theatres, meals in our training restaurants and much more
- Use of our sports pitches, even for just a casual kick around, and our huge state-of-the-art gym
- Support for students who want to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Fantastic discounts in high street stores and restaurants with the TOTUM card

- Exciting and interesting trips linked to your course
- The chance to enhance your CV by becoming a Student Ambassador, where you will play a role in supporting events and speak to potential students and visitors to the College
- Free breakfast available between 8.00am and 9.30am
- Annual Student Awards where we celebrate your successes
- Free Office 365, giving you access to Microsoft services
- Financial support for purchasing professional kit required for your course
- Student and industry mentors to help your career and your professional and social development.

Student Voice

There are a wide variety of opportunities/roles to get involved in providing student voice, including arranging activities and societies, on behalf of your fellow students.

This includes becoming a student course rep or a student ambassador; joining the Student Campus Leadership teams; becoming a student governor and joining The Students' Union (SU).

These opportunities support you in getting your voice heard around the College.

To learn more, email:
studentvoice@tmc.ac.uk

OUR CAMPUSES

While our campuses are all individual and offer their own unique study environment, they all have one thing in common – amazing industry standard facilities to study in and a welcoming environment for a great student experience.

We have campuses in the centre, east, south and north of Manchester, all easily accessible using the Greater Manchester public transport network, meaning that whatever technical qualification you want to study you will be able to do so regardless of where you live.

All young people aged 16-18 who live in Greater Manchester are entitled to free bus travel across the region seven days a week via Our Pass.

We also have TMC GO, a travel award support package available for students who do not qualify for Our Pass and/or need support to travel by train or tram where bus travel isn't suitable - subject to eligibility. You can find out more information on our website at tmc.ac.uk/travel where you can also find Terms and Conditions.

You can plan your journey to any of our campuses using the Transport for Greater Manchester route planner at tfgm.com/plan-a-journey.

At most of our campuses we also have secure bike storage so that students also have the option to cycle to College.

1 City Campus Manchester

60 Great Ducie Street,
Manchester M3 1PT



2 Harpurhey Campus

Rochdale Road,
Harpurhey M9 4AF



3 Openshaw Campus

Ashton Old Road,
Openshaw M11 2WH

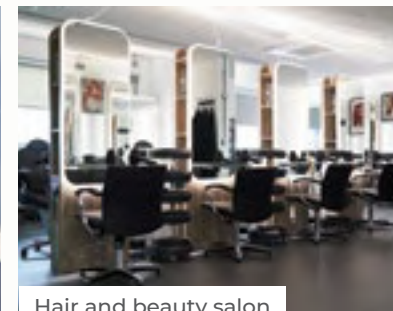


4 Wythenshawe Campus

Brownley Road,
Wythenshawe M22 9TC

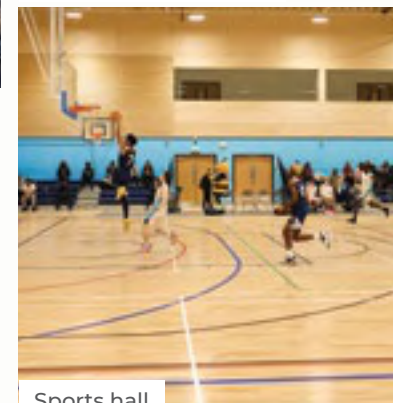


City Campus Manchester Phase 2



Hair and beauty salon

Professional kitchens

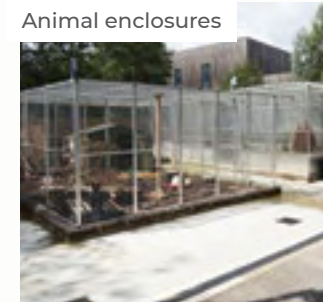


Sports hall

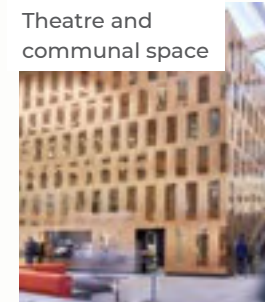
1853 restaurant



Animal enclosures



Theatre and communal space

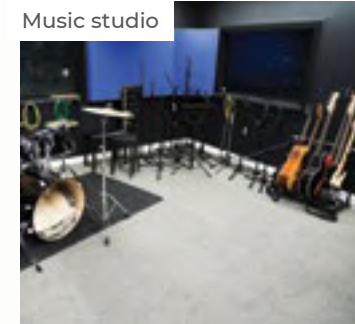


Mock nursery space



Health suite

Music studio



CITY CAMPUS MANCHESTER

City Campus Manchester is situated in the heart of Manchester, next door to the AO Arena and close to bus, train and tram links at Victoria and Shudehill.

Our state-of-the-art campus opened in 2022 and is a perfect mix of exceptional industry standard study facilities and large and airy communal areas including:


- Two professional standard theatres
- Five double-height multi-purpose rehearsal studios
- A double-height art studio and specialist studios
- Computer labs with the latest high-spec kit
- A 40-seater restaurant and bar run by the students who work in our production kitchens.






In September 2025 City Campus Manchester Phase 2 opens - our brand new facilities for students studying one of our Business & Professional or Science courses, extending City Campus Manchester to include:

- An Esports room with 16 gaming stations which will also be available for enrichment
- A Click Studio and repair lab run by students
- An Incubator Hub where our industry partners for Business will come and work with students on their projects, also available for students to use as an office
- State-of-the art science labs including three wet and one dry laboratory.

At the campus you will find a library with both quiet and group study spaces, banks of self-service laptops that you can borrow, and dedicated spaces for our Student Careers and Student Support teams. You will also find a range of food and drink options, including a Starbucks, and hot and cold options. This means you'll find everything you need to ensure you reach your full potential and feel fully supported to achieve your aspirational goals.

Home to:

-  Business and Professional
-  Computing and Digital
-  Creative and Digital Media
-  ESOL, English and Maths

-  Hospitality and Catering
-  Music
-  Performing Arts
-  Science
-  Visual Arts

HARPURHEY CAMPUS

Our campus in Harpurhey in north Manchester is made up of a bright modern building and the restored Grade II listed Harpurhey Baths.











The campus is served by a number of local bus routes and Queens Road Metrolink is just over a mile away.

At Harpurhey you'll find a wide range of facilities aimed at providing you with the perfect environment to become the next generation of industry excellence including:

- Two state of the art kitchens
- Fully equipped hair and beauty salons
- A mock plane cabin which resembles a real life aircraft for Travel, Tourism and Aviation students.

There is also a range of recently refurbished facilities that will ensure you have a great college experience including a refectory run by our Hospitality and Catering students that serves hot and cold options and a refurbished open plan library that also offers access to IT facilities. There is plenty of space to socialise and a large garden to relax in.

Home to:

-  Business and Professional*
-  Computing and Digital*
-  Creative and Digital Media*
-  Education and Early Years*
-  ESOL, English and Maths
-  Foundation Learning
-  Hair, Beauty and Make-up
-  Hospitality and Catering
-  Public Services and Criminology
-  Travel, Tourism and Aviation



**Please note if you progress onto higher study at Level 3 you will need to move to a different campus. Please visit our website for more details.*

OPENSHAW CAMPUS

Our Openshaw Campus is situated in the east of the city, close to the Etihad Stadium, with easy access to bus, train and tram links.









Refurbished in 2022, our campus is home to facilities for Automotive, Construction and Engineering, Education and Early Years, Health and Social Care, Public Services and Sport, which provide the ideal environment to prepare for your future career. These amazing industry standard facilities include:

- A state-of-the-art mock hospital ward complete with industry standard equipment
- A fully-equipped mock nursery/early years setting
- Automotive facilities that replicate what you'd find in the workplace (including incredible hydrogen engines)
- An outdoor 3G multi-sports pitch with spectator seating and a huge indoor sports hall including a college gym.

Our Openshaw Campus is also set-up to provide you with everything you need to have a great student experience. This includes:

- Access to quiet and group study pods
- IT facilities including banks of self-service laptops that you can borrow
- A range of food and drink options, including a Starbucks
- Outdoor spaces for socialising
- Dedicated areas for our amazing Student Careers and Student Support teams.

Home to:

-  Automotive
-  Construction and Engineering
-  Education and Early Years
-  ESOL, English and Maths
-  Foundation Learning
-  Health and Social Care
-  Public Services
-  Sport



WYTHENSHAW CAMPUS

Our Wythenshawe Campus opened in 2010 and is conveniently located just a short walk from Benchill Metrolink station and is served by a number of local bus routes.

In 2022 we opened new facilities for Animal Management and Hair, Beauty and Make-up which include bespoke reptile and small animal care rooms and state-of-the-art hair and beauty salons.

You'll have access to a student refectory including Starbucks, as well as a third-floor restaurant run by our Hospitality and Catering students, in addition to a library and IT facilities including banks of self-service laptops that you can borrow.

Based in south Manchester, the campus is built to be environmentally friendly with the use of innovative technology to save energy and reuse resources. These include solar panels, wind catchers for natural ventilation and rainwater harvesting tanks.

Home to:

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|  | Animal Management |  | ESOL, English and Maths |
|  | Automotive* |  | Foundation Learning |
|  | Business and Professional* |  | Hair, Beauty and Make-up |
|  | Computing and Digital* |  | Hospitality and Catering |
|  | Construction and Engineering* |  | Travel, Tourism and Aviation |
|  | Education and Early Years* | | |

**Please note if you progress onto higher study you will move to a different campus. Please visit our website for more details*



ACCESSING FURTHER EDUCATION

At The Manchester College we believe in giving everyone, regardless of their individual circumstances, the opportunity to realise their dreams and have an amazing, rewarding career. To make sure that there are no barriers to accessing further education we offer a range of financial support for those who need it.



ACCESS TO INDUSTRY AWARD

To support you financially on your journey to amazing we offer the Access to Industry Award*. You will qualify for this if:

- You have excellent attendance
- Put 100 percent into your work and behaviour, have a can-do attitude, be inclusive and kind, aim high and hit your deadlines.

You will receive your Access to Industry Award support every week you are in College or when you are off-site as part of your studies, for example, if you are on a work experience placement.

The award is made up of:

Our Pass

If you are aged 16 or 17 on 31 August 2025 you can get free bus travel across the whole of Greater Manchester (GM) with Our Pass (ourpass.co.uk). We will even refund the £10 application fee.

TMC Go

If you do not qualify for Our Pass and/or need support to travel by train or tram where bus travel isn't suitable, you could be entitled to access our travel support package, TMC Go, subject to eligibility. You can find out more information on our website at tmc.ac.uk/travel where you can also find terms and conditions.

Meal Support

You could be entitled to a meal award of up to £5.50 a day when in College or on a work placement. Low income criteria applies. Plus everyone receives a free breakfast and a hot drink if you come into College between 8.00am and 9.30am.

Kit Award

If your course requires you to have a kit, you could receive support to help with the cost.

Contact Us

We understand that finance and funding can be confusing, so for more information please drop in to reception at your nearest campus or call 03333 222 444 and ask to speak to our Student Careers service.

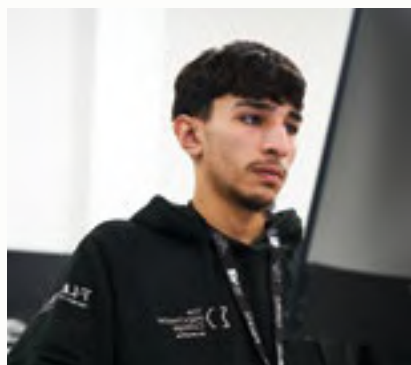
**Terms and conditions apply. For full eligibility criteria and how to apply visit tmc.ac.uk/study-with-us/fees-finance-funding*

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

We are committed to ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to reach their full potential and achieve their goals and aspirations, regardless of their starting point.

Our technical and T Level courses have all been designed to help you develop the skills and knowledge you need to secure a job in your dream career.

Starting at Entry Level all the way up to Level 3, whatever your future goals may be, our range of courses can help you get career ready.



Which level is right for you?

Level	Qualification	Entry requirements
Level 3	Vocationally Recognised Qualifications and Technical Qualifications.	A minimum of 4 GCSE subjects at grade 9-4 or merit/distinction on equivalent qualifications such as Level 2 BTEC.
		Of the 4 GCSEs one of these should be English and/or maths, or an equivalent Level 2 functional skills qualification.
		Or subjects that serve as proof of equivalence of your qualifications in the UK (such as NARIC) Certificate.
Level 2	Vocationally Recognised Qualifications and Technical Qualifications.	Some courses, including T Levels, may also require science, English and maths at GCSE grade 5 or above. Please refer to individual course details on our website.
		A minimum of 4 GCSE subjects at grade 9-3 or a pass or above on equivalent qualifications such as Level 1 BTEC.
		Of the 4 GCSEs one of these should be English and/or maths, or an equivalent Level 1 functional skills qualification.
Level 1	BTEC Diploma NVQ/Vocationally Recognised Qualifications.	Or subjects that serve as proof of equivalence of your qualifications in the UK (such as NARIC Certificate).
		Some courses, including T Level Foundation Year courses, may have specific entry requirements. Please refer to individual course details on our website.
		No formal entry requirements. Some courses may have specific entry requirements. Please refer to individual course details on our website.

Level 4 and above

Upon successful completion of a relevant Level 3 qualification you'll be able to progress to degree-level study at UCEN Manchester where you'll benefit from a progression bursary to help you transition from college to degree-level study. For more information on what you could study see [page 74](#) or visit ucenmanchester.ac.uk



Additional Guidelines

Some courses may require evidence of previous work, a portfolio, an audition or specific qualifications. These are broad entry requirements but you can check the specific entry requirements of the course you are interested in by speaking to our Course Enquiries team on 03333 222 444 or find these on the details of each course listing on our website tmc.ac.uk/course-finder.

ANIMAL MANAGEMENT

With one of our courses in Animal Management you'll learn all the skills you need to turn your love for animals into a successful and rewarding career.

You'll work with a wide range of species, learning about health needs, animal behaviour, breeding, nutrition and conservation, acquiring all the skills you'll need for a fulfilling career caring for animals with a clear focus on conservation, research and education.



You'll be learning in new facilities developed specifically for your course including bespoke reptile and small animal care rooms, fantastic new animal pens and an industry-standard food preparation area.

Once you've completed your journey with us there are a number of different career options open to you working with animals ranging from Zoo Keepers to Pet Shop Workers, with an average national salary of £20,000 per year.



Visit tmc.ac.uk/animal-management or scan the QR code to find out more online where you can also download our guide to studying Animal Management.

COURSES

	Course duration	Campus location(s)
Level 3 Animal Management Advanced Technical Diploma	2 years	Wythenshawe
Level 3 Animal Management and Science  T Level	2 years	Wythenshawe
Level 2 Animal Care  Technical Certificate (T Level Foundation Year)	1 year	Wythenshawe
Level 2 Animal Care Technical Certificate	1 year	Wythenshawe
Level 2 Animal Nursing Assistant Certificate	1 year	Wythenshawe
Level 1 Land-based Studies Diploma	1 year	Wythenshawe

PARTNERS

We work with industry professionals to help you gain industry experience through partnerships with organisations including:



I really enjoy the biology side of the course. I also like how we have a large variety and different types of species, from reptiles, to mammals and aquatics. The skills I've learnt on this course are handling small and medium size animals, and I've learned how to manage different species' enclosures and the needs of different species.

I am doing the work placement at the Wythenshawe Park Stables and enjoy the opportunity to learn about larger animals and how to manage the nutrients of larger animals in the enclosures and their needs and behaviours. I plan on going to university or going straight into work.

Leighton Stewart, Level 3 Animal Management



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AUTOMOTIVE

With one of our courses in Automotive, you'll work in our state-of-the-art facility on industry-specific training vehicles, learning all the skills required to move through the gears and motor into a career in this rapidly growing industry.



The automotive sector has a host of fulfilling career possibilities and when studying with us you'll learn everything from basic maintenance and bodywork to diagnosing issues and fitting vehicle components.

Once you've completed your journey with us, there are a number of different career options open to you in the automotive sector ranging from Motor Vehicle Technicians to Mechanics and Electricians, with an average yearly salary of £32,400 a year.



Visit tmc.ac.uk/automotive or scan the QR code to find out more online where you can also download our guide to studying Automotive.

COURSES

	Course duration	Campus location(s)
Level 3 Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Principles Diploma	1 year	Openshaw
Level 3 Maintenance Installation and Repair (Light and Electric Vehicles)  T Level	2 years	Openshaw
Level 2 Auto Electrical and Mobile Electrical Principles  Diploma (T Level Foundation Year)	1 year	Openshaw
Level 2 Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Principles Diploma	1 year	Openshaw
Level 2 Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Fitting Principles - Sponsored by Moffatts Diploma	1 year	Openshaw
Level 2 Motor Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Certificate	1 year	Wythenshawe
Level 2 Vehicle Accident Repair - Multi-skill - Sponsored by Tetrosyl Diploma	1 year	Openshaw
Level 1 Automotive Maintenance Pathway Certificate	1 year	Openshaw
Level 1 Motor Vehicle Maintenance Pathway Certificate	1 year	Wythenshawe
Level 1 Vehicle Accident Repair Pathway Certificate	1 year	Openshaw

PARTNERS

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BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL





With one of our courses in **Business and Professional**, you'll get all the skills you need to set off on a rewarding career in Manchester's booming business and professional service sector. There are over 320,000 jobs in the city's business, accountancy and finance sectors alone!

All you need to start learning about business is a keen interest in how it works and, as you move up to higher qualifications, you can start to specialise in the areas that interest you the most. You will enjoy work placements and visits to businesses as well as real-world activities like running a small company.

Once you've completed your journey with us there are a number of different career options open to you, ranging from Finance Officers who earn on average £34,840 a year, to Business Development Managers that can earn an average salary of £51,000 a year.



Visit tmc.ac.uk/business or scan the QR code to find out more online where you can also download our guide to studying Business and Professional.

COURSES	Course duration	Campus location(s)
Level 3 Accounting  T Level	2 years	City Campus Manchester
Level 3 Business Management and Administration  T Level	2 years	City Campus Manchester
Level 3 Digital Business with Social Media Marketing in partnership with Pie Analysis Extended Diploma	2 years	City Campus Manchester
Level 3 Finance  T Level	2 years	City Campus Manchester
Level 3 Business Venture with Entrepreneurship Extended Diploma	2 years	City Campus Manchester Harpurhey
Level 2 Business Management, Finance and Accounting  Certificate (T Level Foundation Year)	1 year	City Campus Manchester
Level 2 Business Skills with Entrepreneurship Certificate	1 year	City Campus Manchester Harpurhey
Level 1 Introduction to Business Certificate / Diploma	1 year	Harpurhey Wythenshawe

PARTNERS

We work with industry professionals to help you gain industry experience through partnerships with organisations including:



Progress to degrees and higher-level courses in Business & Management and more at UCEN Manchester. ucenmanchester.ac.uk



COMPUTING AND DIGITAL

With one of our courses in Computing and Digital, you'll develop all the skills you need to advance into a career in Manchester's rapidly expanding IT and technology sector. In Greater Manchester alone there is expected to be a 5% growth in jobs in the sector by 2029, ranging from cyber security and system administration through to games developers and software writers.

As you progress, you'll improve your coding skills and explore how computer systems and IT solutions can be used across a wide variety of industries for different business applications. Seeing how vital these skills will be for all companies, you'll understand why there are many career opportunities to choose from.

Once you've completed your journey with us there are a number of different career options open to you in the computing and digital sector, ranging from IT Operations Technicians, where you'll earn an average of £30,000 per year, to IT Business Analysts, Architects and Systems Designers with an average annual salary of £52,000.



Visit tmc.ac.uk/computing or scan the QR code to find out more online where you can download our guide to studying Computing and Digital.

COURSES

	Course duration	Campus location(s)
Level 3 Digital Business Services T Level	2 years	City Campus Manchester
Level 3 Computer Science and Digital Development Extended Diploma	2 years	City Campus Manchester
Level 3 Digital Production, Design and Development T Level	2 years	City Campus Manchester
Level 3 Digital Support Services T Level	2 years	City Campus Manchester
Level 2 Cyber Skills for the Digital Age Certificate (T Level Foundation Year)	1 year	City Campus Manchester
Level 2 Computer Science and Digital Technologies Certificate	1 year	City Campus Manchester Harpurhey
Level 1 Introduction to Computing and Digital Certificate	1 year	Harpurhey Wythenshawe

PARTNERS

We work with industry professionals to help you gain industry experience through partnerships with organisations including:



I have developed a lot more than just my technical skills during my industry placement – learning how to communicate with colleagues, receiving feedback, implementing improvements based on that feedback and presenting to colleagues has been invaluable for my confidence!

Roddick Majub, Level 3 T Level in Digital Production, Design and Development

After leaving the College, Roddick secured a Higher Level Apprenticeship at Lloyds Banking Group following his industry placement with them.



Progress to degrees and higher-level courses in Computing, Cybersecurity, Software Development, AI and Network Engineering at UCEN Manchester. ucenmanchester.ac.uk



CONSTRUCTION AND ENGINEERING

With one of our courses in Construction and Engineering, you'll start to build the skills base required for a fully developed career in these exciting sectors.

You'll be learning in fully simulated working environments and with industry-standard equipment, which includes seven specialist construction work areas, including bespoke areas for building services engineering, on-site construction, and design, surveying and planning to name a few.

Once you've completed your journey with us there are a number of different career options open to you in the construction and engineering sector, ranging from Carpenters and Joiners who earn on average £29,700 a year, to Engineering Technicians with an average annual salary of £39,200.



Visit tmc.ac.uk/construction or scan the QR code to find out more online where you can also download our guide to studying Construction and Engineering.

COURSES

	Course duration	Campus location(s)
Level 3 Building Services Engineering for Construction (Electrical Installation)  T Level	2 years	Openshaw
Level 3 Design and Development for Engineering and Manufacturing (Electrical and Electronic Engineering)  T Level	2 years	Openshaw
Level 3 Design and Development for Engineering and Manufacturing (Mechanical Engineering)  T Level	2 years	Openshaw
Level 3 Design, Surveying and Planning for Construction (Construction and the Built Environment)  T Level	2 years	Openshaw
Level 3 Design, Surveying and Planning for Construction (Civil Engineering)  T Level	2 years	Openshaw
Level 3 Engineering, Manufacturing, Processing and Control (Fabrication and Welding)  T Level	2 years	Openshaw
Level 2 Building Services Engineering (Electrical Installation)  Diploma (T Level Foundation Year)	1 year	Openshaw
Level 2 Design and Surveying (Built Environment)  Certificate (T Level Foundation Year)	1 year	Openshaw
Level 2 Electronic Engineering  Technical Certificate (T Level Foundation Year)	1 year	Openshaw
Level 2 Fabrication and Welding  Certificate (T Level Foundation Year)	1 year	Openshaw
Level 1 Pathway to Bricklaying and Level 2 Bricklaying Certificate / Diploma	1 year each	Openshaw Wythenshawe
Level 1 Pathway to Carpentry and Joinery, Level 2 and Level 3 Site Carpentry Certificate / Diploma	1 year each	Openshaw
Level 1 Pathway to Civil Engineering Certificate	1 year	Openshaw
Level 1 Pathway to Electrical Installations Diploma	1 year	Openshaw
Level 1 Pathway to Engineering Certificate	1 year	Openshaw
Level 2 Painting and Decorating Diploma	1 year each	Openshaw
Level 1 Pathway to Plastering and Level 2 Plastering Certificate / Diploma	1 year each	Openshaw
Level 1 Pathway to Plumbing Certificate	1 year each	Openshaw

PARTNERS

We work with industry professionals to help you gain industry experience through partnerships with organisations including:



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Progress to Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs) in Construction Management, Engineering or Modern Methods for Construction at UCEN Manchester. ucenmanchester.ac.uk

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CREATIVE AND DIGITAL MEDIA

On one of our courses in Creative and Digital Media, you'll learn from tutors who are specialists in their fields, and you'll work in real design and production studios with industry-standard software.

Some of our industry-standard facilities include a TV studio with production gantry, radio and sound studios, editing suites using the latest Mac technology, two game design and production suites and an infinity green screen. Also, you'll be putting your skills into practice by working on live briefs set by broadcasters, games studios, local employers and international advertising firms.

The creative and digital media sector is incredibly diverse – there are so many opportunities open to you if you have the talent, ability and drive to succeed. We can teach you everything from games design and development, 3D animation and graphic design, to film and TV production.

Once you've completed your journey with us there are a number of different career options open to you in this exciting sector, ranging from Graphic and Multimedia Designers, with an average yearly salary of £26,900, to Arts Officers, Producers and Directors with an average annual salary of £36,000.



Visit tmc.ac.uk/creative-digital-media or scan the QR code to find out more online where you can also download our guide to studying Creative and Digital Media.

COURSES

	Course duration	Campus location(s)
Level 3 Creative Media - Film, TV and Radio Production Extended Diploma	2 years	City Campus Manchester
Level 3 Digital Art and Visual Effects Extended Diploma	2 years	City Campus Manchester
Level 3 Esports Extended Diploma	2 years	City Campus Manchester
Level 3 Game Art and Development in partnership with Games Production Company Extended Diploma	2 years	City Campus Manchester
Level 3 Graphic Design & Digital Communication Extended Diploma	2 years	City Campus Manchester
Level 3 Media, Broadcast and Production  (Content Creation and Production) T Level	2 years	City Campus Manchester
Level 3 Motion Design and Animation in partnership with Flow Creative Extended Diploma	2 years	City Campus Manchester
Level 2 Creative Digital Media Production and Design Diploma	1 year	City Campus Manchester Harpurhey
Level 2 Creative Media Skills  Diploma (T Level Foundation Year)	1 year	City Campus Manchester
Level 1 Introduction to Creative Media Diploma	1 year	Harpurhey

PARTNERS

We work with industry professionals to help you gain industry experience through partnerships with organisations including:



Progress to degrees and higher-level courses in Photography, Film, Game Art, Graphic Design and Fashion at UCEN Manchester. ucenmanchester.ac.uk





EDUCATION AND EARLY YEARS

With one of our courses in Education and Early Years, you'll equip yourself with all the skills that the education and early years sector is crying out for. If you are a compassionate, patient, nurturing and encouraging person with an ability to recognise what each individual requires in order to succeed, you'll be right at home studying with us.

You'll gain an understanding of the skills and knowledge needed to care for young children, including issues around safeguarding and health and safety. You'll also learn about child development, how to provide support to children and how to teach through play and activities.

Once you've completed your journey with us there are a number of different career options open to you if you want to work with children, ranging from Early Education and Childcare Practitioners who earn on average £23,600 a year, to Primary School Teachers with an average annual salary of £36,800.

Please note for certain levels of qualifications in this area, a DBS check is mandatory.



Visit tmc.ac.uk/education or scan the QR code to find out more online where you can also download our guide to studying Education and Early Years.

COURSES

	Course duration	Campus location(s)
Level 3 Education and Early Years (Assisting Teaching) T Level	2 years	Openshaw
Level 3 Education and Early Years (Early Years Educator) T Level	2 years	Openshaw
Level 2 Early Years Practitioner Diploma	1 year	Harpurhey Openshaw
Level 1 Caring for Children Diploma	1 year	Harpurhey Openshaw Wythenshawe

PARTNERS

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I enjoy the fact that we get to do a placement because it gives you experience to make sure that you know you're going on the right path. I've learnt to be more organised, especially with my assignments and getting them done on time. I've learnt planning skills because I have to sit down and plan activities that meet the children's needs.

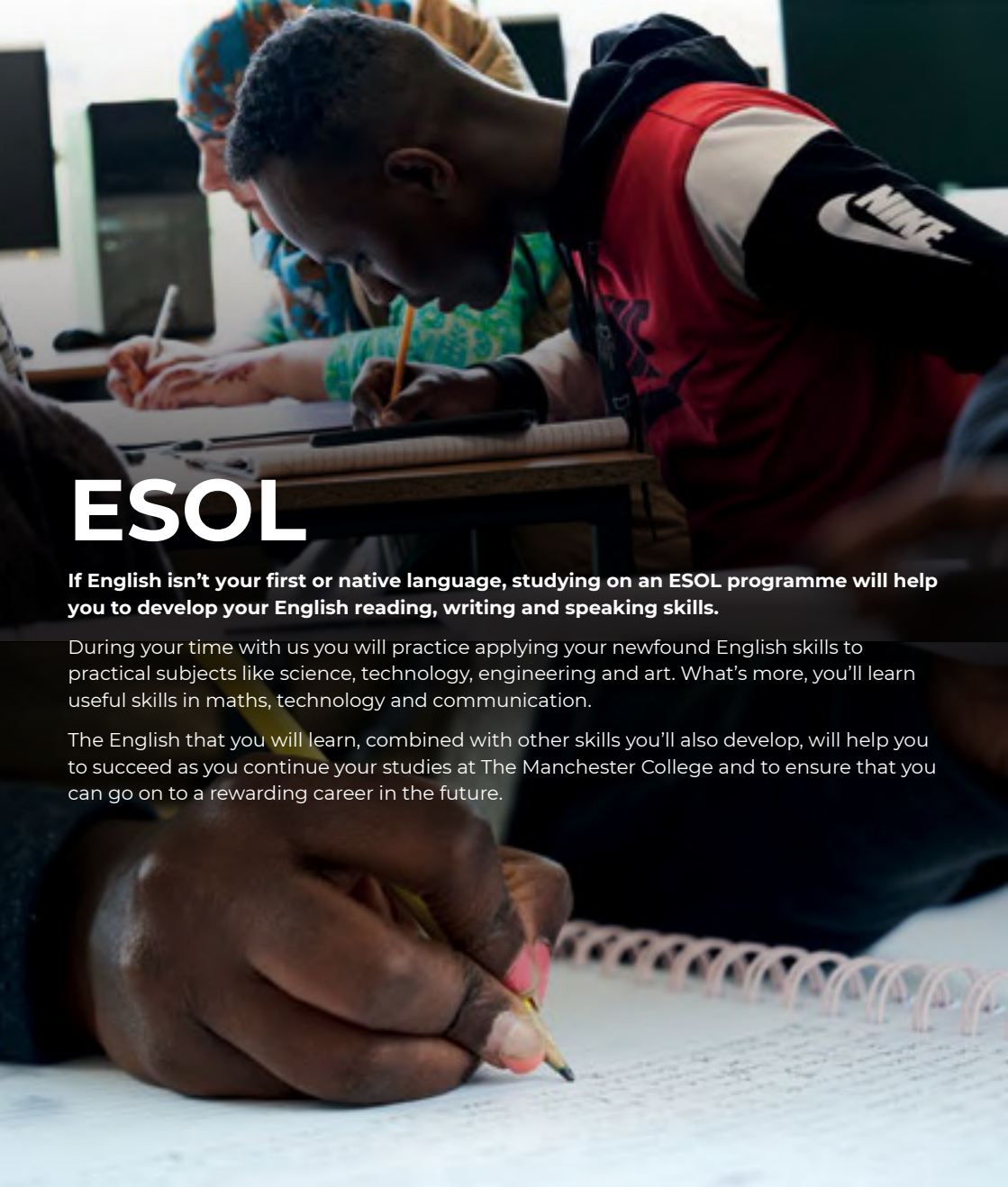
I do my placement at Moston Fields Primary School and I like doing it there because all the staff are lovely and the children love to help me do my activities.

Lucy Foster, Level 2 Early Years Practitioner

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Progress to degrees and higher-level courses in Childhood & Youth Studies or Health & Social Care and more at UCEN Manchester.
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ESOL

If English isn't your first or native language, studying on an ESOL programme will help you to develop your English reading, writing and speaking skills.

During your time with us you will practice applying your newfound English skills to practical subjects like science, technology, engineering and art. What's more, you'll learn useful skills in maths, technology and communication.

The English that you will learn, combined with other skills you'll also develop, will help you to succeed as you continue your studies at The Manchester College and to ensure that you can go on to a rewarding career in the future.



Visit tmc.ac.uk/esol or scan the QR code to find out more online where you can download our guide to studying ESOL.

COURSES	Course duration	Campus location(s)
ESOL Programme Beginners to Advance	1 year	City Campus Manchester Harpurhey Openshaw Wythenshawe



Progress to degrees and higher-level courses offered by UCEN Manchester. ucenmanchester.ac.uk






FOUNDATION LEARNING

Our Foundation Learning courses are designed to help you get back into learning and develop the skills you need to kick-start your further education journey. Our dedicated courses are designed to support you and remove any barriers to learning and employment by developing essential skills and experience that you need to progress.

The College offers a variety of pathways to support you in developing your skills and progressing into technical and professional qualifications across the College and in partnership with employers.



Visit tmc.ac.uk/foundation-learning or scan the QR code to find out more online where you can also download our guide to studying Foundation Learning.

King's Trust Programme

Our 12-week King's Trust 'Team Programme' for 16-25 year olds aims to help you gain new skills, meet new friends and make a positive difference, giving you the opportunity to take part in your own group community project and action packed residential trip. If you're aged between 16 and 25 and you're not in education or employment then our 12 week King's Trust Team programme is for you.

Routes to Learning and Routes to Skills & Employability

Two dynamic curriculums which provide the independence and employability skills needed to increase confidence and prepare students for progression onto vocational or Supported Internship programmes at college. Personal Targets are aligned to each student's individual Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP) outcomes.

Routes to Industry

Designed for students with an EHCP who have a strong desire to study within the wider College on a technical pathway. Students will explore what courses are available at the College and where possible, will have the opportunity to participate in classes within those departments and work towards progressing into those chosen areas.

The Pre-internship

Prepares you to make the transition to a Supported Internship. Building on your experience at College, this programme will provide a taster of learning in the workplace. Applicants must have an EHCP.

Supported Internship

Through a number of employer partnerships, you will have access to a wide range of supported placement opportunities in a variety of exciting organisations. These include:



Furthermore, from our base at MediaCityUK, students can also work with a range of high profile, dynamic employers in lots of exciting job roles.

Our approach is more experience-based than many traditional college-based courses as the majority of the learning takes place, and is applied, within the workplace. This exciting programme will provide real opportunities to secure employment and/or voluntary work.

Applicants must be aged 16-24 and have an EHCP, as well as be able to travel independently, with a desire to move into paid employment at the end of the programme

HAIR, BEAUTY AND MAKE-UP

When you choose a career in hair, beauty and make-up, you'll be joining a global, multi-billion pound industry which is constantly evolving. That's hardly surprising when you consider that if you look good, you feel good.

With one of our Hair, Beauty and Make-up courses, you'll gain all the skills required to make a career out of helping people look and feel good. You'll train in professional standard salons on campus, each fully stocked with all the products and equipment you'd expect to find in any modern commercial salon.

As your skills advance, you'll also be able to work with paying clients in our North and South Manchester Studios of Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy.

You'll learn from our exceptional team of passionate professionals who have a wealth of national and international experience working in barbers, hairdressers, beauty salons, spas and health clubs and continue to work within the industry, ensuring that your knowledge is relevant and cutting edge.

Once you've completed your journey with us there are a number of different career options open to you in the hair, beauty and make-up sector which could lead to you becoming a Hairdressing and Beauty Salon Manager with an average annual salary of £35,500.



Visit tmc.ac.uk/hair-beauty or scan the QR code to find out more online where you can also download our guide to studying Hair, Beauty and Make-up.

COURSES

	Course duration	Campus location(s)
Level 3 Barbering Diploma	1 year	Harpurhey Wythenshawe
Level 3 Beauty Therapy Diploma	1 year	Harpurhey Wythenshawe
Level 3 Hairdressing Diploma	1 year	Harpurhey Wythenshawe
Level 3 Theatrical, Special Effects and Hair and Media Make-up Diploma	1 year	Harpurhey
Level 2 Barbering Certificate	1 year	Harpurhey Wythenshawe
Level 2 Beauty Skills Diploma	1 year	Harpurhey Wythenshawe
Level 2 Beauty Therapy Diploma	1 year	Harpurhey Wythenshawe
Level 2 Hairdressing Diploma	1 year	Harpurhey Wythenshawe
Level 2 Hair Skills Diploma	1 year	Harpurhey Wythenshawe
Level 2 Hair and Media Make-up Diploma	1 year	Harpurhey Wythenshawe
Level 1 Beauty Skills Certificate	1 year	Harpurhey Wythenshawe
Level 1 Hair Skills Certificate	1 year	Harpurhey Wythenshawe

PARTNERS

We work with industry professionals to help you gain industry experience through partnerships with organisations including:



Progress to degrees and higher-level courses in Make-up Artistry, Salon Management or Business Management at UCEN Manchester. ucenmanchester.ac.uk



HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

With one of our courses in Health and Social Care, you'll prepare yourself to fill one of the estimated 156,000 roles that Greater Manchester's health sector will support by 2029.

You'll learn how to spot potential health and wellbeing concerns, how to ensure that people get the right care and be trained in how to deliver care and support to a variety of different patients. You'll not only learn the theory but also the practical application of these skills in real-life settings.

You'll also benefit from access to cutting edge training facilities and our industry partnerships, which will offer you numerous work experience opportunities.

Once you've completed your journey with us there are a number of different career options open to you in the health and social care sector, ranging from Midwives, who earn on average £32,700, to Social Workers with an average annual salary of £37,100.

Please note for certain levels of qualifications in this area, a DBS is mandatory.



Visit tmc.ac.uk/health-social-care or scan the QR code to find out more online where you can also download our guide to studying Health and Social Care.

COURSES

	Course duration	Campus location(s)
Level 3 Health (Assisting Adult Nursing) T Level	2 years	Openshaw
Level 3 Health and Social Care Extended Diploma	2 years	Openshaw
Level 2 Health and Social Care T Level Foundation Year Extended Diploma	1 year	Openshaw
Level 2 Health and Social Care Extended Diploma	1 year	Openshaw
Level 1 Health and Social Care Diploma	1 year	Openshaw

PARTNERS

We work with industry professionals to help you gain industry experience through partnerships with organisations including:



I chose to study the T Level because it had technical qualifications, which other courses don't have, and I believe that it will help me in future employment. You also learn the softer side of skills, which is like your compassion and your care and how to provide the best person-centered care possible.

I did my industry placement at the Manchester Royal Infirmary and I worked on a surgical ward for children. After completing my T Level, I would like to go to university because my dream job is to be a midwife.

Lucy Kelso, Level 3 T Level in Health (Assisting Adult Nursing)



Progress to degrees and higher-level courses in Health & Social Care at UCEN Manchester. ucenmanchester.ac.uk



HOSPITALITY AND CATERING

Whether your passion is for creating mouth-watering dishes or organising and running big events, one of our Hospitality and Catering courses will help you to prep for a career in a sector that is predicted to be worth £59bn to the UK economy by 2026.

You'll have the opportunity to work in prestigious hotels and restaurants, gain experience at national events and have the chance to work in busy restaurant kitchens. It really is a five-star curriculum experience!

Once you've completed your journey with us there are a number of different career options open to you in the hospitality sector, ranging from Chefs, with an average annual salary of £25,480, to Bakers and Flour Confectioners where average annual earnings are £22,880.



Visit tmc.ac.uk/hospitality-catering or scan the QR code to find out more online where you can also download our guide to studying Hospitality and Catering.

COURSES

	Course duration	Campus location(s)
Level 3 Patisserie and Confectionery Skills Diploma	1 year	City Campus Manchester
Level 3 Professional Cookery Advanced Technical Diploma	1 year	City Campus Manchester
Level 3 Professional Cookery Diploma	1 year	Harpurhey Wythenshawe
Level 3 Professional Food and Beverage Supervisory Service Diploma	1 year	City Campus Manchester
Level 2 Culinary Skills Diploma	1 year	Harpurhey Wythenshawe
Level 2 Culinary Skills Certificate	1 year	Harpurhey Wythenshawe
Level 2 Professional Cookery (Technical) Technical Certificate	1 year	City Campus Manchester
Level 2 Professional Food and Beverage Service Diploma	1 year	City Campus Manchester
Level 1 Culinary Skills Certificate	1 year	Harpurhey Wythenshawe

PARTNERS

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MUSIC

If you dream of playing on stage in front of thousands of people or creating a seminal masterpiece in the studio, one of our Music courses will prepare you for a career in an industry that is worth £4 billion annually in the UK alone.

When you enrol with us, we'll help you acquire the skills required for a range of different disciplines including singing, playing instruments, DJ-ing and studio engineering. This will combine musical theory and musical practice, enabling you to acquire the perfect harmony of skills that it will take to have a rewarding career in this competitive industry.

In our state-of-the-art facilities, which include professional, industry specification band rooms, DJ studios, Mac suites and specialist recording equipment, you will learn from experienced DJs and gigging musicians, as well as receive masterclasses from some of the best in the business.

Once you've completed your journey with us there are a number of different career options open to you in the music industry, including DJs and Musicians who earn an average salary of £30,900.



Visit tmc.ac.uk/music or scan the QR code to find out more online where you can also download our guide to studying Music.

COURSES

	Course duration	Campus location(s)
Level 3 Music Performance BTEC Extended Diploma	2 years	City Campus Manchester
Level 3 Music Production (DJ Pathway) BTEC Extended Diploma	2 years	City Campus Manchester
Level 3 Music Production (Live Sound Pathway) BTEC Extended Diploma	2 years	City Campus Manchester
Level 2 Music Performance and Production (Blended Pathway) Award / Diploma	1 year	City Campus Manchester
Level 2 Music Performance and Production (Performance Pathway) Award / Diploma	1 year	City Campus Manchester
Level 2 Music Performance and Production (Production Pathway) Award / Diploma	1 year	City Campus Manchester
Level 1 Music, Performing and Production Arts (Music Pathway) Diploma	1 year	City Campus Manchester

PARTNERS

We work with industry professionals to help you gain industry experience through partnerships with organisations including:



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Progress to degrees in Vocal Studies and Performance or Music Production & Composition at UCEN Manchester.
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PERFORMING ARTS

If you were born to perform, then our courses in Performing Arts will help you to gain the skills you'll need to go on and continue Manchester's rich musical and performing arts tradition.

Whether you are an actor, singer or dancer, you will be equipped with all the skills required to embark upon a successful career. You will learn from tutors who are still active in the business, listen to talks from guest speakers like directors and choreographers and enjoy masterclasses from some of the best in the business. You will also perform regularly for the public in our two professional-standard theatres.

The facilities you will learn in include five double height multi-purpose rehearsal studios and a double height performance assessment studio, all with semi-sprung flooring, a single ensemble room and a 1-2-1 singing room, as well as two fully equipped professional theatres.

Once you've completed your journey with us there are a number of different career options open to you in this exciting sector, ranging from Actors, Entertainers and Presenters who earn on average £30,700 a year, to Dancers and Choreographers with an average income of £29,900 per year.



Visit tmc.ac.uk/performing-arts or scan the QR code to find out more online where you can also download our guide to studying Performing Arts.

COURSES

	Course duration	Campus location(s)
Level 3 Events and Venues Technician  T Level	2 years	City Campus Manchester
Level 3 Performing Arts (Acting) Extended Diploma	2 years	City Campus Manchester
Level 3 Performing Arts (Dance) Extended Diploma	2 years	City Campus Manchester
Level 3 Performing Arts (Musical Theatre) Extended Diploma	2 years	City Campus Manchester
Level 2 Performing and Production Arts (Acting) Diploma	1 year	City Campus Manchester
Level 2 Performing and Production Arts (Dance) Diploma	1 year	City Campus Manchester
Level 2 Performing and Production Arts (Musical Theatre) Diploma	1 year	City Campus Manchester
Level 2 Performing and Production Arts (Technical Theatre)  Diploma (T Level Foundation Year)	1 year	City Campus Manchester
Level 1 Music, Performing and Production Arts (Acting Pathway) Diploma	1 year	City Campus Manchester

PARTNERS

We work with industry professionals to help you gain industry experience through partnerships with organisations including:



Progress to degrees in Acting, Musical Theatre, Dance, Vocal Studies, Theatre, or Technical Theatre offered by The Arden School of Theatre at UCEN Manchester. ucenmanchester.ac.uk



PUBLIC SERVICES AND CRIMINOLOGY

If your passion is to make a difference to people's lives, one of our Public Services and Criminology courses will help you gain the skills for a wide range of roles in the public sector.

Whether you'd like to train for the police force entry exams, prepare yourself for a role in the army or find out more about an engaging and meaningful role in the government, a public services course is a great place to start.

You'll take part in practical activities while exploring the issues that are relevant to this industry, including social justice, the causes of crime and the management of the public sector. Whatever course you choose, you'll cover a diverse range of topics!

Once you've completed your journey with us there are a number of different options open to you in a rewarding career helping other people, including roles in the Police and Fire Service, with annual salaries ranging from £28,800 to £62,800.



Visit tmc.ac.uk/public-services or scan the QR code to find out more online where you can also download our guide to studying Public Services.

COURSES

	Course duration	Campus location(s)
Level 3 Criminology and Policing Diploma	2 years	Openshaw
Level 3 Public Services Diploma	2 years	Openshaw
Level 2 Public Services Diploma	1 year	Openshaw Harpurhey
Level 1 Public Services Diploma	1 year	Openshaw Harpurhey

PARTNERS

We work with industry professionals to help you gain industry experience through partnerships with organisations including:



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SCIENCE

Advancing your understanding of science will open doors to a range of exciting careers, covering everything from food and clothing technology to biomedical science, microbiology, pharmacology and forensic science. With one of our Science courses, you'll be able to develop your knowledge, acquiring the skills you need to start a rewarding career in which you will experiment, research and advance any number of things that touch our daily lives.



You'll study in our brand-new state-of-the-art labs, including three wet and one dry laboratory, fully equipped with everything you'd expect to see when you enter the world of work. Here you'll learn how science can be applied to a range of modern-day challenges and issues, learning how to experiment and look for solutions. You'll apply these skills to a range of problems and challenges across a number of disciplines.

Once you've completed your journey with us there are a number of different career options open to you in the science sector, ranging from Laboratory Technicians with an average annual salary of £24,000 to Biomedical Scientists and Biochemists, with an average annual salary of £43,600.



Visit tmc.ac.uk/science or scan the QR code to find out more online and download our guide to studying Science.

COURSES

	Course duration	Campus location(s)
Level 3 Applied Science Extended Diploma	2 years	City Campus Manchester
Level 3 Science (Laboratory Sciences) in partnership with the University of Manchester  T Level	2 years	City Campus Manchester
Level 2 Science  Extended Certificate (T Level Foundation Year)	1 year	City Campus Manchester
Level 2 Applied Science Extended Certificate	1 year	City Campus Manchester
Level 1 Applied Science Diploma	1 year	City Campus Manchester

PARTNERS

We work with industry professionals to help you gain industry experience through partnerships with organisations including:



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SPORT

Manchester is renowned for being a great sporting city and more than 15,700 people are employed in its sporting industry at places like the National Cycling Centre, Manchester Aquatics Centre and our two big football clubs.

With one of our Sport courses, you will equip yourself with the range of skills, abilities and knowledge that you will need for a job in this exciting sector. You'll combine exercise with learning about nutrition, sport science and psychology, channelling your passion for keeping fit and healthy living into a sport-related career.

What's more, you will benefit from state-of-the-art, industry-standard facilities including a fully equipped fitness suite and gym, a six-court multi-discipline sports hall with a viewing gallery, a media suite with match-analysis capability and our full size, floodlit 3G pitch.

You'll also receive a free Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check that will be essential for some employers you may complete a placement with, such as schools, and for some of the activities and visits you will have the opportunity to participate in.

Once you've completed your journey with us there are a number of different career options open to you in the sports industry, including Leisure and Sports Managers who earn on average £29,800 a year.

Please note for certain levels of qualifications in this area, a DBS is mandatory.



Visit tmc.ac.uk/sport or scan the QR code to find out more online where you can also download our guide to studying Sport.

COURSES

	Course duration	Campus location(s)
Level 3 Personal Training and Sport Science Diploma	2 years	Openshaw
Level 3 Sport and Exercise Science Extended Diploma	2 years	Openshaw
Level 3 Sport, Physical Activity and Health Diploma	2 years	Openshaw
Level 2 Sports Coaching and School Sport Certificate	1 year	Openshaw
Level 2 Sport, Physical Activity and Health Diploma	1 year	Openshaw
Level 1 Sport and Active Leisure Diploma	1 year	Openshaw

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I like learning about the human body. I like the constant improvement that our teacher brings us too, we're always doing better on our courses and getting fitter and stronger. I plan to go to a university and carry on studying sport – strength and conditioning specifically.

Henry Livsey, Level 3 Personal Training and Sport Science



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TRAVEL, TOURISM AND AVIATION

With one of our course in Travel, Tourism and Aviation, you'll prepare for an exciting career in an industry that is worth £80 billion every year to the UK economy. You will build up a broad knowledge of travel, tourism and aviation, learning from tutors who have years of experience working directly in the industry.

With access to our realistic air cabin and galley set-up on campus, we will fully prepare you for a role as a working travel professional. You'll also get to enjoy day trips and residential stays to places like the Lake District, London and destinations abroad!

Once you've completed your journey with us there are a number of different career options open to you in the travel and tourism sector, ranging from Air Transport Operatives, who earn on average £27,200 a year, to Aircraft Pilots and Airport Traffic Controllers who take home an average yearly salary of £67,100.



Visit tmc.ac.uk/travel-tourism-aviation or scan the QR code to find out more online where you can also download our guide to studying Travel, Tourism and Aviation.

COURSES

	Course duration	Campus location(s)
Level 3 Travel and Tourism Certificate	1 year	Harpurhey Wythenshawe
Level 3 Travel and Tourism Diploma	1 year	Harpurhey Wythenshawe
Level 2 Air Cabin Crew, Travel and Tourism Certificate	1 year	Harpurhey Wythenshawe
Level 2 Travel and Tourism Diploma	1 year	Harpurhey Wythenshawe
Level 1 Travel and Tourism Diploma	1 year	Harpurhey Wythenshawe

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I enjoy the fact that we get to make new connections and build on them, and it's more of a practical course. I've learnt how to communicate with people better, I work with people I don't know so I feel like in aviation, when I do go off and do that job, I feel like what I've done in college will really benefit me.

When I finish my course, I really want to start my cabin crew training and hopefully apply to a few airlines.

Erin McDermott, Level 2 Air Cabin Crew

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VISUAL ARTS

With one of our courses in Visual Arts you'll gain all the skills you need for a stimulating visual arts career. Jobs in this sector are expected to increase by 1.6 per cent over the next five years, creating plenty of opportunities for budding photographers, artists, designers and fashionistas to turn their passion and artistic flair into a career.

You'll learn a range of creative disciplines and work on live briefs with our creative partners in Manchester and London. You will have the opportunity to be part of the ground-breaking Future Creatives and Greater Mancunian projects, which are unique to The Manchester College.

What's more you'll benefit from a range of industry-standard facilities including a 3D workshop, a jewellery studio, ceramics studio, fashion and pattern cutting workshop, a dedicated photography studio, a garment construction studio and a double-height art studio.

All our qualifications are provided by the University of the Arts, the UK's only creative specialist awarding body.

Once you've completed your journey with us there are a number of different career options open to you in the visual arts industry, from Clothing, Fashion and Accessories Designers, who earn on average £27,700 a year, to Arts Officers, Producers and Directors where you can earn an average yearly salary of £36,000.



Visit tmc.ac.uk/visual-arts or scan the QR code to find out more online where you can also download our guide to studying Visual Arts.

COURSES

	Course duration	Campus location(s)
Level 3 Art and Design Extended Diploma	2 years	City Campus Manchester
Level 3 Ceramics Maker  T Level	2 years	City Campus Manchester
Level 3 Fashion and Textiles Extended Diploma	2 years	City Campus Manchester
Level 3 Foundation Studies in Art and Design Diploma	1 year	City Campus Manchester
Level 3 Jewellery  T Level	2 years	City Campus Manchester
Level 3 Photography Extended Diploma	2 years	City Campus Manchester
Level 3 Textiles and Fashion Maker  T Level	2 years	City Campus Manchester
Level 2 Visual Arts Diploma	1 year	City Campus Manchester
Level 1 Art and Design Diploma	1 year	City Campus Manchester

PARTNERS

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SUPPORTED LEARNING

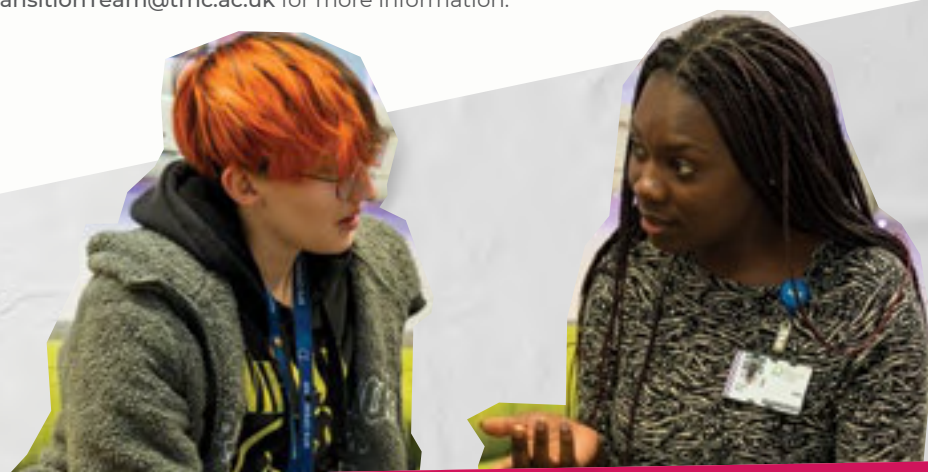
The Manchester College prides itself on its commitment to being a fully inclusive college and that our programmes of study are achievable for all.

Our Supported Learning team provides additional support for students on vocational and technical programmes, making our courses as accessible as possible for everyone.

All students can access support for learning through our Graduated Response Model, which promotes inclusive learning and seeks to develop student independence. Some students with a Special Educational Need or Disability (SEND) may need to access support from the Neurodiversity Team which may include referral to our Study Hubs and the Accessibility Hub, developing literacy and numeracy skills, and the application of assistive technologies, respectively. Students who have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) might receive custom-made support from a SEND Support Practitioner, which could include in class support, working on specific and tailored student learning strategies. This team also process applications for Exam Access Arrangements, ensuring that reasonable adjustments are applied where there is evident need.

The Accessibility Hub provides support, advice and training for students on a range of accessibility functions. This includes assistive technology, accessible documentation and language and inclusive classrooms awareness.

The Transition Team work with students with Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCP) to ensure that the move from school to college is successful. Please contact TransitionTeam@tmc.ac.uk for more information.



IT STARTS WITH YOU

HOW TO APPLY

To apply to The Manchester College you will need to use our online application portal: apply.tmc.ac.uk

You will be asked to create an account using an active email address and to set-up a password. Once you have set-up an account you will be able to track your application and subsequently enrol.

Once you have applied, and depending on the requirements of the course, you will receive a conditional offer of a place at the College via the application portal. This will be based on you achieving the required grades in school for the level and subject you are interested in studying. You will also be invited to attend an interview where we will work with you to ensure that you are on the right programme to achieve your ambitions.

You can also update your details and let the College know if you wish to accept or decline your offer of a place within the portal.

All offers are subject to our admissions policy, capacity and meeting entry requirements. Please note you will be expected to attend an interview or an audition, depending on your course, as part of the admissions process.

Places for many of our courses are in high demand and we would encourage you to engage in the application process in order to increase your chances of securing a place on your chosen course. This includes accepting your offer, attending an interview or audition and attending our New Student Welcome Day.


UPCOMING EVENTS

Join one of our school leaver open events where you can meet our expert tutors, tour our amazing facilities, chat to our support teams and find out more about the subject area you're interested in.

- Thursday 6 March 2025

Save the date for our New Student Welcome Day where applicants for September 2025 entry are invited to join us to visit the campus they have applied to, get a taster for their course and meet College staff.

- Monday 30 June 2025

 To find out more or to register for one of our upcoming events including open events, visit tmc.ac.uk/events



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Upon completing your Level 3 qualification at The Manchester College, you are guaranteed* progression to degree-level study without leaving Manchester with a place at UCEN Manchester.

At UCEN Manchester, we are proud to be a higher education provider that offers something different, delivering courses that are career focused and that will lead you straight into employment.

You'll benefit from an excellent education with high-quality teaching from tutors who are experts in their disciplines and are highly respected in their own industries. And thanks to our smaller class sizes (typically 15 or less) you'll have real, meaningful time to tap into their experience and delve into their industry insights. What's more, our commitment to making sure you unlock a future career is unwavering.

Our high-quality teaching comes with lots of personalised support. Just like with our teaching, our support offer goes above and beyond to ensure that we give you everything you need to succeed on your course – covering everything from bursaries to additional support for those students who need it.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY

While all our Schools share the same set of core values and deliver career-focused courses that will lead you straight into employment, they are each unique to the industry you will work in. Our schools are:

- The Arden School of Theatre
- The Manchester Film School
- School of Art, Media and Make-up
- School of Business and Law
- School of Computing and Cybersecurity
- School of Construction and Engineering
- School of Counselling and Education
- School of Sport, Health and Wellbeing.

You can start thinking about your next steps after College soon after you start. We have pulled together a range of resources to support you with this on our Progression Hub: ucenmanchester.ac.uk/apply/progression-hub

You can also attend one of our upcoming events: ucenmanchester.ac.uk/events



I was reassured by the one-to-one support on offer and small class sizes at UCEN Manchester, and was familiar with the campus from the final year of my Level 3 studies, so that was one less thing to worry about before I made the jump to higher education.

Ben Goldsmith, former TMC student who progressed to UCEN Manchester



*Where a corresponding course is available and you meet the entry requirements.



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