

Campus Information

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Our Principal's Welcome

Welcome to Borders College and to our eProspectus for the 2025-26 session.



As Principal & CEO of Borders College, I am immensely proud of the breadth of learning opportunities that we offer and excellent learning experience that we provide to all our students, irrespective of your chosen area of study and how you choose to learn.

Borders College will provide you with innovative, life-changing learning opportunities that will prepare you for your chosen career, and the skills to be an active global citizen.

Our commitment is that, during your time with us, you will develop the skills and knowledge to be confident to progress in your chosen career, and value the importance of diversity in our communities and the sustainability of our planet. We offer a wide range of study programmes, from HND courses to apprenticeships, at graduate to foundation level. Our curriculum offer reflects current industry practice and it has clear links to job opportunities.

Our teaching staff, many of whom are still industry-based, are experts in their field. The diversity of their experience and knowledge is immeasurable but comes to the fore through the passionate and professional delivery of our courses. We know that there are many challenges that get in the way of our students succeeding; therefore, we have a wide range of services to guide and support you and to make sure that your time at Borders College is the best it can be, readying you for your next steps – whatever they may be.

Our high-quality learning environment also reflects current and emerging industry practice, in order to prepare you for your future career. We have the Scottish Borders Campus in Galashiels, the Construction Hub at Tweedbank, the Hawick STEM Innovation Hub and Newtown St Boswells, which hosts our Land Based programmes. While we believe in the importance of a physical base to facilitate learning, we also ensure this is enhanced with digital learning where appropriate to provide students with the flexibility to learn as and when they want.

So, whether you are leaving school, returning to learning, or striving to improve your skills and knowledge in the workplace, Borders College can help you to achieve your goals.

Good luck, and I look forward to hearing about your future success.

Pete Smith, Principal & CEO



About the College

At Borders College you will be studying at one of Scotland's most successful colleges. Each year a significant number of our students experience a positive outcome, including high numbers progressing their education and training, which prepares them for employment or progressing to higher-level courses at college or university.

Whether you are a school leaver, returning to learning or striving to improve your skills and knowledge in the workplace, Borders College can help you achieve your goals and realise your potential.

Borders College continues to play a critical role in advancing an inclusive economy for Scotland. Building on our expertise and knowledge, we will work in partnership with others to draw on specific expertise in order to continue to provide excellence in a rapidly changing world.

The significant contribution our staff make to delivering outstanding and innovative learning approaches for our students and employers is valued. We will continue to recognise our staff as our biggest asset and will continue to listen, support and invest in their development so that we retain a culture which reflects our values and behaviours.

Advances in technology mean that we will live and work within an interconnected global network. We will provide our alumni with the knowledge, skills and values they need to embrace the opportunities and challenges they will encounter as global citizens.

As a progressive organisation, we will continue to be regionally focused but globally engaged to ensure the successful delivery of our purpose-driven strategic ambition.

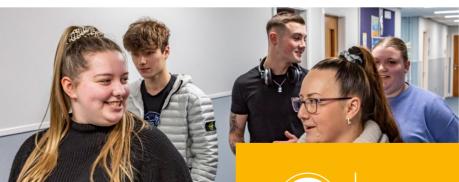
With our Scottish Borders Campus, based at Netherdale in Galashiels and home to the majority of our wide range of full-time and part-time courses, our specialist Hawick STEM Hub, Newtown St Boswells Campus and Tweedbank Construction Hub, we ensure that students choosing to study at Borders College will benefit from first-class learning and teaching resources.

Our Newtown St Boswells Campus is a well-recognised centre of excellence for landbased studies, where students on the various landbased courses have access to industry-specialist practical areas and a dedicated learning resource centre, which are constantly being developed to offer students and industry partners unique high-quality training facilities, helping to meet the needs of an ever-changing rural and landbased sector.

Our Department of Enterprise and Business Innovation offers specific courses designed to meet the workforce development needs of local and national businesses and to provide educational opportunities through a wide range of part-time day and evening courses.







This publication is also available in electronic format and can be obtained from our website at www.borderscollege.ac.uk or on request by contacting our Marketing Department: marketing@borderscollege.ac.uk or 01896 662600

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Business and Computing

Business

Computing



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Business

Business – HNC/HND SCQF Level 7/8
Business, Enterprise and Tourism – NPA SCQF Level 6
Business with Information Technology – NPA SCQF Level 5

We aim to provide an outstanding educational experience for our learners through the effective delivery of Business courses, which can be studied at a range of SCQF levels.

Learners on our programmes study in a modern campus in a realistic working environment. Students have the opportunity to use a range of industry-based software packages. The majority of our programmes are supported by work experience, project work, presentations by guest speakers and employers, as well as visits to local organisations. Employment experience provides an opportunity for learners to gain valuable employability skills in a local organisation whilst enhancing their ability to put theory into practice.

A high percentage of our learners gain employment once they have finished their course whilst many other learners gain direct entry to University to study degree programmes in a range of areas, including marketing, events, economics, accounting, law and administration.





HND – Higher National Diploma

NC – National Certificate

NPA – National Progression Award





Business - HND Year 2

HND in Business at SCQF Levels 7 and 8 At Scottish Borders Campus

Full-time 72 week course over 2 academic years

Delivery will be online and on-campus for 3 days per week

Business - HND Year 1

HNC in Business at SCQF Level 7 At Scottish Borders Campus

Full-time 36 week course over 1 academic year

Delivery will be online and on-campus for 3 days per week

Business, Enterprise and Tourism – NPA Level 6

NPA level including:

NPA Business Skills at SCQF Level 6 NPA Enterprise and Business at SCQF Level 6

At Scottish Borders Campus

Full-time 36 week course

Delivery will be online and on-campus for 3 days per week

Business with Information Technology – NC Level 5

NPA level including:

NPA Business with Information Technology at SCQF Level 5

At Scottish Borders Campus

Full-time 36 week course

Delivery will be online and on-campus for 3 days per week

Computing

Computing – HNC SCQF Level 7
Computing Software Development – HNC SCQF Level 7
Cyber Security – HNC SCQF Level 7
Computing – NC SCQF Level 6
E-Sports and Digital Skills – NPAs SCQF Level 5

Computing students have access to three well-equipped modern computer suites that have the latest technology to help support their studies. An innovative cyber security classroom allows students to undertake simulated tasks that will enable them to build skills for a modern working environment. The remaining computer suites have all the resources to develop skills and knowledge to prepare for industry or continue on various learner pathways. All courses provided in this area have a balanced mix of theory and practical tasks that allow learners to build a broad range of computing skills.

A high percentage of our learners gain employment once they have finished their course whilst many other learners gain direct entry to University to study degree programmes in a range of computing disciplines, utilising the strong relationships that Borders College have established with these institutions.



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HNC – Higher National Certificate

HND – Higher National Diploma

NC - National Certificate

NPA – National Progression Award

Computing Software Development – HNC

HNC Computing at SCQF Level 7 At Scottish Borders Campus

Full-time 36 week course over 1 academic year

Delivery will be online and on-campus for 3 days per week

Computing – HNC

HNC Computing at SCQF Level 7

At Scottish Borders Campus

Full-time 36 week course over 1 academic year

Delivery will be online and on-campus for 3 days per week

Cyber Security - HNC

HNC in Cyber Security at SCQF Level 7

At Scottish Borders Campus

Full-time 36 week course over 1 academic year

Delivery will be online and on-campus for 3 days per week

Computing – NC

NC Level including:

NPA Cyber Security at SCQF Level 6 NPA Software Development at SCQF Level 6

At Scottish Borders Campus

Full-time 36 week course

Delivery will be online and on-campus for 3 days per week

E-Sports and Digital Skills – NPA Level 5

NC Level including:

NPA E-Sports at SCQF Level 5 NPA Games Design at SCQF Level 5 NPA Cyber Security at SCQF Level 5

At Scottish Borders Campus

Full-time 36 week course

Delivery will be online and on-campus for 3 days per week







Child, Health and Social Care

Early Education and Childhood Practice

Care

Health Care

Social Services

Borders Care Career Academy



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Early Education and Childhood Practice

Childhood Practice – HNC
Childhood Practice – NC
Early Education and Childcare – SCQF Level 5
Early Education and Childcare – SCQF Level 4

The Early Education and Childcare courses are for people interested in working with children and young people. The courses conform to the registration requirements for the early years workforce with the SSSC (Scottish Social Services Council). Student work placements are also an integral and important part of these courses.



NC – National Certificate





"The course has also enabled me to gain the qualification I need for my local authority Early Years Officer role, which I am so pleased to have achieved!"

Childhood Practice - HNC

HNC in Childhood Practice at SCQF Level 7

At Scottish Borders Campus

2 days per week blended learning

Work placement is an integral part of the course

Full-time HND Year 1 – 36 weeks (August – June)

This is a nationally recognised qualification and valued award for people who want to work in a variety of early learning and childcare settings, supporting children and young people with varying needs.

Childhood Practice - NC

NC in Early Education and Childcare at SCOF Level 6

At Scottish Borders Campus Full-time 36 week course

3 days per week blended learning

2 days per week on placement

NC Childhood Practice provides an integrated programme of theory and practical activity. This course provides a solid foundation of knowledge and practical skills which will support anyone interested in working in an Early Learning and Childcare environment.

Early Education and Childcare – SCQF Level 5

Early Education and Childcare at SCQF Level 5

At Scottish Borders Campus

3 days per week blended learning

1 day per week on placement

This course will provide an introduction to the basic knowledge and skills required to prepare you for further study leading to potential employment in the Early Education and Childcare sector.

Early Education and Childcare – SCQF Level 4

Early Education and Childcare at SCQF Level 4

At Scottish Borders Campus

3 days per week blended learning

This course will provide you with an introduction to the basic knowledge and skills required to prepare you for further study leading to potential employment in the early education, childcare and social services sector.

Care

Health and Social Care – SCQF Level 5/6
Health and Social Care – SCQF Level 4/5

The Care courses are for people who need a course to gain a relevant care qualification as well as building up confidence in terms of working with other people in the care sector. The emphasis of the courses is on gaining knowledge and skills relevant to care as well as personal development. You will also spend part of your time in a work placement. For many students it is a pathway to a new career in health care, social care and counselling.







Health and Social Care – SCQF Level 5/6

SQA Units at SCQF Level 5/6
At Scottish Borders Campus
Full-time 36 week course
3 days per week blended learning
1 day per week on placement

The Health and Social Care SCQF Level 6 qualification is designed for individuals aiming to work in diverse healthcare or social service environments, taking on provide the support people with

social service environments, taking on various roles to support people with different needs. This course offers the chance to explore and understand the extensive range of job roles and services available, providing valuable insights into the sector and enabling you to support individuals of all ages effectively.

Health and Social Care – SCOF Level 4/5

SQA Units at SCQF Level 4/5
At Scottish Borders Campus
Full-time 36 week course
3 days per week blended learning
1 day per week on placement

This course offers a solid foundation for individuals aspiring to work in health and social care professions. It provides multiple progression pathways and includes classroom learning as well as opportunities to connect with health and social care employers through volunteering or work experience.



Health Care

Healthcare Practice - HNC

Access to Healthcare Professions (including Nursing) – SCQF Level 6

The aim of the Health Care area is to offer general courses in health for employment in the health care sector (statutory, voluntary and independent health care organisations), as well as enabling students to progress to diploma/degree courses. The teaching staff are experienced and highly skilled within the subject area. Student work placements are also an integral and important part of the courses and Borders College enjoys good relations with the local NHS Trust and universities.



www.borderscollege.ac.uk/courses/technology-enhanced-care-hub/









Healthcare Practice - HNC

HNC in Healthcare Practice at SCQF Level 7

At Scottish Borders Campus Full-time 36 week course

3 days per week blended learning for a total of 18 weeks

Block release work placements totalling 18 weeks

This course is designed to provide you with crucial clinical knowledge and understanding. This innovative program prepares you for pursuing an undergraduate degree in Nursing or other health-related disciplines.

Access to Healthcare Professions (including Nursing)

Higher Qualifications at SCQF Level 6
At Scottish Borders Campus
Full-time 36 week course
3 days per week blended learning
1 day per week on placement
This course is ideal for those looking to pursue further studies in Health Care.
Progression opportunities include:

- HNC Health Care at Borders College
- Adult Nursing Degree
- Mental Health Nursing Degree
- Child Health Nursing Degree
- Paramedic Science





Please read the important notice in **Gain Your Degree** by Studying at Borders College on page 94

Social Services

Social Services – HNC Social Services – NC (SCQF Level 6)

The aim of the Social Care courses is to offer a general course in social care to obtain employment in the social care sector (statutory, voluntary and independent social care organisations), as well as undertaking further studies at Higher Education level, for example Social Work. The teaching staff are experienced and highly skilled within the subject area. Student work placements are also an integral and important part of the course and Borders College enjoys good relations with the local social care providers.





Social Services - HNC

HNC Social Services at SCQF Level 7
At Scottish Borders Campus
Full-time 36 week course
2 days per week blended learning
2 days per week on placement

The HNC Social Services is a nationally recognised qualification, highly regarded for those aiming to work in various social service environments, supporting individuals with diverse needs.

Through this course, you will develop an understanding of the core values and principles of social services and learn how to apply these values alongside essential skills and knowledge.

Social Services - NC

Higher Qualifications at SCQF Level 6
At Scottish Borders Campus
Full-time 36 week course
3 days per week blended learning
1 day per week on placement

The Social Services course is crafted to harness your passion for working with people and serves as a gateway to a fulfilling career in the social services sector. It initiates your educational journey towards a professional qualification, providing a wide array of learning experiences that will thoroughly prepare you for further studies or employment.

Borders Care Career Academy

Acute and Community Care – PDA

Developing Professional Practice – Health and Social

Care – PDA

These courses are aimed at individuals already working in Health and Social Care who wish to develop their clinical skills and enhance their understanding of professional practice. They run in collaboration with the NHS and Scottish Borders Council.

Scottish Borders Council, SBCares, Borders College and NHS Borders have come together to support the delivery of the integrated health and social care partnership by creating the Borders Care Career Academy, which provides a range of flexible training opportunities.

This will enable individuals across the Borders to learn while they earn, develop a range of skills and offer progression onto their chosen career pathways.

The focus is to develop learning and skills opportunities in the workplace, on demand and provide portable access to learning using digital technologies.

Health and Social Care integration is underpinned by legislation to have a Health and Social Care partnership for every NHS Board in Scotland.

In June 2017 the Scottish Government published the National Health and Social Care Workforce Plan, which strengthens workforce planning practice nationally, regionally and locally.

Find out more online at <u>www.borderscollege.ac.uk/bcca</u> or contact our Student Advice Centre on **01896 662516** or email: <u>enquiries@borderscollege.ac.uk</u>







Acute and Community Care – PDA

PDA Acute and Community Care at SCQF Level 8

At Scottish Borders Campus

Part-time 36 week course

1 day per week in College

The PDA in Acute and Community Care at SCQF Level 8 offers a specialised and comprehensive qualification in acute and community care. This program equips learners with the necessary knowledge, specialized skills, and values to enhance professional practice, improve patient care, and support continuous professional development.

Developing Professional Practice – Health and Social Care – PDA

PDA at SCQF Level 7

At Scottish Borders Campus

Part-time 16 week course

1 day per week in College

The Professional Development Award (PDA) in Developing Professional Practice in Health and Social Care at SCQF Level 7 equips support workers with the essential knowledge, specialised skills, and values needed to enhance their professional practice.

This qualification is ideal for both hospital-based and community-based support workers.



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If you have any questions, need any special arrangements, help in completing your application form or attending for visits, please don't hesitate to contact the Student Advice Centre on 01896 66<u>2516.</u>

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STEM and Sustainable Construction

Sustainable Construction

Engineering





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Sustainable Construction

Brickwork - Advanced

Brickwork - Apprentice

Brickwork - Introduction

Carpentry and Joinery - Advanced

Carpentry and Joinery - Apprentice

Carpentry and Joinery – Intermediate

Carpentry and Joinery – Introduction

Painting and Decorating - Advanced

Painting and Decorating - Apprentice

Painting and Decorating - Intermediate

Painting and Decorating - Introduction

Plumbing – Apprentice

Plumbing - Introduction

All Construction sections have fully equipped purpose-built workshops, machine shops and covered project areas with a large range of machines, including a large selection of portable power tools and hand tools to aid students with practical projects. Materials used in practical situations are of the best quality, from local suppliers, to ensure that training is of the highest standard. The practical activity in some of our Construction courses is carried out in workshops at the Tweedbank Construction Hub, and our general classrooms are used for theory, drawing, science and associated subjects, making use of laptops with internet access, and are equipped with interactive whiteboards. To supplement lecturers' notes and handouts, we use a Virtual Learning Environment via Canvas.

You'll benefit from learning theoretical and practical skills and our teaching staff, who are highly qualified professionals, will work with you to help you achieve your potential, making sure you gain the maximum benefit from your chosen course of study.

We have an excellent working relationship with the Training Boards and well-established relationships with local employers and the local Employers Federation, who help provide work placements for our full-time students.

PDA – Professional Development Award

NPA - National Progression Award

SVQ – Scottish Vocational Qualification





Brickwork - Advanced

Advanced Craft Certificate in Brickwork at SCQF Level 7

At Tweedbank Construction Hub 36 weeks at 1 day per week (additional days may be required depending on student progress)

Brickwork - Apprentice

PDA/SVQ Brickwork at SCQF Level 6 At Tweedbank Construction Hub 2 years day release – 2 days per week, 36 weeks per year

Brickwork - Introduction

Introduction to Brickwork at SCQF Level 5

At Tweedbank Construction Hub Full-time 36 week course 3 days per week in College 1 or 2 days per week on placement

Carpentry and Joinery – Advanced

Advanced Craft Certificate in Carpentry and Joinery at SCQF Level 7 At Scottish Borders Campus 36 weeks at 1 day per week, including a twilight class

Carpentry and Joinery – Apprentice

PDA/SVQ Carpentry and Joinery at SCQF Level 6

At Scottish Borders Campus 2 years day release – 2 days per week, 36 weeks per year

Carpentry and Joinery – Intermediate

City & Guilds Diploma in Bench Joinery at SCQF Level 5 At Scottish Borders Campus Full-time 36 week course

3 days per week in College 1 or 2 days per week on placement

Carpentry and Joinery – Introduction

NPA in Carpentry and Joinery at SCQF Level 5

At Scottish Borders Campus
Full-time 36 week course
3 days per week in College
1 or 2 days per week on placement

Painting and Decorating – Advanced

Advanced Craft Certificate in Painting and Decorating at SCQF Level 7 At Tweedbank Construction Hub 36 weeks at 1 day per week

Painting and Decorating – Apprentice

PDA/SVQ Painting and Decorating at SCQF Level 6

At Tweedbank Construction Hub 2 years day release – 2 days per week, 36 weeks per year

Painting and Decorating – Intermediate

City & Guilds Diploma in Painting and Decorating at SCQF Level 5
At Tweedbank Construction Hub
Full-time 36 week course
3 days per week in College
1 or 2 days per week on placement

Painting and Decorating – Introduction

NPA in Painting and Decorating at SCQF Level 5

At Tweedbank Construction Hub Full-time 36 week course 3 days per week in College 1 or 2 days per week on placement

Plumbing - Apprentice

SVQ Plumbing at SCQF Level 7 At Scottish Borders Campus 3 years day release (36 weeks per year) 2 days per week in College for years 1 and 2

1 day per week in College for year 3

Plumbing – Introduction

Introduction to Plumbing at SCQF Level 5
At Scottish Borders Campus

Full-time 36 week course
3 days per week in College
1 or 2 days per week on placement





Engineering

Civil Engineering - HNC

Civil Engineering - NC

Civil Engineering CECA Academy – Introduction

Mechanical Engineering – NC (SCQF Level 6)

Mechanical and Electrical Engineering – NC (SCQF Level 5)

Electrical Engineering – HNC

Electrical Engineering - NC (SCQF Level 6)

Electrical Installation - Level 3

Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair - IMI Level 3

Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair - IMI Level 2

Vehicle Maintenance - IMI Level 1

Vehicle Maintenance and Repair – IMI Level 3 (Apprentice)

Engineering has three well-equipped workshops, with a total floor area of 700 square metres, with classroom facilities and a clean work area. Students have access to the internet and software such as AutoCAD and Haynes Pro. The practical activity in some of our Engineering courses is carried out in workshops at the Tweedbank Construction Hub, and our general classrooms are used for theory, drawing, science and associated subjects, have computers with internet access and are equipped with interactive whiteboards To supplement lecturers' notes and handouts, we use a Virtual Learning Environment via Canvas.

We have an excellent working relationship with the Training Boards and well-established relationships with local employers and the local Employers Federation.



NC – National Certificate

NPA - National Progression Award

PDA – Professional Development Award

SVQ – Scottish Vocational Qualification

IMI – Institute of Motor Industry





"I've had an excellent experience with College: all my lecturers know how to conduct their online lectures, and it makes it easy for learning."

Civil Engineering - HNC

Higher National Certificate in Civil Engineering at SCQF level 7 Full-time 36 week course 3 days per week in College

Civil Engineering - NC

National Certificate in Civil Engineering at SCQF level 6

Full-time 36 week course 3 days per week in College

Civil Engineering CECA Academy – Introduction (Subject to Approval)

Civil engineering – CECA Academy at SCQF Level 5 including NPA Construction Operations Full-time (5 days per week), intensive 6-month training On-site and in College

Mechanical Engineering – NC (SCQF Level 6) (Subject to

Approval)

NC in Electrical Engineering at SCQF Level 6 At Scottish Borders Campus Full-time 36 week course 3 days per week in College/online 1 or 2 days per week on placement

Mechanical and Electrical Engineering – NC (SCQF Level 5)

NC in Electrical Engineering at SCQF Level 5 At Scottish Borders Campus Full-time 36 week course 2.5 days per week in College/online 1 or 2 days per week on placement

Electrical Engineering - HNC

HNC in Electrical Engineering at SCQF Level 7

At Scottish Borders Campus Full-time 36 week course 3 days per week in College/online

Electrical Engineering – NC (SCQF Level 6)

NC in Electrical Engineering at SCQF Level 6

At Scottish Borders Campus
Full-time 36 week course
3 days per week in College/online
1 or 2 days per week on placement

Electrical Installation - Level 3

PDA/SVQ in Electrical Installation at SCQF Level 7
At Scottish Borders Campus
3 years day release
(For Electrical Apprentices in employment only)

Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair – IMI Level 3

IMI Level 3 Diploma in Light Vehicle
Maintenance and Repair at SCQF Level 7
At Scottish Borders Campus
Full-time 36 week course
Applicants are required to possess IMI
Level 1 to gain access to this course
3 days per week in College/online
1 or 2 days per week on placement

Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair – IMI Level 2

IMI Level 2 Diploma in Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair at SCQF Level 5 At Scottish Borders Campus Full-time 36 week course Applicants are required to possess IMI Level 1 to gain access to this course 3 days per week in College/online 1 or 2 days per week on placement

Vehicle Maintenance – IMI Level 1

IMI Level 1 Certificate in Transport Maintenance at SCQF Level 4 At Scottish Borders Campus Full-time 36 week course 3 days per week in College/online 1 or 2 days per week on placement

Vehicle Maintenance and Repair – Level 3

Level 2/3 Certificate in Vehicle Maintenance and Repair at SCQF Levels 5/6/7

At Scottish Borders Campus 1/2/3 Year Course – 1 day per week for 36 weeks per year (For Automotive Apprentices in employment only)









Creative Industries

Art and Design

Hairdressing

Beauty Therapy



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Art and Design

Art and Design – HND Year 2 SCQF Level 8 Art and Design – HND Year 1 SCQF Level 7 Art and Design – NC SCQF Level 6

The Art and Design studios will allow candidates to develop their skills and abilities in informal surroundings. Candidates will have access to a variety of resources and enjoy the multidisciplinary approach to making through the use of traditional and non-traditional medias.

The programme enjoys close links with local artists and industry, including the Borders Creative Forum and Creative Arts Business Network (CABN). All staff are practising artists and are actively involved with the local artists community. Students will also enjoy a series of artist talks from visiting practitioners on a regular basis

Our Annual Exhibition at the end of the year gives students the opportunity to showcase their best work from their year at College and gives both invited guests and the general public a chance to see the creative talent which has developed.

Art and Design - HND Year 2

HND Art and Design at SCQF Level 8 At Scottish Borders Campus Full-time 36 week course 3 to 4 days per week in College

Art and Design - HND Year 1

HNC Art and Design at SCQF Level 7 At Scottish Borders Campus Full-time 36 week course 3 to 4 days per week in College

Art and Design - NC

NC Art and Design at SCQF Level 6 At Scottish Borders Campus Full-time 36 week course 3 to 4 days per week in College

HND – Higher National Diploma
HNC – Higher National Certificate
NC – National Certificate



Hairdressing

Hairdressing – SVQ Level 3 Hairdressing – SVQ Level 2

At the Scottish Borders Campus you will have the opportunity to learn in state-of-the-art salons which have been furnished with the latest equipment and commercial products.

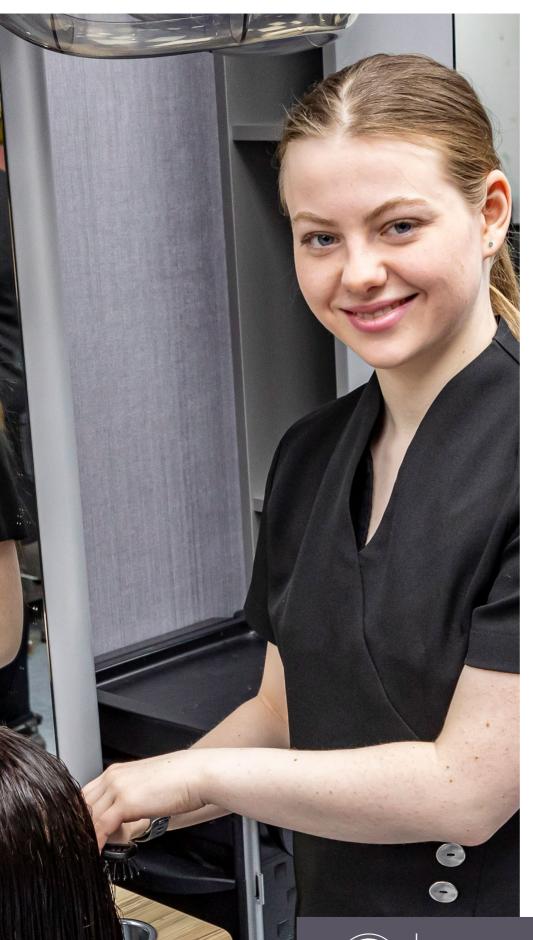
Our Hairdressing programmes have strong industrial links, through visits and industrial liaison, which enables us to place students in a wide range of establishments throughout the south of Scotland

A fundamental part of the Hairdressing qualifications are the practical assessments. These assessments allow students to cover a full range of services on a wide range of clientele, which are delivered and assessed using up-to-date industry-approved equipment and products, carried out in our realistic workplace environment. The salon opening hours mirror the realistic working hours of the hairdressing industry and this could include evening opening.

Students are encouraged to provide clients for assessment purposes.







Hairdressing – SVQ Level 3

SVQ Hairdressing at SCQF Level 6 At Scottish Borders Campus Full-time 36 week course 3 days per week in College 1 day per week on placement

Hairdressing – SVQ Level 2

SVQ Hairdressing at SCQF Level 5 At Scottish Borders Campus Full-time 36 week course 3 days per week in College 1 day per week on placement

For more information on qualifications please visit page 92

Beauty Therapy

NC Beauty Therapy – SCQF Level 6 NPAs Beauty Therapy – SCQF Level 5

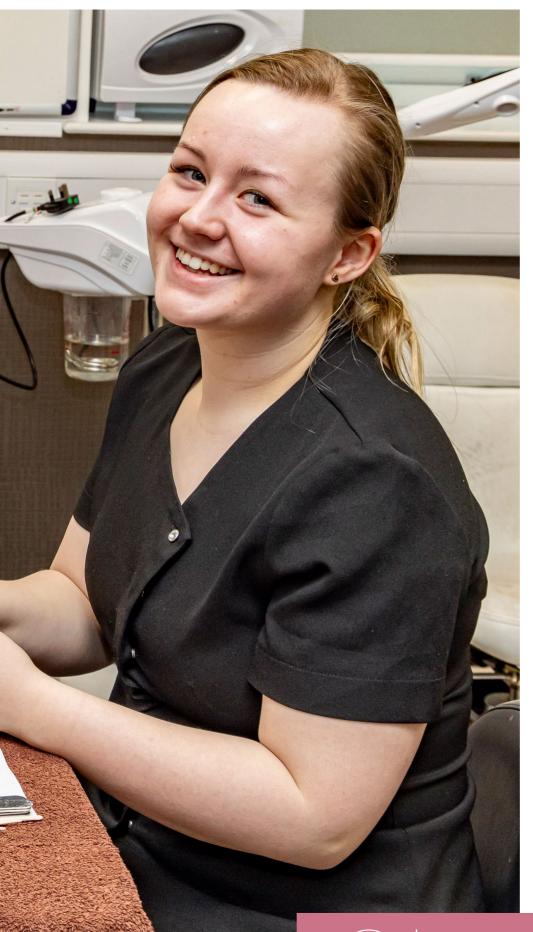
At the Scottish Borders Campus you will have the opportunity to learn in state-of-the-art salons which have been furnished with the latest equipment and commercial products.

Our Beauty Therapy programmes have strong industrial links, through visits and industrial liaison, which enables us to place students in a wide range of establishments throughout the south of Scotland.

A fundamental part of the Beauty Therapy qualifications are the practical assessments. These assessments allow students to cover a full range of treatments on a wide range of clientele, which are delivered and assessed using up-to-date industry-approved equipment and products, carried out in our realistic workplace environment. The salon opening hours mirror the realistic working hours of the beauty industry and this may include evening opening.

Students are encouraged to provide clients for assessment purposes.





NC Beauty Therapy – SCQF Level 6

NC Beauty Care at SCQF Level 6 At Scottish Borders Campus Full-time 36 week course 3 days per week in College 1 day per week on placement

NPAs Beauty Therapy – SCQF Level 5

NPAs in Beauty Therapy at SCQF Level 5 At Scottish Borders Campus Full-time 36 week course 3 days per week in College 1 day per week on placement





Hospitality

Professional Cookery

Hospitality



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Courses commence from August 2025.

Professional Cookery and Hospitality

Professional Cookery and Hospitality – Diploma Level 6 Professional Cookery and Hospitality – Diploma Level 5 Introduction to Hospitality – NPA Level 4

The Catering programmes ensure that periods of industrial experience are on offer to students, allowing them to have the opportunity to sample new skills whilst perfecting existing ones. Many of the establishments involved are staffed by former students. In addition, as part of the curriculum, students participate in a range of outside catering events and functions.

A fundamental part of the Hospitality qualifications are the practical assessments. These assessments allow the students to experience the full range of food preparation and cookery, and food service.

Our restaurant is designed to allow customers to enjoy their meal in a relaxing atmosphere. Food prepared in our state-ofthe-art kitchen will complement the dining facility. The restaurant opening hours mirror those of the hospitality industry, including evening and dinner services.



HNC – Higher National Certificate

NC - National Certificate

NPA – National Progression Award



92%

The way I'm taught helps me learn



Diploma in Professional Cookery

Diploma in Professional Cookery at SCQF Level 6

At Scottish Borders Campus
Full-time 36 week course
3/4 days per week in College
Students may have the opportunity

Students may have the opportunity to attend industrial placement over extended periods of time

Diploma in Professional Cookery and Hospitality

Diploma in Professional Cookery at SCQF level 5

NPA Hospitality at SCQF Level 5

At Scottish Borders Campus

Full-time 36 week course

3/4 days per week in College

Students may have the opportunity to attend industrial placement over extended periods of time

Introduction to Hospitality

NPA Professional Cookery at SCQF Level 4

At Scottish Borders Campus

Full-time 36 week course

3 days per week in College

Students may have the opportunity to attend industrial placement over extended periods of time





Landbased and Rural Skills

Countryside Skills

Agriculture

Animal Care

Horse Care

Scottish Racing Academy

Gamekeeping

Horticulture

Landscaping

Forestry

The Land and Animal Management section is sited at the Newtown St Boswells campus, which is ideally situated for access to the countryside. The section has excellent links with the landbased sector and uses this special relationship to allow students access to the many large estates and farms in the Borders Region, Northumberland and nationally. This gives a realistic working environment which is conducive to learning.

The section is well-equipped with tractors, ATVs, machinery, small plant, workshops, a large modern glasshouse, access to two local riding schools, Riddell Estate, an animal care centre and access to farms and estates. In addition there are five up-to-date classrooms equipped with computers that have access to the internet.

There is a large portfolio of short courses available within the landbased sector, which are delivered from the Newtown St Boswells campus.

Countryside Skills

Countryside Skills – an Introduction

SCQF Level 4

At Newtown St Boswells Campus

This course gives students the chance to learn about all aspects of working in the countryside including forestry, agriculture, gamekeeping, horticulture and animal care. Students can then decide on which career path to follow in subsequent years.

Full-time 36 week course

3 days per week in College with 1 day work placement. To be confirmed



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Agriculture

Agriculture – HNC – SCQF 7
Agriculture – NC – SCQF 6
Modern Agriculture – SCQF 5
Rurals Skills for Work (Schools) – SCQF 4

Mixed Farming – MA – SCQF 6 Agriculture – MA – SCQF 5

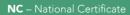
Farming is one of the most important industries, not only in Scotland but in the world. Farming produces the majority of the food we eat and has created the environment that we live in.

Our courses have both vocational and academic pathways from SCQF Level 4 to Level 8.

As part of the courses you will learn how to work with livestock and arable crops and implement the legislation surrounding modern agriculture. You will also learn how to drive tractors and ATVs in a safe manner. Other skills you may learn include dyking, fencing, environmental awareness and ploughing.

Borders College has access to several local farms and estates that can be used for practical training. The students also use the College training fields and the classroom in the countryside at Riddell Estate.

Borders College's wide range of courses are suitable for the complete novice or for those who have a lot of previous agricultural knowledge.



NPA – National Progression Award

SVQ – Scottish Vocational Qualification

MA – Modern Apprenticeship









Agriculture – HNC – SCQF 8

(Subject to Approval)

HNC Agriculture at SCQF Level 8
At Newtown St Boswells Campus
Full-time 36 week course
2 days per week in College
1 or 2 days per week on placement

Agriculture – NC – SCQF 6

NC Agriculture at SCQF Level 6 At Newtown St Boswells Campus Full-time 36 week course 3 days per week in College 1 or 2 days per week on placement

Modern Agriculture - SCQF 5

SCQF 5 full time agriculture course, including NPA investigation of modern agriculture at SCQF 5

At Newtown St Boswells Campus
Full-time 36 week course
3 days per week in College or farm visits
1 or 2 days per week on placement

Rurals Skills for Work (Schools) – SCQF 4

Rurals Skills for Work (Schools) – SCQF 4 At Newtown St Boswells Campus Part time attendance Schools course, August until March

Mixed Farming – MA – SCQF 6

Modern Apprenticeship in Mixed Farming at SCQF Level 6

Work-based assessment and College Day Release at Newtown St Boswells Campus/Riddell Estate over a 2 year period (approximately 10 days in College per year)

Agriculture - MA - SCQF 5

SVQ 2 Agriculture at SCQF Level 5 Work-based assessment and College Day Release at Newtown St Boswells Campus/Riddell Estate over a 2 year period (approximately 10 days in College per year)



Animal Care

Animal Care - HND Year 2

Animal Care - HND Year 1

Animal Care - Level 6

Animal Nursing Assistant - Level 5

Animal Care - NC

Animal Care - an Introduction (Schools)

Borders College courses in Animal Care provide education and training for those aiming for a career in working with animals. They combine academic study with practical experience and are nationally recognised by employers and educational institutions.

Throughout the course we visit local animal rescue centres, kennels, catteries, farms, riding centres and animal-related businesses where you will have the opportunity to practise animal handling skills and learn more about the care and welfare of animals.

Local animal establishments, including some veterinary practices, offer students the chance to gain experience in a real working environment.



HND – Higher National Diploma

HNC – Higher National Certificate

NC - National Certificate





Animal Care - HND Year 2

HND in Animal Care at SCQF Level 8 At Newtown St Boswells Campus and online

Full-time 36 week course 2 or 3 days per week in College or online 1 day per week on placement

Animal Care - HND Year 1

HNC in Animal Care at SCQF Level 7 At Newtown St Boswells Campus and online

Full-time 36 week course 2 or 3 days per week in College or online 1 day per week on placement

Animal Care - Level 6

Animal Care at SCQF Level 6 At Newtown St Boswells Campus Full-time 36 week course 2 days per week in College 3 days per week on placement

Animal Nursing Assistant - Level 5 (Subject to Approval – enquiries only)

Animal Nursing at SCQF Level 5 At Newtown St Boswells Campus Full-time 36 week course 2 days per week in College 3 days per week on placement

Animal Care - NC

NC in Animal Care at SCQF Level 5 At Newtown St Boswells Campus Full-time 36 week course 3 days per week in College 1 day per week on placement

Animal Care – an Introduction (Schools)

SQA College Certificate at SCQF Level 4 At Newtown St Boswells Campus Part-time Schools course August until March





Horse Care

Horse Care Management – SCQF Level 6 Horse Care – SCQF Level 5

Scottish Racing Academy

Race Horse Care – SCQF Level 5/6
Race Horse Care – SCQF Level 5

Aimed at students who want a career in the equine industry, the courses combine theory classes, practical stable management, riding and work experience.

We use local riding establishments, where you will have the opportunity to improve your riding skills and learn more about the care and welfare of different types of horses and ponies.

There may be opportunities on some courses to further enhance employment skills by taking British Horse Society courses in Riding and Road Safety (Ride Safe), Equine Specific First Aid and Animal Transportation or taking part in the Erasmus+ work placement initiative in Europe.



NPA – National Progression Award
NC – National Certificate

Horse Care - SCQF Level 6

NPA Horse Care at SCQF Level 6 Ian Stark Equestrian Centre (ISEC) Full-time 36 week course

Blended approach to delivery, combining online learning, face to face classes, practical sessions, and work placement, as is appropriate to the situation.

Horse Care - SCQF Level 5

NC Horse Care at SCQF Level 5 Ian Stark Equestrian Centre (ISEC)

Full-time 36 week course

Blended approach to delivery, combining online learning, face to face classes, practical sessions, and work placement, as is appropriate to the situation.

Scottish Racing Academy

NPA Race Horse Care at SCQF Level 5/6 Scottish Borders Campus and Racing yards around the region

Full-time 36 week course

Blended approach to delivery, combining online learning, face to face classes, practical sessions, and work placement, as is appropriate to the situation.

Scottish Racing Academy

NPA Race Horse Care at SCQF Level 5 Racing Yard Routine

Racehorse Exercise and Performance

Thoroughbred Preparation

Specialist Racehorse Care

Scottish Borders Campus and Racing yards around the region

Part-time 36 week course

Blended approach to delivery, combining online learning, face to face classes, one to one support, practical sessions, and work placement, as is appropriate to the situation.

"I have learnt new skills throughout the beginning of this course and became more confident in my ability. I can now tack up a horse with no problem."



Gamekeeping

Gamekeeping with Wildlife Management – HNC Gamekeeping with Wildlife Management – NC Gamekeeping – MA SCQF 5

These courses are designed for students who have a basic knowledge of Gamekeeping and want to progress further within the industry. They are very practical courses, with a great emphasis on work experience. This is due to the seasonality of the awards offered. The teaching and placement periods for NC and HNC are split into three week blocks, three weeks in College and three weeks on placement, throughout the academic session.

MA SCQF 5 and Rural Land Use and Management SVQ – SCQF 8 are designed for students who have gained employment and wish to study and be assessed in the workplace over a 2 year period.

HNC – Higher National Certificate

SVQ – Scottish Vocational Qualification

MA – Modern Apprenticeship

NC – National Certificate





Gamekeeping with Wildlife Management – HNC

HNC in Gamekeeping with Wildlife Management at SCQF Level 7 At Newtown St Boswells Campus Full-time 36 week course 2 days per week in College 1 or 2 days per week on placement

Gamekeeping with Wildlife Management – NC

NC in Gamekeeping at SCQF Level 5 At Newtown St Boswells Campus Full-time 36 week course 3 days per week in College 1 or 2 days per week on placement

Gamekeeping – MA – SCQF 5

Modern Apprenticeship in Gamekeeping at SCQF Level 5

This award is assessed in the workplace and at Newtown St Boswells Campus over 2 years part-time





Horticulture

Horticulture - HNC - Level 7

Horticulture – Level 6 Horticulture – Level 5

Horticulture - Level 4

Horticulture at Borders College can offer students the opportunity to gain hands-on practical experience of growing and maintaining plants outdoors and in a glasshouse. You will also learn about maintenance of grassed areas, use of horticultural machinery and the construction of landscaped areas.

Successful completion has led to employment in private gardens, on estates, plant nurseries, garden centres, and with organisations such as the National Trust, Botanic Gardens, or self-employment. You can also progress to the higher level qualifications.

Our courses are also well suited to 'home gardeners' wishing to gain knowledge and practical experience to help assist in managing their own gardens.









Please read the important notice in **Gain Your Degree** by Studying at Borders College on page 94

Horticulture - HNC - Level 7

In conjunction with UHI With practical input at Newtown St Boswells Campus

Full-time 36 week course

Joint delivery with the two organisations, with extended work placement

Horticulture - Level 6

SVQ Level 3 Parks, Gardens and Green Space Qualification at SCQF Level 6 At Newtown St Boswells Campus Full-time 36 week course

3 days per week in College or blended delivery

1 day per week on placement Part-time, award is assessed in the workplace over 2 years

Horticulture - Level 5

SVQ Level 2 Horticulture at SCQF Level 5 At Newtown St Boswells Campus Full-time 36 week course 3 days per week in College or blended delivery

1 day per week on placement Part-time, award is assessed in the workplace over 2 years

Horticulture - Level 4

SVQ Level 1 Horticulture at SCQF Level 4 At Newtown St Boswells Campus Full-time 36 week course 3 days per week in College or blended delivery

1 day per week on placement



Landscaping

Landscaping – Level 6 Landscaping – Level 5 Landscaping – Level 4

The Landscaping courses are designed to give you the skills for building and maintaining structures and surfaces, be they gardens or public areas, as well as gaining some knowledge on planting and plant maintenance.

Available at SCQF Levels 4, 5 and 6, students who have completed the courses have gone on to work in the industry at a variety of levels. Higher education, successful employment of self-employment are also options.

Those already working in the industry can study part-time or full-time







Landscaping – Level 6

SVQ Level 3 Landscaping at SCQF Level 6 At Newtown St Boswells Campus Full-time 36 week course 3 days per week in College

1 or 2 days per week on placement

Landscaping – Level 5

SVQ Level 2 Landscaping at SCQF Level 5 At Newtown St Boswells Campus Full-time 36 week course 3 days per week in College 1 or 2 days per week on placement

Landscaping - Level 4

SVQ Level 1 Landscaping at SCQF Level 4 At Newtown St Boswells Campus Full-time 36 week course 3 days per week in College 1 or 2 days per week on placement



Forestry

Trees and Timber – SVQ

SCQF Level 5

At Newtown St Boswells Campus

A course designed to introduce students to the forestry industry with practical content to allow them to undertake extended placements throughout the session.

Full-time 36 week course

1 day per week in College, with extended work placement. To be confirmed

Forestry (Schools Programme) - NPA Level 5

SCQF Level 5

At Newtown St Boswells Campus

The course allowslearnersthe opportunity to developknowledge and understanding of forestry. The course covers units on forestland, woodland, the production and care of young trees, business project, core skills and work experience. The course delivery will apply to practical contexts allowing learners to complete routine tasks.

1 day per week (Friday) in College



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HNC – Higher National Certificate









Sport and Fitness



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Sport and Fitness

Coaching and Developing Sport – HND
Coaching and Developing Sport – HNC
Coaching and Developing Mountain Biking – HNC
Physical Activity and Health – HNC
Access to HNC Sports Coaching and Fitness (SCQF Level 6)

Mountain Biking - Achieving Excellence (SCQF Level 6)

The Borders Academy of Sporting Excellence (BASE) is a flourishing College initiative which aims to provide elite athletes with the structure and support they require to combine academic study with skills development in their chosen sport.



Sport and Exercise

For those who have a genuine interest in sport and exercise, this is a unique opportunity to develop your potential and find a career in this exciting market.

Students gain essential knowledge and understanding of the ever expanding sport and exercise industry and have the opportunity to progress to higher education.

HND – Higher National DiplomaHNC – Higher National CertificateNPA – National Progression Award

QCF – Qualifications and Credit Framework







Coaching and Developing Sport/Mountain Biking – HNC

HNC in Coaching and Developing Sport/ Mountain Biking at SCQF Level 7/8

Full-time 36/72 week course at Scottish Borders Campus and Glentress Forest

Blended approach to delivery combining face to face classes, practical sessions, use of our virtual learning environment

Strength and Conditioning, and external coaching placement.

The HNC in Coaching and Developing Sport is a nationally recognised qualification that is relevant to all sports. We have two cohorts, one being Mountain Biking (splitting their time between Glentress/Innerleithen and Scottish Borders Campus), the other being Sport (splitting time between coaching at clubs and schools in the region, and Scottish Borders Campus).

We soon hope to be able to offer progression for successful candidates onto degree programmes.



Coaching and Developing Sport – HNC/D

HNC/D in Coaching and Developing Sport at SCQF Level 7/8

Full-time higher education programme at Scottish Borders Campus

Blended approach to delivery combining face to face classes, practical sessions, use of our virtual learning environment, Strength and Conditioning, and external coaching placement.

The HNC/D in Coaching and Developing Sport is a nationally recognised qualification that is relevant to all sports. We have two cohorts, including a general sports group (the general sports group split their time between coaching placements with Scottish Rugby and Live Borders Active Schools, and Scottish Borders Campus).

Physical Activity and Health – HNC

HNC in Physical Health and Activity at SCQF Level 7.

Full-time higher education programme at Scottish Borders Campus.

Blended Approach to delivery combining face to face classes, practical sessions, use of our virtual learning environment, strength and conditioning and external personal training placements.

HNC Physical Activity and Health will give you the underpinning knowledge and practical leadership skills required to pursue a career in the health and fitness industry, mainly within gyms, leisure centres and private Health clubs and/or progress into higher education including teaching and healthcare.



Access to HNC Sports Coaching and Fitness

Sports Coaching and Fitness at SCQF Level 6.

Full-time further education programme at Scottish Borders Campus.

Blended Approach to delivery combining face to face classes, practical sessions, use of our virtual learning environment, strength and conditioning and external coaching/personal training placements.

The Access to HNC Sports Coaching and Fitness course is designed to enhance your knowledge of sports coaching and Fitness training and is a direct route to further study at the HNC level.

Mountain Biking – Achieving Excellence in Sport

NPA Achieving Excellence in Sport/ Excercise and Fitness Leadership at SCOF Level 6

Full-time further education programme at Scottish Borders Campus and Glentress Forest (36 weeks)

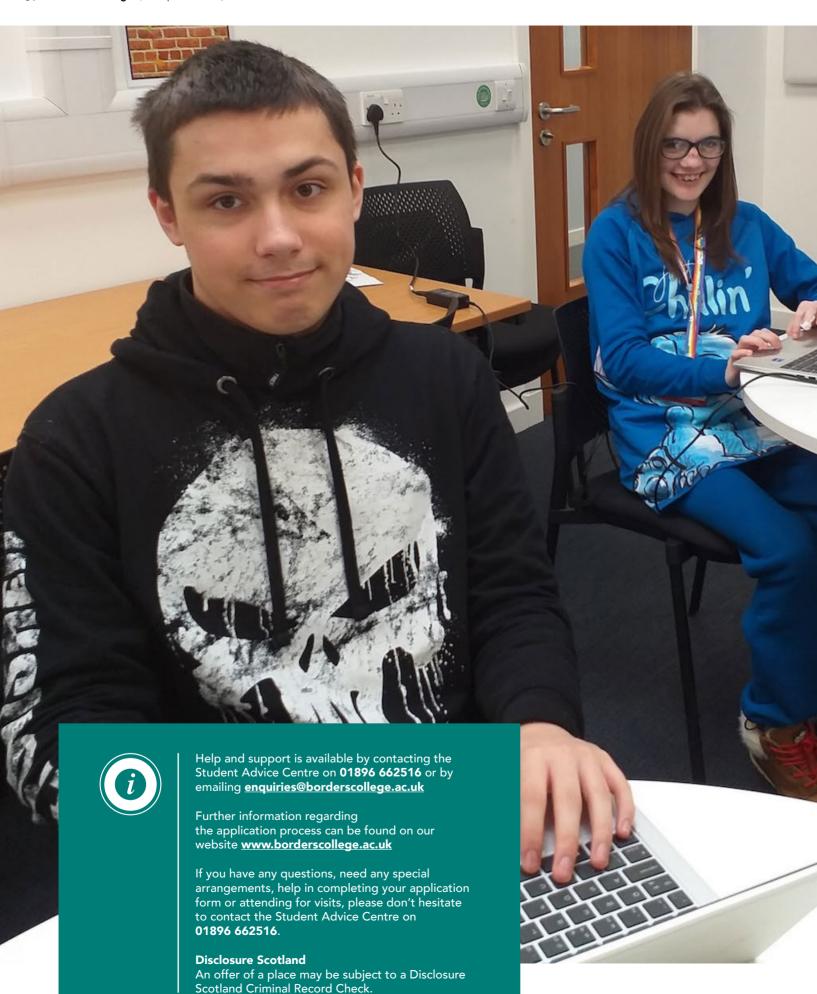
Blended approach to delivery combining face to face classes, use of our virtual learning environment and practical sessions in Mountain Biking and Strength and Conditioning.

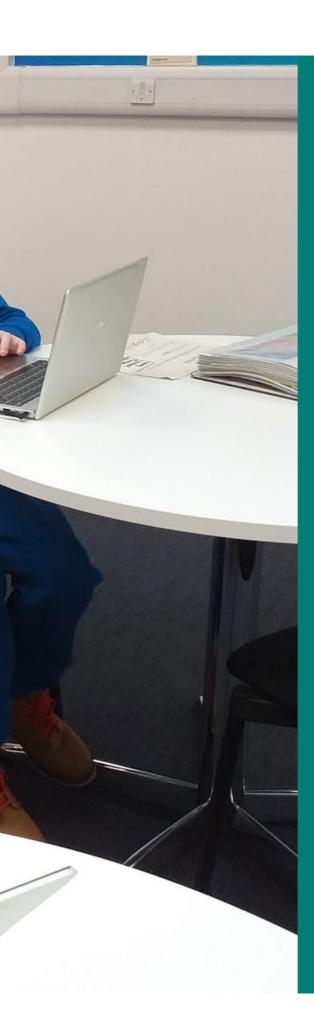
The Borders boasts some of the finest Downhill and Cross Country courses in Europe. As part of the Borders Academy of Sporting Excellence, students who have potential in the sport of Mountain Biking and the disciplines within the sport will have a unique opportunity to further develop their cycling skills to a new level, while studying at SCQF Level 6.











Supported Learning

Supported Programmes



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Supported Programmes

School Link – Skills for Learning and Work Skills for Learning and Work – Year 1 Skills for Learning and Work – Year 2 Project SEARCH

Supported Programmes are located at the Scottish Borders Campus in Galashiels. Classes are held throughout the campus and, in addition, there are accessible rooms for students on the ground floor. Students working on their catering skills benefit from the excellent facilities in the catering and restaurant complex. Classrooms are well-equipped with modern IT facilities, including assistive technology, to support learning and teaching.

Full-time Supported Programmes are designed to increase learners' independence and/or prepare them for further training or employment. Part-time programmes develop skills for learning in a range of subjects or provide more specialist training relating to particular areas of learning.



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Project SEARCH

DFN Project SEARCH is a one-year internship programme, based on an international model, which originated in the Cincinnati Children's Hospital in the USA, supporting young people with additional needs to gain skills and experience to go on to employment

Full-time 36 weeks

Students are based within a host employer organisation and will be supported by a College tutor and a Supported Employment job coach throughout the 36 weeks

Skills for Learning and Work – Year 2

SCQF Level 3/4

At Scottish Borders Campus

Full-time 36 weeks

3 days per week blended learning

This course is to support with progress towards independent living, employment and other services in the community. 1 day per week work placement is expected

Skills for Learning and Work – Year 1

SCQF Level 2/3

At Scottish Borders Campus

Full-time 36 weeks

3 days per week blended learning

This course aims to support towards independent living, employment, volunteering, or other community services.

Learning will take place in a supportive environment, enhancing your communication and social skills, while also mproving ability to make informed choices.

Skills for Learning and Work – School Link

Non-assessed

At Scottish Borders Campus

1 day per week provides the opportunity to experience Borders College environment while being supported to develop communication, social and independence skills

1 day per week (Wednesday)



Pathways to College

Find Your Vibe - National 4

SQA Units at SCQF Level 4

At Scottish Borders Campus

Full-time 36 week course

3 days per week blended learning

This course is to assist young people, aged 16-20, who are unsure of what direction of learning or employment they would like to take. You will have the opportunity to sample vocational areas that you may not have previously considered while also developing confidence and motivation to take steps to further study or employment.



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Funding Support

Financing Your Studies

Before starting your College course, you must make sure you have suitable funding support to finance your studies.

All funds are extremely limited and applications will be dealt with on a first come, first served basis.

Applications for funding support must be submitted by the designated deadline. However, the application for funding support does not in itself guarantee payment of the award, as funds are restricted.

Students should not make important decisions affecting their studies or employment until written confirmation as to eligibility for an award has been received.

Full-time Courses

Once a student has accepted an offer of a full-time place at College, an email is issued giving details of how to apply for SAAS or further education funding. A funding information booklet providing further information is available on our website.

Students attending a full-time course, which leads to a qualification up to, but not including, Higher National Certificate, may be eligible for a Bursary or Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA).

Funding awards usually have two main elements: a maintenance allowance, a contributions towards necessary books and equipment, and a travel allowance, if appropriate. Bursaries and EMAs are means-tested and take account of parental, spouse or student income.

Students applying from outwith Scotland will need to have sufficient funding in place to cover their tuition fees and other course costs, e.g. equipment and books, and be able to support their transport, accommodation and living costs for the duration of the course. The "Rest of UK" students should contact their National Student Finance Agency or local authority for advice on funding available to them.

Part-time Courses

Students attending a part-time course, which leads to a qualification up to, but not including, Higher National Certificate, may be eligible for a part-time Bursary, consisting of the payment of course costs and a travel allowance, where required.

For students attending a part-time HNC/D course, a part-time fee grant may be available, providing student income is under £25,000 per annum. The level of fee grant will depend upon the number of credits and the qualification being studied. Application forms are available via the Student Award Agency Scotland (SAAS) website by **clicking here**. Once completed please email form to **finance@borderscollege.ac.uk**.

Childcare Support

If you are eligible for funding support, some financial help may be available to assist students who incur childcare costs while attending College. If you are studying a further education course you can request help with childcare costs when completing your online funding application. If you are studying a higher education course, please contact the Student Funding Team on studentfunding@borderscollege.ac.uk.

Travel Information

It is our intention, wherever possible, to provide a travel pass to those students eligible to receive one to enable travel to the campus for the day(s) required for practical attendance.

In support of the Scottish Governments green agenda and our own sustainability strategy, we encourage students to make use of the public bus services provided by various contractors throughout the Borders area. In addition, students living along the Borders Railway also have train travel as an option.

For further details please refer to the **Transport for Students** section on our website.

Students on SAAS support receive a contribution towards travelling expenses within their award and are required to budget for their daily travel to and from College from the monthly allowance paid.

Students who live outwith the region should contact the Student Funding Team on **studentfunding@borderscollege. ac.uk** to discuss their requirements.

Travelling to Borders College

The College aims to encourage both students and staff to utilise sustainable and integrated modes of transport for commuting to and from College. Our objectives are to minimise environmental impact, improve safety, and ensure our facilities and services are accessible to all sections of society.

Funding Guide

Further information and guides can be found on our **website** under the Future Students section – **Financing Your Studies**. The Scottish Government have also created a new website – **Student Information Scotland**. This website has information on all aspects of both Further and Higher Education student funding in Scotland. It also has a useful budgeting tool and funding checker, as well as a whole host of other useful information for students. Please contact the Student Funding Team at

studentfunding@borderscollege.ac.uk if you have any questions or require any further information.

All based on information received from the Scottish Funding Council and Student Awards Agency for Scotland (SAAS) at the time of going to print.

Any student who finds him/herself in financial difficulty as a result of studying a vocational course may apply for assistance from the Student Support Funds.



Care Aware

At Borders College we are committed to promoting, supporting and safeguarding the wellbeing of all students who study with us. We want students to learn new skills, gain qualifications and find their pathway to progression.

We want all students to achieve their full potential and thrive at Borders College, but also understand that some students may face barriers to learning. Through our Care Aware initiative, we work with students to ensure we provide the flexibility and support required to help them reach their full potential. Care Aware support is available to any student who identifies as care experienced, a carer or estranged.

What does 'Care Experienced' mean?

The term 'care experienced' refers to anyone who has been in care. This includes:

- Formal kinship care: living with a relative who is not your mum or dad with social services involvement
- Foster care living with foster carers
- Looked after at home: with the help of social work
- Informal kinship care (not eligible for Care Experience Bursary): living with a relative who is not your mum or dad without social services involvement
- Secure care living in a secure unit
- Residential care: living in a residential unit or school
- Adoption

Applicants are strongly encouraged to indicate they are or have been care experienced via their college online application.

Telling us you have been, or continue to be in care, means our Student Support team will contact you before your course starts to explain all the support available to you.

Definition of a Carer

"A carer is anyone who cares, unpaid, for a friend or family member who due to illness, disability, a mental health problem or an addiction cannot cope without their support." (Carers Trust, 2022)

Applicants are strongly encouraged to indicate they are a student carer via their College online application.

Telling us about your caring status, means our Student Support team will contact you before your course starts to explain all the support available to you.

- Dedicated named contact, who will be your named contact throughout your time at college to offer support as and when you need it.
- Support and guidance on your funding application and any financial advice.
- Flexibility with attendance requirements.

What does 'Estranged' mean?

Estranged students are young people studying without the support of a family network. Students in this position often have no contact at all with their family.

We recognise that being estranged from family can present challenges to learning, and at Borders College aim to provide support that helps minimise the impact of those challenges.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to indicate they are estranged via their College online application.

Some of the support available to you includes:

- Help through the application, interview, enrolment and induction process
- A dedicated named contact who will support you throughout your time at College
- Support and guidance on your funding application
- Opportunities to take part in exclusive events and activities
- Flexibility with attendance requirements

For more information on Care Aware, please contact our Care Aware Coordinator:

Email: careaware@borderscollege.ac.uk

Telephone: **01896 662516**

Student Support

At Borders College we have a diverse student community with students coming from a range of backgrounds. We have dedicated support teams on hand to provide advice, guidance and support to all students at any point of their College journey. Whether you are choosing a course, looking to see what support is available or needing support to progress onto University one of our support teams will be able to help, all you need to do is ask.

How can our Student Support Officers help you?

Based primarily in the Student Advice Centre at the Scottish Borders Campus, our team of Student Support Officers (SSOs) can offer advice and guidance on a range of matters, including:

- Course information on what we offer and support on applying
- Advice on transport/travel to access College
- Support and advice with any financial issues and money worries
- Guidance and support with any welfare or wellbeing concerns which includes personal and emotional wellbeing and mental health, and signposting to specialist support organisations
- Progression to University including support with UCAS applications
- Funding advice which includes guidance on completing your online application for bursary, EMA or SAAS

How to contact us:

Our SSOs are available to provide you with advice and guidance. Drop us an email at **studentadvice@ borderscollege.ac.uk**, give us a call on **01896 662516** or visit the Student Advice Centre at Scottish Borders Campus.

Third Party Reporting and Keep Safe

The College's Student Advice Centre acts as a remote reporting site, providing a safe and welcoming environment where students, staff or members of the public can receive support from our staff to report a hate crime.

You can drop in to see us, or to arrange an appointment, contact the Student Advice Centre on **01896 662516** or email: **studentadvice@borderscollege.ac.uk**.

Learning Support

The Learning Support team provides advice, guidance and support to students with a wide range of learning needs. This includes dyslexia, dyspraxia, ADHD, autism, anxiety, mental health, physical health and illness, visual and hearing impairments, and any other barrier to learning.

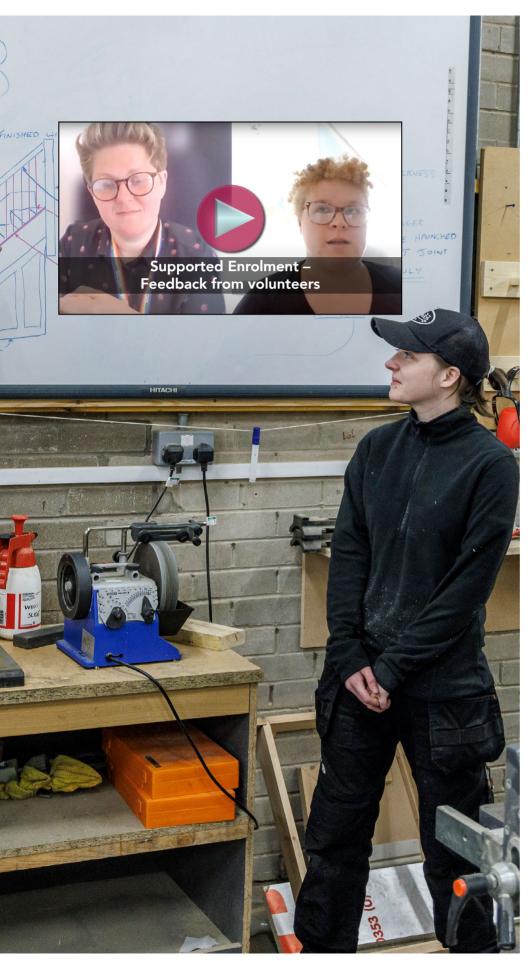
The Learning Support team carry out assessments to identify specific learning support needs which may affect your progress on your course.





Student Advice Centre:
01896 662516 or email:
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Learning Support Team:
01896 662600 or email:
learningsupport@borderscollege.ac.uk



We also advise on assessment arrangements e.g. extra time, use of ICT, reader, scribe.

We offer help with study skills and support students to use up-to-date software and technology.

The team can provide guidance and support for HNC and HND students applying for DSA funding from SAAS.

We work closely with teaching teams and Student Support to ensure that learners' needs are met.

If you would like to speak to the team, please complete a Learning Support referral form (available in the Learning Support area on the Student Portal), ask at the Student Advice Centre or ask your Course Tutor or lecturer. You can also email the team at

 $\underline{learning support@borders college.ac.uk}.$

Qualifications Explained

The Scottish qualification system has a comprehensive range of awards available. The College's mainstream programmes offer qualifications from Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF) Level 1-8 (National 1 to HND), with our Department of Enterprise & Business Innovation offering Scottish Vocational Qualifications (SVQs) up to SCQF Level 11 to local businesses.

The College's qualifications are certificated through various awarding bodies, including Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA), City & Guilds and IMI.

National Qualifications (NQs)

National Qualifications are one of the most important types of qualification in Scotland. Almost everyone leaving school or college today has one or more National Qualification.

NQs are mainly taken by learners in secondary schools and colleges (and some training providers). They can also be taken by adult learners.

They cover subjects to suit everyone's interests and skills.

Find out more by **clicking here**.

National Progression Awards (NPAs)

National Progression Awards (NPAs) are aimed at assessing a defined set of skills and knowledge in specialist vocaional areas – linking to National Occupational Standards, which are the basis of SVQs.

NPAs are available at SCQF Levels 2-6.

Find out more by **clicking here**.

National Certificates (NCs)

National Certificates prepare people for employment, career development or progression to more advanced study at HNC/HND level. They also aim to develop a range of transferable knowledge, including Core Skills. These certificates are aimed at 16-18 year olds or adults in full-time education and are at SCQF Levels 2-6. Each one has specific aims to a subject or occupational area.

Find out more by **clicking here**.

Scottish Vocational Qualifications (SVQs)

SVQs are work-based qualifications based on national standards, which are drawn up by people from industry, commerce and education.

There are SVQs for many occupations in Scotland.

Find out more by **clicking here**.

Higher National Qualifications (HNs)

HNs are offered by colleges, universities and many other training centres. Higher National Certificates (HNCs) and Higher National Diplomas (HNDs) are specially designed to meet the needs of employers.

HN Qualifications can also give candidates access to the 2nd or 3rd year entry at university and membership to professional bodies.

Find out more by **clicking here**.

Professional Development Awards (PDAs)

PDAs are aimed at developing the skills of those already in professional employment. They are principally designed for those already in a career or vocation who wish to extend or broaden their skills base. They may also be embedded within another qualification, such as HNC/HND.

Find out more by **clicking here**.

The table below shows how the new qualifications replace previous/ existing National Qualifications: **National Qualification SCQF** Level **Previous Award** National 1 Access 1 2 National 2 Access 2 3 **National 3** Access 3/Standard Grade (Foundation Level) - Grade 5/6 4 Intermediate 1/Standard Grade (General Level) - Grade 3/4 National 4 **5** Intermediate 2/Standard Grade (Credit Level) – Grade 1/2 National 5 **6**) Higher (new) Higher 7 Advanced Higher Advanced Higher (new)



Gain Your Degree by Studying at Borders College

Studying and gaining your degree at Borders College has never been easier. With a choice of ways to gain your degree, you can rest assured that there will be an option that suits your needs.

Whether you are a school leaver, returning to education or looking to progress your career, gaining a degree can be done locally, with flexibility, whilst also being affordable and enjoyable.

At Borders College you have the choice to study your degree either full-time, part-time or through our partnership with Universities, as well as the possibility of studying and gaining your full degree right here with us.

- Rural Business Degree (SRUC)
- Associate Degree Programmes in partnership with Heriot-Watt University from HND Business and HND Engineering
- Nursing Programmes (Napier University)
- The Open University

Borders College offers routes to degree courses in partnership with a wide range of universities. By working in partnership with these universities, we make sure that the content of our HNC and HND courses and our delivery are relevant and make progression possible.

We work in partnership with the following universities:

- Edinburgh Napier University
- Heriot-Watt University
- University of the Highlands and Islands
- Queen Margaret University
- The Open University
- Scotland's Rural College (SRUC)

The pathway between an HNC or an HND and a degree programme is called an articulation route. This is agreed between the College and a university and is reviewed annually.

This means that the university and the College have worked in partnership to make sure the content of your HN course matches the content of the first year or two of your chosen degree in order to ensure a smooth transition.

On completing an HNC or an HND, you can apply to go straight into the second or third year of a degree (Advanced Entry).

Universities welcome applications from college students, appreciating the breadth of experience and commitment to learning gained in a particular area.



Important Notice:

Borders College promotes known progression routes to other colleges and universities. Students who wish to pursue a progression opportunity should first clarify the latest entry requirements for that organisation before committing to any course of study with us. In addition, a university may change the entry requirements for advanced entry during the delivery of your chosen course

and the College may not be able to change that course content within the recruitment timeframe. Borders College has no control over entry requirements or any changes to entry requirements for courses at other colleges or universities.

Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework

Introduction to the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF)

What is the SCOF?

The SCQF is a way of comparing Scottish qualifications to other qualification frameworks. It does this by giving each qualification a level and a number of credit points. The level of a qualification shows how difficult the learning is.

The credit points show how much learning is involved in achieving that qualification. Each credit point represents an average of 10 hours of learning.

It covers achievements from school, college, university and many work-based qualifications.

This Framework diagram has been produced to show the mainstream Scottish qualifications already credit rated by SQA and Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). However, there are a diverse number of learning programmes on the Framework, which, due to the limitations of this format, cannot be represented here. For more information on the framework, please visit the SCQF website by **clicking here**. You can also view the interactive version of the Framework or search the Database.

For information on the SCQF level and credit points for learning programmes which have been credit rated, search the SCQF database by **clicking here**.

SCQF Level	s SQA Qualifications				Qualifications of Higher Education Institutions	Apprenticeships & SVQs
(2)			_		Doctoral Degree	Professional Apprenticeship
1					Masters Degree, Integrated Masters Degree, Post Graduate Diploma, Post Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship Professional Apprenticeship SVQ
10					Honours Degree, Graduate Diploma,Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship Professional Apprenticeship
9			Professional Development Award		Bachelors / Ordinary Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship Technical Apprenticeship SVQ
8		Higher National Diploma			Diploma Of Higher Education	Higher Apprenticeship Technical Apprenticeship SVQ
7	Advanced Higher, Awards, Scottish Baccalaureate	Higher National Certificate			Certificate Of Higher Education	Modern Apprenticeship SVQ
6	Higher, Awards, Skills for Work Higher	1	`	V		Modern Apprenticeship Foundation Apprenticeship SVQ
5	National 5, Awards, Skills for Work National 5					Modern Apprenticeship SVQ
4	National 4, Awards, Skills for Work National 4	National Certificate	National Progression Award			SVQ
3	National 3, Awards, Skills for Work National 3					
2	National 2, Awards					
	National 1, Awards					

Graduation

Borders College holds an annual Graduation Ceremony. This is a celebration of our students' success and takes place in September, when our Graduates receive their ceremonial certificates in front of proud family and friends.

All of our students who successfully complete an HNC or HND award will be eligible to graduate, as will those successfully completing a vocational qualification at SCQF Level 7 or above.

Graduation is an opportunity for students of Borders College to celebrate their achievement following the end of the course of study. Through their hard work and commitment they have earned the privilege of graduating and we look forward to acknowledging this at our ceremony.



Students' Association

As one of our students, whether full-time or part-time, day or evening attendant, you will automatically become a member of the Borders College Students' Association (BCSA).

What is the Students' Association?

BCSA is an organisation run for students by students. Our key aim is to improve the student experience at Borders College. We have a team of elected student officers who are committed to representing you on a range of issues, including learning and teaching, equalities and student support. All of our officers are available to provide help, support and signposting to any student at Borders College.

Each year, Borders College students elect a Student President. The President is the figurehead of the Students' Association. Their key purpose is to voice the needs of students to Senior Managers in the College, and to create opportunities that enhance the student experience.

BCSA hosts events, helps students set up clubs and societies, leads campaigns to improve the student experience, pushes for better College facilities, and represents the needs of Borders College students at a national level through their work with external partners.

Above all, student representation is BCSA's priority. This means listening to students, and using their feedback to improve the College. We provide loads of chances for students to let us know how they are getting on so that together, we can help make the College an even better place to study!



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English for Speakers of Other Languages ESOL



Borders College along with Community Learning and Development (CLD), offers English classes for adults living in the Scottish Borders where English is not their first language.

You can study at a range of levels, from beginners through to SCQF Level 5. Classes will be delivered online.

Once you have registered, you will be invited to an online assessment to decide what level of English is best for you.

Help and support

If you require further information or support with your application, please email: debi@ borderscollege.ac.uk. or telephone 01450 361030.

www.borderscollege.ac.uk/esol

get in touch

Call us: 01450 361 030

Email us: debi@borderscollege.ac.uk
Website: www.borderscollege.ac.uk/esol
Visit us: Borders College Hawick Campus



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Work Placements

As part of your studies you will have the opportunity to undertake a Work Experience Placement

This may include:

- Learning in simulated work environments, e.g. a salon within a college with paying clients
- Presentations from previous students who have moved into employment
- Enterprise activities
- Paid part-time employment
- Volunteering in a social enterprise or charity
- Pitches to peers and expert advisers
- Employer presentations
- Mentoring and coaching
- Practicing interviews
- Employer-led master classes
- Site visits
- Careers events

Work experience is a great opportunity to develop your employability skills, and it may even be your first opportunity to spend time in a real workplace. As such, it provides an opportunity to learn more about your industry, helping you to meet your career aspirations after College.

Here are some of the key benefits of undertaking a work experience placement:

- Develop employability skills
- Practical experience in the industry you wish to work in
- Opportunity to apply your learning and skills, helping to improve your knowledge and understanding
- Enhance your CV, improving future job opportunities

The College Work Placement Programme varies from course to course, and the timing of your work placement will be scheduled to fit in with your programme of study.



Read the Team Canada Blog by clicking here.



Further information about the Work Placement Programme will be given to you once you have enrolled, but in the meantime if you have any questions, please contact us on **01896 662600** or email: enquiries@borderscollege.ac.uk

Library Service

When you join Borders College, you automatically become a member of the Library Service, which gives you access to information and help for your studies. Our friendly team of staff are already looking forward to welcoming you to the Library at the Scottish Borders Campus in Galashiels.

In the Campus Library you will find:

- Over 50,000 books and magazines
- Over 11,000 eBooks and online educational videos covering every subject
- 100+ spaces for individual and group study
- "Shush bubbles" two rooms dedicated to silent study

- Café area with vending for tea, coffee, sandwiches and snacks
- Over 50+ PCs and iMacs
- Wi-Fi and plenty of charging points for your phone, tablet or laptop
- Extended opening hours through term time (including 10pm most nights and Saturday openings)
- A dedicated team of friendly staff who are here to help with everything from finding a book to writing essays

Students at our campuses in Hawick, Tweedbank and Jedburgh, as well as Galashiels, can access the online resources remotely, 24/7, through the Student Portal.

The Library team look forward to welcoming you and helping you make the most of your time at Borders College!



Department of Enterprise and Business Innovation

The Department of Enterprise and Business Innovation is a single point of contact providing practical help, support and advice for employers to enable them to develop the skills of their employees, providing bespoke training, accredited qualifications, vocational awards and short courses that increase productivity, find business solutions, and improve strategic decision making.

We work with businesses and local organisations to develop training packages that meet the requirements of the future workforce and use labour market intelligence to inform the development of new courses. Talk to us about your needs and how we can help your business to grow.

We proactively engage with our community and stakeholders to ensure our practice reflects their needs. We work with local and national employers and organisations both large and small to make sure that we are offering the opportunities you need to improve productivity.

We have training opportunities across a wide range of different subject areas. Whether you are a farmer looking for ATV training, a large public sector organisation seeking digital upskilling, an SME who needs 1-2-1 support or an individual looking to meet new people and learn new skills, we have the right course for you.

The major strength of the department is in the team of industry specialists who work with organisations and individuals to identify the most appropriate learning route for their employees. We offer a huge range of different courses across a diverse range of subjects including: Business and Administration; Health, Social Care and Childcare; Floristry; Photography; Astronomy; English for Speakers of Other Languages; Management; Rural Skills; Construction and Retrofit; Green Skills; Manufacturing.



Our Portfolio:

- Commercial Short Courses
- Modern Apprenticeships
- Skills for Life
- Community and Leisure Courses
- Advanced Manufacturing
- Innovation
- Employability and Sector-based Training
- Bespoke Training Packages

To find out more about the work of the DEBI and the courses offered, check out our **e-prospectus**.

Dedicated support workers commended on their success

Congratulations are in order for two candidates who recently completed their SVQ in Social Services and Healthcare qualification.

Read the full story by clicking here.

All Together Edinburgh are also celebrating student success as their trainees complete Skills Accreditation Qualifications. Debbie Douglas (CEO, All Together Edinburgh) said:

"We were so proud to see our trainees become graduates at our graduation ceremony on the 1st of October 2024. It was an amazing and emotional night attended by 55 people, including families, Carers, support staff, All Together trustees, staff and volunteers, and our local Green Party Councillor.

"Our graduates were delighted when they were presented with their Borders College certificates and let the audience know how much it meant to them when they got up on the stage and made their speeches. They were so proud of their achievements and delighted that their family and supporters were there to cheer them on and join in the celebration.

"We would like to thank Borders College for making this possible. The Ready for Retail and Skills Accreditation Programmes are great training programmes, and suited to the needs of our learners.

"Our trainees are able to increase their knowledge, skills and confidence at a level and pace that suits them. Their qualifications help them to move on to employment, further education or voluntary work, and they feel respected and valued members of the community."



For further information on our provision please contact one of our Business Skills Advisors on **01450 361030** or email us: <u>debi@borderscollege.ac.uk</u> <u>www.borderscollege.ac.uk/debi</u>



STEM Hub, Hawick

The Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) Hub is a space to celebrate all of the aforementioned, with a focus on sustainable construction.

Within the hub, there are examples of the latest technology within the industry for use by students, staff and employers. Technologies within the hub will include:

- Thermal Imaging
- 3D Printing
- Virtual Reality
- Construction Design Software

Attached to the hub is the Eco Room, which utilises a Passive House approach to ensure high energy efficiency, making the best use of:

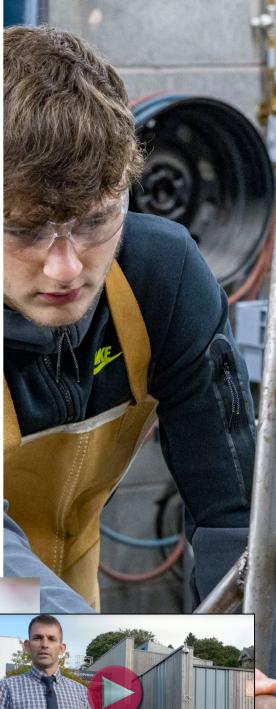
- Sustainable Materials
- Superinsulation
- Triple Glazing
- Biodiverse Green Roof Technology
- Airtightness Principles
- Mechanical Ventilation with Heat Recovery

Environmental monitoring, airtightness testing and thermal imaging will help to demonstrate how the methods used to build the Eco Room help us to imporove energy efficiency and meet our carbon emissions targets.

The Renewables Room aims to facilitate the training of our students, apprentices and local businesses on the latest developments within the renewable energy sector.

- Air and Ground Source Heat Pumps
- Solar Thermal Water Heating
- Solar Photovoltaic Panels
- Battery storage systems
- Electric Vehicle Charging Technology







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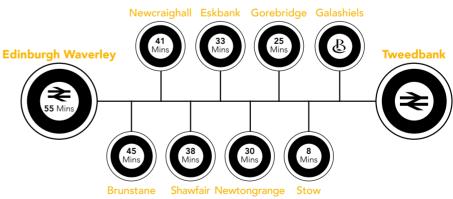


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