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ADULT EDUCATION AND COURSE GUIDE FOR THE MANCHESTER COLLEGE

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# HELLO,

## Welcome to our latest edition of Go Further, the termly magazine from The Manchester College.

For most the start of the new year is traditionally a time to make resolutions aimed at self-improvement, take on new challenges or commit to working to turn dreams and ambitions into reality.

If you've made a new year resolution to make 2025 the year that you either take the next step in your career or retrain for a new challenge, in this edition you'll find all the information and advice you need to make it work for you. This includes a feature which highlights just some of the ways that adult education can transform your career!

If you're ready for a fresh start The Manchester College has something for everyone, from Entry Level courses up to Level 6 Degrees. This means you'll find lots of opportunities to upskill in your chosen field or retrain for a new career, regardless of your current academic level or your goal in returning to education. If you want to find out about all the different ways we can support you to achieve your goals, check out our podcast 'Talking TMC' where you can hear all about everything we have to offer adult learners – more details later in this edition!

If you've committed to taking the next steps to upskill for your career but are now worrying about the cost of returning to education, we have a range of finance and support options available to you, with many of our courses free due to funding available\*.

When you choose to return to education to develop your career, upskill, retrain or to simply take up a new challenge, we know you may need the flexibility and support to enable you to achieve a balance between your academic and personal life. You can be certain that our team are fully committed to helping you every step of the way to achieve your aspirational goal.

Whatever your circumstances and ambition we have the opportunities to fit around your life and the support you need to succeed. We're here to help you reach your full potential and make your dream possible.

We hope to see you soon.

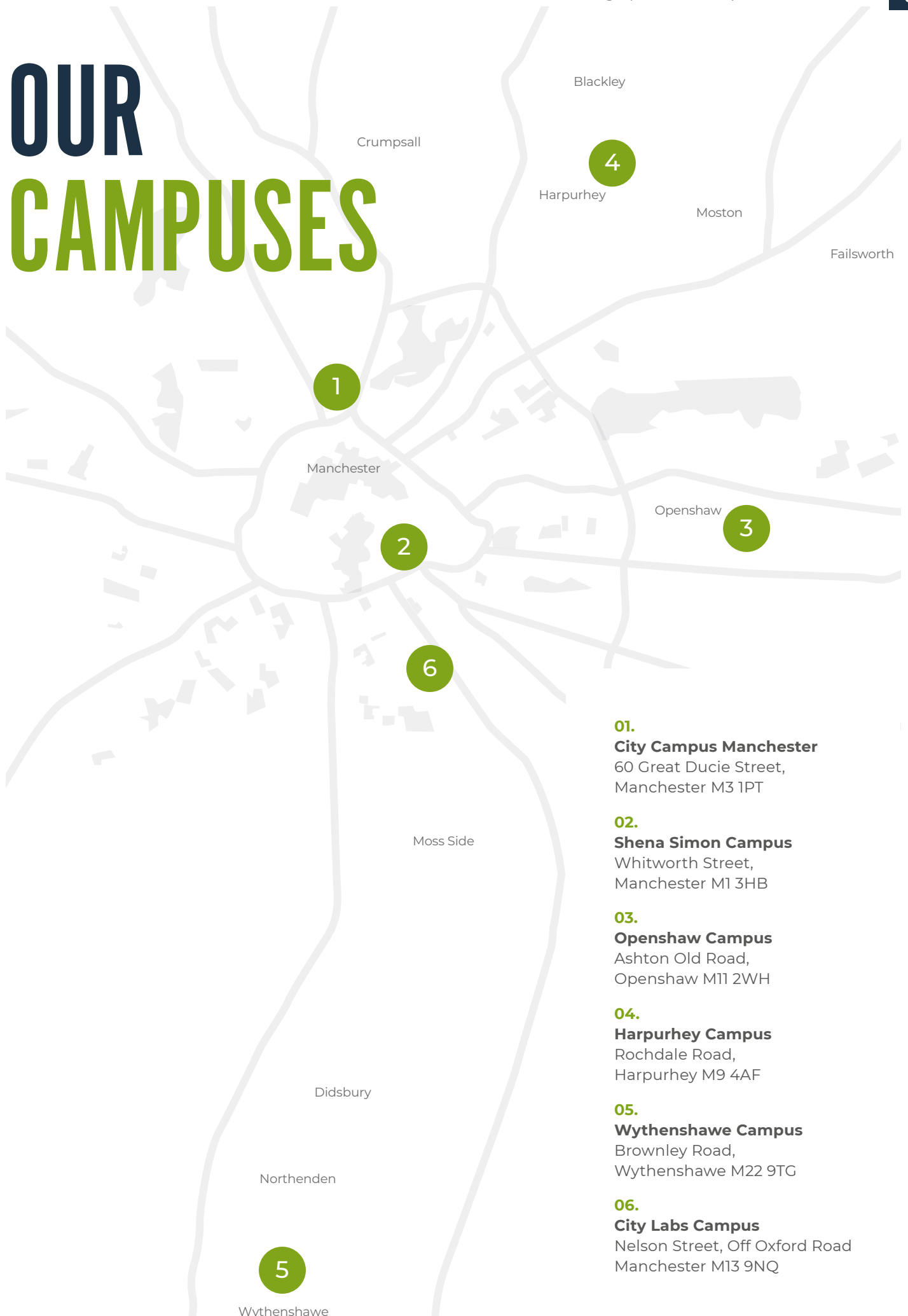
Warm regards,



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Michael Walsh'.

**Michael Walsh,**  
Deputy Principal

# OUR CAMPUSES



## 01.

### **City Campus Manchester**

60 Great Ducie Street,  
Manchester M3 1PT

## 02.

### **Shena Simon Campus**

Whitworth Street,  
Manchester M1 3HB

## 03.

### **Openshaw Campus**

Ashton Old Road,  
Openshaw M11 2WH

## 04.

### **Harpurhey Campus**

Rochdale Road,  
Harpurhey M9 4AF

## 05.

### **Wythenshawe Campus**

Brownley Road,  
Wythenshawe M22 9TG

## 06.

### **City Labs Campus**

Nelson Street, Off Oxford Road  
Manchester M13 9NQ

# TALKING TMC: HOW DOES THE MANCHESTER COLLEGE SUPPORT ADULT LEARNERS?

If you're thinking about returning to education as an adult then The Manchester College can support you in the transition back to college and during your time with us.

We caught up with Matt Snowden, from the Student Careers team, and Nzara Price, one of our adult learners, to discuss the support available and Nzara's inspiring journey back into education during Episode 4 of our Talking TMC podcast.

**You can listen to our podcast by scanning the QR code or read on to see a summary of this below.**



## WHAT'S STOPPING YOU?

We understand there are many factors to consider when considering a return to education, such as:

- The cost of study
- Balancing childcare responsibilities
- Travelling to college
- Misconceptions about course duration
- Fear of failure, especially for those who lack basic qualifications like GCSEs in English and maths.

And that's where our Student Careers team can help, we'll provide you with:

**Financial guidance:** Advice on tuition fees and living costs through initiatives like the Access to Industry Award.

**Student Support services:** Help with study challenges, mental health support, and more.

**Employability skills:** Support with CV writing, interview preparation, and developing soft skills.

**Job Shop:** An online database for employment opportunities across Greater Manchester.

**Career planning:** Tailored two to five year plans to progress from further education to higher education, apprenticeships, or employment.

## WHAT IS THE ACCESS TO INDUSTRY AWARD?

The 19+ Access to Industry Award includes support for:

- Tuition fees
- Childcare expenses
- Travel costs
- Exam fees.

Applications for this support can be made during enrolment or via the website, with proof of income required. For those not eligible for tuition fee support, the Advanced Learner Loan offers a flexible repayment structure, similar to student finance.

## CHILDCARE SUPPORT

The Manchester College covers 95% of childcare costs for eligible students, with parents covering the remaining 5%\*. Childcare providers must be Ofsted-regulated and the Student Careers team can offer guidance to help parents find suitable providers.

\*Terms and conditions apply.

## TRAVEL SUPPORT

The TMC Go travel award offers free bus travel to students on low incomes who are studying substantial programs of 10+ hours a week. Eligibility details can be found at [tmc.ac.uk/funding](https://tmc.ac.uk/funding).

## WHAT IS IT LIKE TO BE AN ADULT LEARNER AT THE MANCHESTER COLLEGE?

Nzara Price, who studied Level 2 Business Administration alongside GCSE English, shared her personal journey of returning to education after leaving school at 13 due to mental health challenges. Nzara chose to move to Manchester in order to study at The Manchester College, due to our course offer and the exceptional support we provide.

## WHY THE MANCHESTER COLLEGE?

**Mental health support:** "I really struggle with it on a day-to-day basis, so knowing that I would be pushing myself with my education, I also knew that I had to have the support in place to keep me going and to give me an opportunity to feel safe while learning as an adult because it's very daunting."

**Supportive tutors:** "Having tutors that are understanding and truly supportive and encouraging. And that's just the biggest plus for me."

## READY TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP IN YOUR EDUCATION JOURNEY?

With so many options available, it's not always easy to find the right course and college for your needs. Our dedicated Student Careers team is here to guide you. Whether you prefer to email us at [careersandwelfare@tmc.ac.uk](mailto:careersandwelfare@tmc.ac.uk) or call 0333 222 444, we're here to help.

Visit [tmc.ac.uk/adults](https://tmc.ac.uk/adults) or scan to discover over 170 courses across 16 subject areas.





# HOW ADULT EDUCATION CAN TRANSFORM YOUR CAREER

Are you looking to advance your career?

Returning to education as an adult can be a daunting decision, but it can also be amazing for your personal fulfilment and career.

If you're thinking about returning to education to boost your career, then read on.

## WHY CHOOSE TO RETURN TO EDUCATION AS AN ADULT?

Returning to education as an adult can be a life-changing decision. Although it comes with a wide range of challenges, it also offers many benefits that can transform your life, especially your career including:

- Skill enhancement
- Career advancement
- Increased confidence
- Personal fulfilment
- Improved job security
- Networking opportunities
- Flexibility
- ...and much more!

By investing in your education, you can unlock new possibilities and transform your future.



## WHY IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO RETURN TO EDUCATION

While education as an adult may seem like an unconventional path, it's never too late to embrace the adventure. Stepping outside of your comfort zone and pushing yourself to new heights can lead to incredible personal and professional growth.

We believe in supporting our adult students every step of the way, providing the resources and encouragement needed to succeed.

Not only is returning to education a fulfilling personal experience, but it can also open doors to exciting new career opportunities. As you climb the career ladder, don't forget the benefits of education and how it can transform your career.

## WHICH COURSES ARE AVAILABLE FOR ADULTS?

As an adult, you can study any course for 19+ students, meaning you aren't limited to a certain age bracket. Some courses may be specifically designed for adults, such as Access to HE courses, or evening courses, which are typically targeted at working adults.

Evening courses are a great option for adults who are wanting to upskill without compromising their regular work schedule!

## FUNDING FOR ADULT COURSES

There are many options for funding for adult courses, such as the Adult Skills Fund, Free Courses for Jobs, and the GM Skills Fund. Alternatively, many employers may choose to fund your education as part of their commitment to the personal and professional development of their employees.

If you can't get free funding for your chosen course, don't worry! There's also the option to apply for an Advanced Learner Loan to cover some or the whole cost of your course fees.

## THE BENEFITS OF RETURNING TO EDUCATION AS AN ADULT

Still not 100% sold on the idea of going back to education? We get it! Returning to education as an adult can be a daunting decision with lots to think about, so here are some major benefits to consider:

- **Skill enhancement:** Acquire new skills or deepen existing ones to become more valuable to employers
- **Increased confidence:** Boost your self-esteem and confidence through personal and professional growth
- **Access to higher-paying jobs:** Qualify for positions with higher salaries and greater job satisfaction - you can even negotiate with your employer now that you have more qualifications!
- **Improved job security:** Stay relevant and adaptable to changing industry trends by having a strong educational background
- **Enhanced employability:** Demonstrate your commitment to continuous learning and professional development
- **Career change:** Explore new career paths and pursue your passions.

## WHY CHOOSE THE MANCHESTER COLLEGE FOR ADULT EDUCATION?

The Manchester College offers a wide range of adult education courses, providing flexible learning options, comprehensive support, and expert careers advice. Whether you're looking to upskill, change careers, or simply expand your knowledge, it's your time and you can make it happen with us!

**Ready to take the next step? Apply to an adult course now and start something new in 2025. You can browse our courses from page 14 onwards.**



# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Meet Akbar Ashraf Khan who studied Music at City Campus Manchester.

Hear about his experience studying Music Technology and Production with us here at The Manchester College.

## Why did you return to education?

I returned to education because I wanted to go to university and get a job.

## What do you enjoy the most about studying here?

The thing which I like most about The Manchester College is the teachers—they are very supportive.

## What advice would you give to someone looking to return to education?

It would be to go to The Manchester College because I think the teachers have been phenomenal and they've really helped me along this course.

## How would you describe The Manchester College?

The Manchester College is great!



# Meet Precious Unu who studied Hair and Beauty at our Harpurhey Campus.

Find out more about her experience studying Introduction to the Hair and Beauty sector with us here at The Manchester College

## Why did you return to education?

My reason for returning to education is to become a professional hairdresser.

## What are your plans for after your course?

My plan after college is to be able to own my own professional hairdressing salon.

## What do you enjoy the most about studying here?

What I love most about my college is that my tutor is very friendly and the students are nice as well.

## What advice would you give to someone looking to return to education?

The advice I'd give someone coming to the College is for them to be aware of what they want so that they can become whatever they dream of..

## How would you describe The Manchester College?

The Manchester College is welcoming.

## WANT TO HEAR MORE FROM OUR STUDENTS?

Head over to our Adult Learner Playlist on YouTube to hear directly from our students and explore their experiences across a range of subject areas.



Scan to watch or visit

[youtube.com/tmcpromotion](https://www.youtube.com/tmcpromotion)





# OUR COURSES

The following pages list the adult courses we offer in 2025, the start dates and the campuses where they are delivered. Entry requirements for your chosen course can be found at [tmc.ac.uk](https://tmc.ac.uk).

All courses are correct at the time of print but are subject to change or withdrawal. Please note our Shena Simon campus will close in summer 2025 therefore any courses being delivered here from September 2025 will change to another location, this will be confirmed during the application process before you enrol.

# ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION – UCEN MANCHESTER

UCEN Manchester offers a wide selection of degrees as well as a range of Access courses to help you prepare for degree-level study and university. These courses differ from a usual Level 3 as they are also designed to help you develop the skills you'll need at uni like essay writing, presenting, critical thinking and problem solving.



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Course Title	Level	Award	Duration	Campus	Start date
<b>ACCESS TO HE</b>					
Business	3	Access to HE Diploma	1 year	Shena Simon	September
Business (Pre-Access)	2	Pre Access Certificates	1 year	Shena Simon	September
Careers in Social and Community Work	3	Access to HE Diploma	1 year	Openshaw	September
Combined and Medical Science	3	Access to HE Diploma	1 year	CityLabs	September
Computing and Digital	3	Access to HE Diploma	1 year	Shena Simon CityLabs	September
Engineering	3	Access to HE Diploma	1 year	CityLabs	September
English, Writing and Media	3	Access to HE Diploma	1 day	Shena Simon	September
Health and Physiotherapy	3	Access to HE Diploma	1 day	Openshaw	September
Health and Social Care Professions (Pre-Access)	2	Pre Access Certificates	1 year	Openshaw	September
History and Archaeology	3	Access to HE Diploma	1 year	Shena Simon	September
Humanities	3	Access to HE Diploma	1 day	Shena Simon	September
Law, Politics and Crime	3	Access to HE Diploma	1 day	Shena Simon	September
Medicine	3	Access to HE Diploma	1 year	CityLabs	September
Nursing and Midwifery	3	Access to HE Diploma	1 year	Openshaw External	January September
Professions in Education	3	Access to HE Diploma	1 year	Shena Simon	September
Psychology and Mental health	3	Access to HE Diploma	1 year	Shena Simon	September
Skills for Further Learning and Employment in Humanities (Pre-Access)	2	Extended Certificate	1 year	Shena Simon	September
Skills for Further Learning and Employment in Science and Engineering (Pre-Access)	2	Extended Certificate	1 year	CityLabs	September
Social Science	3	Access to HE Diploma	1 year	Openshaw	September
Veterinary Science and Zoology	3	Access to HE Diploma	1 year	CityLabs	September
<b>AUTOMOTIVE</b>					
Automotive Maintenance	1	Diploma	20 weeks (evening only)	Openshaw	September
Electric/Hybrid Vehicle Routine Maintenance Activities	2	Award	1 week	Openshaw	August
Basic Vehicle Checks	N/A	Certificate	1 day	Openshaw	January
Vehicle Accident Repair	1	Diploma	1 year	Openshaw	September
Vehicle Accident Body Repair	2	Diploma	1 year	Openshaw	September
Vehicle Fitting Principles	2	Diploma	1 year	Openshaw	September
<b>BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL</b>					
Accounting (AAT)	2	Foundation Certificate	22 weeks	Shena Simon	January September
Accounting (AAT) Evening	2	Foundation Certificate	22 weeks	Shena Simon	September
Accounting (AAT)	3	Advanced Diploma	1 year	Shena Simon	September
Accounting (AAT)	4	Professional Diploma	2 years	Shena Simon	September
Accounting Bookkeeping	1	Award	12 weeks	Shena Simon	January April September
Conveyancing Law and Practice	4	Diploma	2 years	Shena Simon	September
Conveyancing Law and Practice	6	Diploma	2 years	Shena Simon	September
Essential Business Skills	1	BTEC Introductory Award	12 weeks	City Campus Shena Simon	January April September
ILM Leadership And Management Skills	3	Certificate	12 weeks	Shena Simon	January September
ILM Leadership and Management	5	Certificate	18 weeks	Shena Simon	January September
Legal Foundation Studies	2	Award	17 weeks	Shena Simon	September
Probate Law and Practice	4	Diploma	2 years	Shena Simon	September

**BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL**

Probate Law and Practice	6	Diploma	2 years	Shena Simon	September
Starting and Managing Your Own Business	2	Personal and Professional Development	12 weeks	Shena Simon	January April September

**COMPUTING AND DIGITAL**

Coding Practices	3	Certificate	1 Year	City Campus	September
Cyber Security Practices	3	Certificate	1 Year	City Campus	September
Digital and IT Skills	2	Extended Certificate	1 year	City Campus	September
Essential Digital Skills	-	Certificate	11 weeks	City Campus Shena Simon	January April September
Essential Digital Skills	1	Essential Digital Skills	12 weeks	City Campus Shena Simon	January April September
Essential Digital Skills (Evening)	1	Essential Digital Skills	12 weeks	City Campus	January
HTML and CSS for Beginners	-	Personal and Professional Development	10 weeks	City Campus	September
ICT Systems and Computing Principles	3	Diploma	1 year	City Campus	September
Java Script for beginners		Personal and Professional Development	10 weeks	City Campus	December
Programming With C#	-	Personal and Professional Development	10 weeks	City Campus	September April
Python for Beginners	1	Personal and Professional Development	8 weeks	City Campus	March
Technical Certificate in IT Support	2	BTEC Technical Certificate	1 year	City Campus	September

**CONSTRUCTION AND ENGINEERING**

Carpentry and Joinery	2-3	Diploma	1 Year	Openshaw	September November
Electrical Installations	2	Diploma	1 year	Openshaw	September
Electrical Installations (Evening)	2	Diploma	1 year	Openshaw	September
Electrical Installations	3	Diploma	2 year	Openshaw	September
Electrical Installations (Evening)	3	Diploma	2 year	Openshaw	September
Plumbing	1-2	Technical Certificate	1 year	Openshaw Wythenshawe	September

**EDUCATION AND EARLY YEARS**

Caring for Children	1	Diploma	1 year	Harpurhey Wythenshawe	September
Supporting Teaching and Learning	2	Certificate	1 year	Harpurhey Wythenshawe	September
Supporting Teaching and Learning	3	Diploma	1 year	Harpurhey Wythenshawe	September

**ENGLISH AND MATHS**

Functional English	E1 1 2	Personal and Professional Development	Minimum 24 weeks	Shena Simon	Intakes throughout the year
Functional Maths	E3 1 2	Personal and Professional Development	Minimum 24 weeks	Shena Simon	Intakes throughout the year
GCSE English Language	GCSE	Personal and Professional Development	1 year	Shena Simon	September
GCSE Mathematics	GCSE	Personal and Professional Development	1 year	Shena Simon	September

ESOL					
ESOL Advanced	1	Preparation for work and life	Minimum 24 weeks	Openshaw Harpurhey Wythenshawe Shena Simon	Intakes throughout the year
ESOL for Beginners	Pre-Entry	Preparation for work and life	Minimum 24 weeks	Openshaw Harpurhey Wythenshawe Shena Simon	Intakes throughout the year
ESOL Elementary	E1	Preparation for work and life	Minimum 24 weeks	Openshaw Harpurhey Wythenshawe Shena Simon	Intakes throughout the year
ESOL Pre-Intermediate	E2	Preparation for work and life	Minimum 24 weeks	Openshaw Harpurhey Wythenshawe Shena Simon	Intakes throughout the year
ESOL Intermediate	E3	Preparation for work and life	Minimum 24 weeks	Openshaw Harpurhey Wythenshawe Shena Simon	Intakes throughout the year

HAIR, BEAUTY AND MAKE-UP					
Barbering	2	Certificate	1 year	Harpurhey	January September
Barbering	3	Diploma	1 year	Harpurhey	September
Beauty Therapy	2	Diploma	1 year	Harpurhey Wythenshawe	September
Beauty Therapy (Technical)	2	Diploma	1 year	Harpurhey Wythenshawe	September
Beauty Therapy	3	Diploma	36 weeks	Harpurhey Wythenshawe	September
Certificate in Enhancing Eyebrows using Microblading Techniques	4	Certificate	12 weeks	City Campus	January April September
Cosmetic Make-up	2	Award	1 year	Harpurhey	September
Fashion, Theatre and Media Make up	3	Diploma	1 year	Harpurhey	September
Hairdressing	2	Diploma	1 year	Harpurhey Wythenshawe	September
Hair and Media Make-up	2	Diploma	1 year	Harpurhey Wythenshawe	September
Introduction to Beauty Therapy	1	Certificate	1 year	Harpurhey Wythenshawe	September
Introduction to Hairdressing and Barbering	1	Certificate	14 weeks	Harpurhey Wythenshawe	September
Laser and Intense Pulsed Light (IPL) Treatments	4	Certificate	1 year	City Campus	February September
Nail Technology	3	Diploma	1 year	Harpurhey	September
Photographic Make-up	2	Award	12 weeks	Wythenshawe	September
Salon Management	4	Diploma	1 year	City Campus	January September
Swedish Massage	3	Certificate	1 year	Wythenshawe	September
Women's Hairdressing	2	Diploma	1 year	Harpurhey Wythenshawe	September
Women's Hairdressing	3	Diploma	1 year	Harpurhey Wythenshawe	September

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE					
Counselling Concepts	2	Award	10 weeks	City Campus	January April September
Counselling Skills	3	Certificate	21 weeks	City Campus Shena Simon	January April September
Health and Social Care	1	Introductory Diploma in Health and Social Care	1 year	Harpurhey Wythenshawe	September
Health and Social Care	2	Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care	1 year 36 weeks	Harpurhey	September



HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE					
Health and Social Care	3	Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care	2 years	Harpurhey	September
Preparing to work in Adult Social Care	2	Technical Certificate	1 year	Harpurhey	September
Preparing to work in Adult Social Care	3	Certificate	1 year	Harpurhey	September
HOSPITALITY AND CATERING					
Cakes, Bakes and Treats	-	Personal and Professional Development	6 weeks	City Campus	January April May
Cake Decoration (Basic)	-	Personal and Professional Development	10 weeks	City Campus Harpurhey	January October
Cake Decoration (Intermediate)	-	Personal and Professional Development	10 weeks	City Campus	April October
Culinary Skills	2	Diploma	6 months	Harpurhey Wythenshawe	September
Introduction to Culinary Skills	1	Certificate	23 weeks	Harpurhey Wythenshawe	January September
Hobby Bread	-	Personal and Professional Development	6 weeks	City Campus	January April
Patisserie and Confectionery	2	Certificate	1 year	Harpurhey City Campus	February September
Patisserie and Confectionery Skills	3	Certificate	1 year	City Campus	September
Professional Cookery	3	Diploma	36 weeks	Harpurhey Wythenshawe	September
LOGISTICS					
Fork Lift Truck or Reach Truck Refresher Course	-	Entry 3 Certificate	2 days	Wythenshawe	Various
E3 PPT licence course (Power pump Truck)	-	Entry 3 Certificate	1 week	Wythenshawe	Various
Fork Lift Truck Driver Training	E3 Cert, L1 Dip	Entry Certificate and Diploma	7 weeks	Wythenshawe	Various
Hackney and Private Hire Licence	-	Entry 3 Certificate and Level 1 Diploma	7 weeks	Wythenshawe	Various
Large Goods Vehicle Driver Training	E3 Cert, L1 Dip	Entry Certificate and Diploma	7 weeks	Wythenshawe	Various
Rigid Cat C (Inc Test)	-	Entry Certificate and Diploma	6 weeks	Wythenshawe	Various
Taxi Knowledge	1	Personal and Professional Development	7 weeks	Wythenshawe	Various
MUSIC					
Music Production	1	Award	16 weeks	City Campus	January September
Music Technology and Production	2	Certificate	23 weeks	City Campus	January September
SPORT					
Gym Instructing and Personal Training	3	Diploma	26 weeks	Openshaw	January
SUPPORTED LEARNING					
Supporting Learners with Dyslexia	3	Award	10 weeks	Openshaw	November
TEACHER EDUCATION					
Assessing Competence in the Work Environment	3	Award	1 year	Various	Various
Assessing Vocational Achievement	3	Certificate	1 year	Various	Various
Assessing Vocationally Related Achievement	3	Award	1 year	Various	Various
Award in Education and Training	3	Award	12 weeks	TBC	September
Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Process and Practice	4	Award	1 year	Various	Various
Leading in Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice	4	Certificate	1 year	Various	Various
Professional Graduate Certificate in Education	5	Certificate	2 years	Openshaw	January
Teacher Training - Lifelong Learning	6	PGCE	2 years	Openshaw	January
Update for Assessor Qualifications	3	Personal and Professional Development	1 day	Various	Various
Understanding the Principles and Practices of Assessment	3	Award	26 weeks	Various	Various

## TEACHER EDUCATION

Understanding the Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice	4	Award	26 weeks	Various	Various
Update for IQA Qualifications	4	Personal and Professional Development	1 day	Various	Various

## VISUAL ARTS

Art and Design - Photography	2	Diploma	1 year	City Campus	September
Art and Design	3	Foundation Diploma	1 year 2 years (part-time)	City Campus	September
Jewellery Making - Part Time / Evening	1	Award	10 weeks / 19 weeks	City Campus	September
Jewellery Making - Part Time / Evening	2	Award	9 weeks / 18 weeks	City Campus	September
Pattern Cutting and Garment Construction - Part Time / Evening	1	Award	16 weeks / 32 weeks	City Campus	September
Pattern Cutting and Garment Construction - - Part Time / Evening	2	Certificate	24 weeks / 1 year	City Campus	September

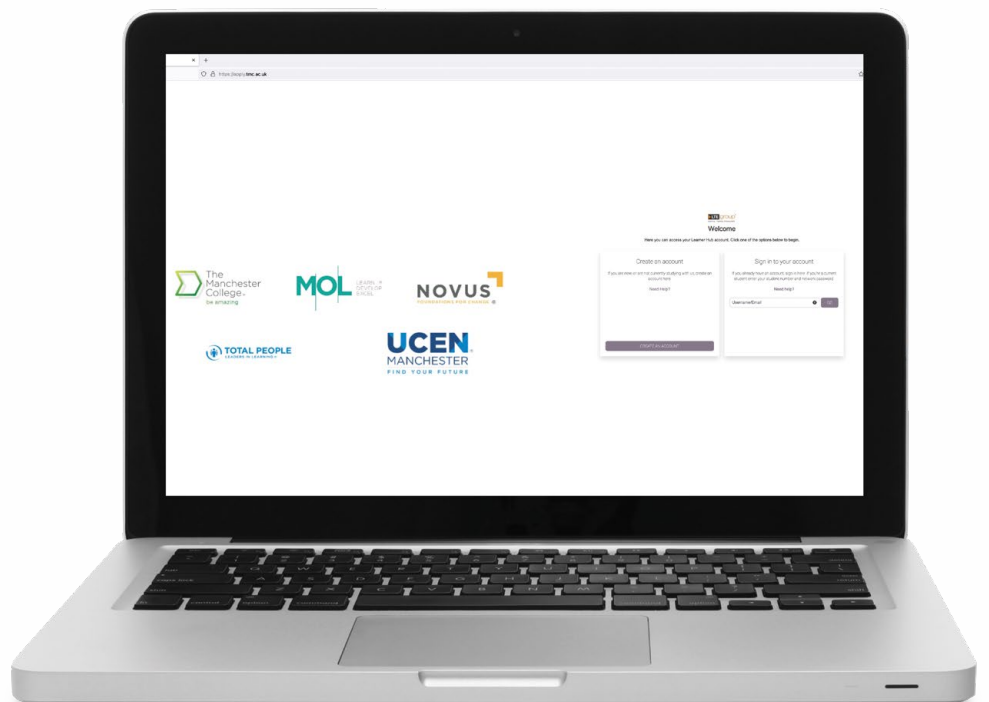
# FIND YOUR COURSE AND APPLY ONLINE

To apply to The Manchester College, you will need to use our online application portal: [apply.tmc.ac.uk](https://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 applicant portal.

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.



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## Can I study for free?

We offer a range of courses for learners which are free to study for eligible adults.

To understand if you are eligible for the funding available, please speak to our Student Careers team at [careers&welfare@tmc.ac.uk](mailto:careers&welfare@tmc.ac.uk).

## What financial support is available?

Our 19+ Access to Industry Award is made up of four different elements: tuition fees, travel, exam fees, and childcare. The elements you can apply for will depend on your circumstances and the course you are studying. Speak to our Student Careers team or see pages 6-7 for more information.

## What is the Advanced Learner Loan?

If you're aged 19 or over and you're starting a Level 3 or Level 4 course with us, you can take advantage of this loan which can be used to pay some or all of the tuition fees for your course.

## Can I study part-time?

We know returning to education as an adult can be challenging, with many adults managing work and family commitments. At The Manchester College we offer a range of flexible courses including part-time and evening classes, as well as full-time courses.

Visit [tmc.ac.uk/course-finder](http://tmc.ac.uk/course-finder) and search '19+' to find out more.

## What careers and employment support is there?

Our dedicated Student Careers team supports our adult learners with resources and knowledge to aid their professional development and progression on to a successful career. They can create plans to help you in your career journey including CV writing, techniques to master job interviews, progression options from higher education to apprenticeships, employment, and much more.

## I want to study for a degree but don't have the relevant qualifications, what can I do?

Our higher education provider, UCEN Manchester, offer a range of Access to Higher Education diplomas.

These are one-year Level 3 programmes and are perfect for those aged 19+ who don't have the relevant qualifications for degree-level study. They are specifically designed to support students with their progression to university, gain study skills and to help them secure the career of their dreams.



# STUDY A DEGREE OR HIGHER LEVEL QUALIFICATION

Find out more about starting, changing or progressing in your career with a degree or a diploma from UCEN Manchester, courses starting in September.

**89%** student satisfaction for Teaching and Learning (NSS 2024)



## WHY CHOOSE US FOR HIGHER EDUCATION COURSES?

### FULL-TIME, PART-TIME, A YEAR AT A TIME

Whether you entered employment at 16 or studied at college or university before starting a career, the prospect of returning to education as an adult can be daunting.

At UCEN Manchester you can build your confidence, skills, and qualifications a year at a time. At every step of the way, you can choose whether to continue your progress or take a break as it suits you with our range of one-year HNC's and HTQ's.

If you continue to the next level you'll still earn a degree in three years but benefit from the peace of mind that if things change or you need a break, you can step away after a year and still hold an industry-recognised qualification.

# UCEN MANCHESTER PROGRESSION CASE STUDY

**Hear how our Integrated Health and Social Care degree has former The Manchester College student Nasara on course to turning her career aspirations into reality.**

Nasara Jallow has earned first-class honours in our BA (Hons) Integrated Health and Social Care course and is now one step closer to becoming a qualified adult nurse.

We spoke to Nasara about her experience of studying at UCEN Manchester, her long-term goals, and why she picked UCEN Manchester.

## **Why did you choose UCEN Manchester?**

I was studying Health and Social Care at The Manchester College and when I finished, I didn't know what to do. Luckily, my tutor from The Manchester College asked me, "Why not try to do your Level 4 at UCEN Manchester?" And you know what? It's the best thing I've done.

## **How do you feel now you have achieved your qualification?**

I am very honoured and very proud. It wasn't easy. I put a lot of work into it, but at the end of the day, it does pay off. I am very, very happy.

## **What was it like to study at UCEN Manchester?**

Studying at UCEN Manchester has been fantastic. The resources are amazing, and the facilities are great. It's never easy studying as an adult while working and taking care of your family, but UCEN Manchester makes it as easy as possible for us.

## **What are your long-term career aspirations?**

My goal is to be a qualified adult nurse, and maybe become a manager in the healthcare sector, who knows?

## **Would you recommend UCEN Manchester?**

With the amazing tutors and small class sizes, you get all the attention and support that you want from the tutors. They help you left, right and centre. I want to thank all my tutors who helped me achieve all this. I recommend UCEN Manchester a hundred percent.



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