

Hackney Community College



# Higher Education Courses

**Helping you get  
the job you deserve**

## What is Higher Education?

Many people think that Higher Education (HE) courses are only studied at university – but lots are offered in colleges too. Many students progress to HE after A levels and thousands of adults turn to HE later in life. An HE course can prepare you for a professional career. You learn a subject in depth with considerable reading and research, so you do need to be determined. On some courses, you will also need work or placement experience.

## Why study Higher Education at Hackney Community College?

Hackney Community College is first choice for many students. We work in partnership with universities, who accredit our HE courses.

Lots of students choose Hackney Community College for the support they receive. We have a team of student advisers who you can turn to for free, confidential and impartial advice on both academic and personal issues. Plus, we have a nursery onsite enabling you to study while your child is cared for.

Class sizes are usually smaller than at university, so you build up a good relationship with your tutor and lecturers. Although we're a fairly large College, we have a very supportive campus community.

## Can I afford it?

There are support funds and bursaries and other schemes that may be able to help you with the cost of studying. We can advise you of these when you come to enrol. And don't forget – your future is definitely worth investing in!

Please phone us to find out how much your course will cost. Many students are eligible for reduced fees.

# What courses

## Access to Higher Education

Access courses are designed specifically as a preparation to HE study. If you have been out of education for a while, or if you didn't take A levels when you were younger – an Access course could be for you. It combines study skills with a broad background in your chosen subject area.

**We offer Access to Higher Education courses in the following subjects**

- Education Studies • Law • Nursing
- Social Sciences and Humanities • Social Work

**Times:** 3 days a week

## Foundation Degrees

These courses are ideal for people who want to do a full Honours Degree but don't yet meet the entry requirements. They are also a great choice for people embarking on a new career path. You'll study part or all of your two-year Foundation Degree at Hackney Community College. You can then go on to complete the full Honours Degree at a partner university which usually takes a further year. Or, you can use the Foundation Degree as a recognised standalone qualification to advance your career/job prospects.

## Childcare

### Foundation Degree in Early Years (Sure Start)

This course is designed for people working with young children in public, private, voluntary and independent child care and education settings. It gives a higher-level qualification and career development for people working as child minders or in group settings such as a nursery, kindergarten, pre-school, community crèche or children's centre environment. You'll learn about the importance of play, language and learning, symbolic representation, management in early years and more. The course also covers all issues related to working with multi-lingual children.

**Entry requirements:** You must have a level 3 childcare qualification and at least 2 years' experience of working with children. There will be a college interview and assessment.

**Times:** One day and one evening a week.



## Counselling

### Foundation Degree in Therapeutic Counselling

By 2011, with the introduction of state regulation of counselling it is predicted that all newly qualified counsellors will need to have a degree level qualification. Our Foundation Degree focuses on personal development work, the person-centred core model and the integration of theory and practice in the workplace. Modules also address comparative theories, difference and diversity, and ethical practice. To attain the BSc Honours Degree in Counselling, you can study for a third year at the University of East London (UEL). Study there includes research theory and practice and consolidation of workplace experience.



# are available?

**Entry requirements:** You must have attained a level 3 qualification in counselling skills and/or have significant relevant experience. There is an interview and written application.

**Times:** One day per week

## Housing

### Foundation Degree in Housing Studies

This course will develop your skills and knowledge in the key areas of housing finance, housing management, housing development, organisational management and housing law. It's ideal if you are looking to develop, or move into a career in housing. You'll learn transferable and academic skills that you will be able to use in the work environment.

**Entry requirements:** You must have completed a level 3 housing or related qualification. There is also a College interview and assessment.

**Times:** 2 evenings or one day a week.

This course is subject to validation.



## Sports

### Foundation Degree (Arts) in Community Sport Coaching and Performance

This is an exciting two-year Foundation Degree course with a focus on practical sports coaching in the community. It will give you the communication, social and psychological skills and knowledge required to work in this challenging area as an effective professional Community Sport Coach. To apply, contact London Metropolitan University Admissions on 020 7133 4200 or for more information, call David Blundell for an informal chat on 020 7133 2333 or email [d.blundell@londonmet.ac.uk](mailto:d.blundell@londonmet.ac.uk)

**Entry requirements:** 80 UCAS points (1 C or 2 Es at A level plus GCSE maths and English grade C). However, applications from mature students are welcomed and relevant work experience/prior learning may entitle you to admission through the Special Entry procedure with a possibility of Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning (APEL) or Accreditation of Prior Learning (APL).

**Times:** 2 days a week



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# HE level Teaching courses

## Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector (PTLLS)

This is the initial teacher training qualification for all teachers in the post-compulsory teaching and training sector. It's suitable for people who do not yet have responsibility for a class, but are considering teaching adults as a career. Assessment of teaching will be by an observed micro-teaching session. Other assessment is by written assignments and presentation.

**Entry requirements:** A good standard of English (reading, writing, speaking and listening). You will also have an initial online English and maths assessment, free writing test and an interview.

**Times:** The course runs each term, on a Thursday, 9:30am-1pm or 5:30-8:30pm for 12 weeks.

## PGCE for Adult Literacy Teachers – (Post-Graduate Certificate in Education)

This course is ideal for people who wish to teach adult literacy. It leads to a full qualification, covering teaching standards and adult literacy subject content. You will spend one year in the College and the second year at the Institute of Education.

**Entry requirements:** Interviews and initial assessment for the course will be held at the Institute of Education, as that is where you will be enrolled. You will need GCSEs or equivalent in English and maths and an ability to study at university level.

**Times:** You will need to do a placement for half a day per week in addition to at least a day's work preparing, reading and doing assignments

**Also ask about our Certificate in English Language Teaching to Adults (CELTA)**



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## PGCE Generic year 1

This is the first year of a two-year initial teacher training course for people who are already teaching in the lifelong learning sector. We run the course in partnership with the Institute of Education, which is where trainees will do the second year of the course.

**Entry requirements:** You must be teaching in the post-compulsory sector and ideally have a grade C or above in English and maths GCSE or an equivalent. Anyone who does not have maths and English qualifications will need to demonstrate the potential to achieve them by the end of the course. There is also an initial assessment of reading, free writing and proofreading, and an individual interview.

**Times:** Half a day each week



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## Diploma in Teaching English (ESOL) in the Lifelong Learning Sector (DTE(E)LLS)

This course is for people who are currently carrying out a full ESOL teaching role in the Lifelong Learning Sector. On achievement, teachers can use it to apply for Qualified Teacher Learning and Skills (QTLS) status. Part-qualified teachers may be able to Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning (APEL) those parts of the syllabus they have already covered.

**Entry requirements:** CELTA and maths and IT skills at level 2 (or potential to achieve level 2 by the end of the qualification).

**Times:** One day a week

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# Higher Education at Hackney Community College

## We're easy to find



**Buses:** 26, 35, 47, 48, 55, 78 towards Shoreditch Church. 67, 149, 242, 243 to the College (Kingsland Road). 394 to the College (Falkirk Street)

**Tube and train:** Old Street: Exit 2, 10 mins walk or 243 bus towards Shoreditch. Liverpool Street: 15 mins walk or 149 or 242 bus towards Shoreditch

For advice, information or a full list of course details, please call us today!

**Tel: 020 7613 9123**

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