

# HIGHER EDUCATION AND ACCESS TO HE 2026/27

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A portrait of Jackie Moores, Principal and CEO of Tameside College, is shown on the left side of the page. She is a woman with dark hair, smiling, wearing a dark top and a necklace with a star pendant.

**JACKIE MOORES**  
Principal and CEO,  
Tameside College

# WELCOME

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## WELCOME FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome — and thank you for your interest in our Higher Education and Access to HE courses at Tameside College. As part of our commitment to the local community, we proudly serve the wider Tameside borough.

According to the 2021 Census, around a quarter of Tameside residents hold a Level 4 qualification or higher (e.g. HNC/ HND, degree, postgraduate study), compared with higher proportions seen elsewhere. At the same time, a significant portion of the adult population has limited formal qualifications — which underlines the need for accessible, high-quality local HE and vocational learning.

By offering HE courses within Tameside, we can provide meaningful opportunities for residents who might otherwise struggle to access degree-level study. Our programmes are designed to support skills gaps and strengthen the local workforce — ensuring that both individuals and employers benefit.

At Tameside College, we place students at the heart of everything we do. Our course offerings are specifically selected to meet local needs and employer demand. Current HE courses include computing (with a focus on cyber security), engineering (mechanical and electrical/ electronic) and teacher education - all developed in partnership with respected institutions such as University of Huddersfield, Pearson, Amazon and Siemens.

Whether you're an adult returning to learning or an employer seeking to upskill your workforce — our HE programmes are designed for you. By remaining local, you retain your community and support network, while gaining qualifications that can open doors to rewarding careers.

We believe in enabling ambition — and through our HE provision, we are proud to contribute to the growth, resilience and future prosperity of Tameside and beyond. Start your journey today; take a look through the prospectus then visit [he.tameside.ac.uk](https://he.tameside.ac.uk) to make an application to us.

We look forward to welcoming you to Tameside College.



# ABOUT HE AT TAMESIDE COLLEGE

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## ABOUT HIGHER EDUCATION (HE) AT TAMESIDE COLLEGE

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Higher Education (HE) at Tameside College is designed to respond directly to local and regional skills needs, with a strong focus on Teacher Education, Engineering and Digital provision. Nestled within Greater Manchester, Tameside carries the echoes of its industrial past, having played a pivotal role during the Industrial Revolution in textile production, manufacturing and coal mining. Today, the college honours that legacy by fostering innovation, resilience and progress through education that supports modern industry and workforce requirements. We take pride in nurturing a vibrant academic community where students can thrive, supported by experienced staff, strong employer links and industry-informed curricula. With a rich history spanning several decades, Tameside College has established itself as a trusted destination for Higher Education and Access to Higher Education programmes, offering clear progression routes that empower learners to advance their careers while contributing to the continued growth and development of the local economy.

### Access to Higher Education:

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Tameside College offers a wide range of courses that empower learners to transform their lives and gain access to Higher Education within just one year of focused study. We recognise that many individuals may have taken alternative routes or experienced interruptions in their education, and our provision is designed to create meaningful second-chance opportunities. Through our Access to Higher Education courses, learners develop the essential skills, knowledge and confidence needed to succeed in higher-level study, while opening pathways into in-demand careers and further professional progression. These programmes are carefully structured to support personal growth, academic readiness and career ambition. This ensures that students are equipped not only to access Higher Education, but to thrive within it and beyond.

### HE Courses:

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Higher Education at Tameside College is designed to meet the evolving needs of both learners and local employers, offering a flexible blend of part-time and full-time courses that support professional development alongside work and personal commitments. Our HE provision is firmly rooted in developing the specialist skills required by industries across the Greater Manchester area, ensuring that students gain practical, career-ready expertise that directly contributes to local workforce development. We offer a wide variety of Higher Education courses, including engineering, computing and teaching qualifications, all informed by close collaboration with employers to ensure relevance, innovation and real-world application. No matter your goal – whether you are starting your higher-level studies or progressing your existing skills – our dedicated staff are here to guide, challenge and support you every step of the way. Through high-quality teaching, industry-standard facilities and a supportive learning environment, Tameside College enables students to build confidence, enhance employability and achieve meaningful progression within their chosen sector.





Graduation 2024



Paris Backhouse  
2024



Matthew Fillipini  
2024

# ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION

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Tameside College's Access to Higher Education (HE) programmes empower individuals without traditional qualifications to take the next step towards university. Designed for adult learners in mind, these courses open doors to new opportunities, helping students build confidence, gain essential skills and achieve their academic and career ambitions right here in Tameside and beyond.

## Access to Nursing, Midwifery and Allied Health Professions

**Daytime and Evening options available**

An Access to Nursing, Midwifery and Allied Health Professions course at Tameside College prepares learners to progress onto higher-level study and careers in nursing, midwifery, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, healthcare support and other allied health professions. The course develops essential healthcare knowledge, practical skills and professional understanding; providing a strong foundation for further study and enabling learners to enter rewarding roles that directly contribute to patient care and the wider health and social care sector.

**Entry requirements:** GCSE grade C/4 (or above) in English, GCSE grade C/4 (or above) or Functional Skills Level 2 in maths. Although not mandatory for Access, some universities request GCSE science at grade C/4 or above – please check with your university of choice for their requirements.

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## Access to Social Science (Law and Criminology)

**Daytime option available**

An Access to Social Science (Law and Criminology) course at Tameside College prepares learners to progress onto higher-level study and careers in law, criminal justice, policing, probation services, legal administration and related professions. The course develops critical thinking, research skills and an understanding of legal and criminal systems; providing a solid foundation for further study in law, criminology, policing or social justice fields - opening pathways to roles that make a real impact in society.

**Entry requirements:** GCSE grade C/4 (or above) in English, GCSE grade C/4 (or above) or Functional Skills Level 2 in maths.

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## Access to Engineering

**Daytime option available**

An Access to Engineering course at Tameside College prepares learners to progress onto higher-level study and careers in engineering, manufacturing, and related technical industries. The course develops essential mathematical, scientific, and problem-solving skills alongside practical and technical knowledge, providing a strong foundation for further study and enabling learners to pursue in-demand engineering careers that contribute to innovation, infrastructure, and technological advancement.

**Entry requirements:** GCSE grade C/4 (or above) in English Language, GCSE grade C/4 (or above) in maths, GCSE grade C/4 (or above) in science.

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## Access to Computing and Digital Technology

### Daytime and Evening options available

An Access to Computing and Digital Technology course at Tameside College prepares learners to progress onto higher-level study and careers in software development, networking, cybersecurity, data analysis, IT support and other technology-driven roles. The course develops essential technical skills, problem-solving abilities and digital literacy; providing a strong foundation for further study and enabling learners to pursue in-demand careers in the rapidly evolving digital and computing sector.

**Entry requirements:** 5 x GCSE grade C/4 (or above), including maths or English or BTEC Level 2 in Computing or related field (merit grade). If you do not have these qualifications, but have considerable work-related experience in the area, then you may still be eligible.

## Access to Teaching

### Daytime option available

An Access to Teaching course at Tameside College prepares learners to progress onto higher-level study and careers in primary and secondary education, teaching support roles, educational leadership and special educational needs (SEN) support. The course develops essential pedagogical knowledge, classroom management skills, and professional understanding, providing a strong foundation for further study and enabling learners to pursue rewarding careers shaping the next generation of learners.

**Entry requirements:** GCSE grade C/4 (or above) in English, GCSE grade C/4 (or above), GCSE grade C/4 (or above) in science.

## Access to Science and Allied Medical Professions

### Daytime option available

An Access to Science and Allied Medical Professions course at Tameside College prepares learners to progress onto higher-level study and careers in medicine, biomedical science, pharmacy, laboratory research, and other allied health professions. The course develops essential scientific knowledge, analytical skills, and practical laboratory experience, providing a strong foundation for further study and enabling learners to pursue in-demand careers that contribute to healthcare, research and scientific innovation.

**Entry requirements:** GCSE grade C/4 (or above) in English, GCSE grade C/4 (or above) or Functional Skills Level 2 in maths, GCSE grade B/5 (above) or 2 x grade C/4 (or above) in science.

We are happy to offer a conditional place for anyone resitting their GCSE's who will receive their results in August 2026 (pending a C/4 is gained). For anyone with qualifications lower than the above requirements, then we advise carrying out GCSE's prior to applying for an Access course. Applicants can register for an assessment for GCSE courses starting September, by visiting our website.  
*Please note that some universities may require additional qualifications alongside the Access course for entry onto their programmes. Applicants are advised to check directly with their chosen university for specific entry requirements.*

# CHOOSING THE RIGHT HE LEVEL

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At Tameside College, we understand that selecting the right Higher Education (HE) course is an important step in shaping your future career. To help you make an informed decision, our prospectus provides clear guidance on course levels and their relevance to your goals. Level 4 courses introduce higher-level study and technical skills, providing a strong foundation in your chosen subject, while Level 5 courses build on this knowledge, offering advanced practical and professional expertise that can enhance your career prospects.

## Higher National Certificates (HNC), Higher National Diplomas (HND) and Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQ)

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Tameside College offer Higher National Certificates (HNC), Higher National Diplomas (HND) and Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQ) through Pearson. These recognised qualifications combine academic study with real-world application, equipping learners with highly sought-after skills such as problem-solving, project management, research, data analysis, digital literacy and industry-specific technical expertise. Learners gain hands-on experience through practical assignments, workplace simulations and sector-aligned projects, ensuring they can apply their knowledge directly in professional settings.

Designed with flexibility in mind, these courses can often be studied alongside employment allowing learners to develop their career while gaining higher-level qualifications. This approach not only supports continued income but also enables learners to immediately apply new skills in the workplace, increasing their value to employers and enhancing opportunities for promotion.

Completing an HNC, HND or HTQ can provide a significant competitive edge; preparing learners for higher-level roles, in-demand career pathways and improved earning potential.

Our dedicated staff are on hand to guide you through the course selection process ensuring you choose a programme that aligns with your skills, ambitions, career aspirations and helping you balance study alongside work and other commitments.

## Level 3 Award in Education and Teaching

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If you're not yet sure whether teaching is the right career for you, Tameside College offers a Level 3 Award in Education and Teaching. This is a 12-week course designed to give you a practical introduction to the profession. This programme allows you to experience what it's like to teach, explore the skills and qualities required and gain a clear insight into the rewarding nature of the role.

Teaching is a career that not only develops your own skills but also helps to shape the lives of others, making a real difference in your students' learning, confidence and future opportunities. This short course is the perfect way to discover whether a career in teaching is your path.



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## Teacher Education Programmes

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We offer a comprehensive suite of Teacher Education programmes developed in collaboration with, and validated by, the University of Huddersfield. These courses are designed to prepare educators from all sectors and backgrounds to teach the next generation of the workforce and future academic scholars, supporting lifelong learning and professional development. Our programmes focus on equipping teachers with the knowledge, skills and confidence to make a lasting impact in their students' lives - whether in Further Education, Higher Education or adult learning environments.

We offer a range of qualifications to suit varying levels of experience and academic backgrounds:

- **Certificate in Education (CertEd):** Ideal for learners who hold a Level 3 qualification in their specialist subject and have substantial vocational experience. This programme develops practical teaching skills, curriculum planning, assessment strategies, and professional practice to enable learners to become effective educators.
- **Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE):** Designed for individuals with an honours degree who wish to train to teach in the Lifelong Learning sector. The PGCE combines academic study with practical teaching experience, fostering professional confidence and competence.

- **Postgraduate Diploma (PGDip):** For those meeting the entry requirements, this programme delivers all modules at Master's level, providing advanced professional development and the opportunity to specialise further within the teaching profession.

These programmes are structured to develop a broad range of practical and in-demand teaching skills, including lesson planning, curriculum design, assessment and feedback strategies, classroom management, inclusive teaching practices and digital pedagogy. By integrating academic study with real-world teaching practice, learners gain the confidence and expertise required to inspire students and contribute meaningfully to the Lifelong Learning sector.

Some specialist subject areas may also be eligible for a bursary to support study. Full details on eligibility and funding can be found at the [UK Government website](#).  
(Search - FE ITE Bursary Funding 2025–2026).

At Tameside College, our Teacher Education programmes not only prepare you to deliver high-quality teaching but also empower you to shape the future workforce and nurture the next generation of academic and vocational talent. Whether you are starting your teaching journey or advancing your professional expertise, our dedicated staff are here to guide, challenge and support you every step of the way.

Subject	Bursary
Computing	£31,000
Engineering or manufacturing	£31,000
Mathematics	£31,000
Science, including biology, chemistry, or physics	£31,000
Special educational needs and disabilities	£15,000
English (capped at 100 places)	£10,000

Bursary Information

TAMESIDE COLLEGE IS  
A PROUD TO BE PART OF  
GREATER MANCHESTER  
INSTITUTE OF  
TECHNOLOGY (GMIOIOT)

**GMIOIOT ensures that the college's focus on developing skills and expertise in science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) sectors will remain a priority.**

We have developed an excellent reputation for delivering degree level qualifications in STEM which contribute to the economic prosperity of both our learners and the economy. Much of this success is through partnerships with large employers such as Siemens, Amazon and other leading brand names. The support of GMIOIOT will introduce new employers with the local pipeline of talent.



## BENEFITS FOR GMIOIOT STUDENTS:

- + Qualifications that are relevant - designed with and for industry partners
- + Students have access to state of the art facilities, including simulation workplace facilities and high-tech equipment
- + Frequent exposure to the workplace and employers through visits, guest speakers, live industry briefs and placement opportunity
- + Student mentoring and support to participate in WorldSkills and leading sector competitions including hackathons, Dragon's Den, mock interviews and career advice
- + Perfectly placed to get to know large employers in the region, finding out about exciting career opportunities
- + Additional learning support provided, where required
- + A network larger than one location i.e. students may be based at Tame side College but will belong to the GM IOIOT community and have the same high quality experience

Find out more about GMIOIOT courses on pages 15 & 17, or visit  
<https://he.tameside.ac.uk/about/greater-manchester-institute-of-technology>

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# PARTNERS / INSTITUTIONS

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## University of Huddersfield

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The college's partnership with the University of Huddersfield on the Teacher Education programmes brings together academic excellence and professional expertise to provide an outstanding learning experience. This collaboration ensures that learners benefit from rigorous, research-informed teaching, access to high-quality resources and the very best in pedagogical development. From the first day of study, students are supported throughout their journey, receiving personalised guidance, practical teaching experience and opportunities to develop the skills and confidence needed to succeed. By combining academic knowledge with real-world practice, this partnership enhances career prospects, preparing aspiring teachers to make a meaningful impact in classrooms across the Lifelong Learning sector.

## The Open University

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Tameside College's partnership with the Open University on our degree programmes combines the college's supportive learning environment with the Open University's commitment to academic excellence and flexible, adult-focused education. This collaboration ensures that learners benefit from high-quality teaching, innovative resources and evidence-based pedagogical development, all tailored to support adults in personal progression and lifelong learning. The Open University's ethos of widening access and enabling adults to achieve their potential complements our mission, providing guidance and structured support throughout the learner journey. Together, we equip students with the knowledge, practical skills and professional confidence needed to succeed in their chosen careers, while fostering personal growth, academic achievement and opportunities for career advancement in a variety of sectors.

## Pearson

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Tameside College works closely with Pearson to deliver Level 4 and Level 5 programmes that combine academic excellence with highly practical, industry-relevant skills. Pearson's qualifications are developed in collaboration with employers to ensure that learners acquire the knowledge, competencies and technical expertise needed to succeed in today's competitive workforce. This partnership means that our courses are continually informed by current industry standards, giving students the opportunity to develop skills that are in high demand, including problem-solving, project management, digital literacy and sector-specific technical abilities.

# HIGHER EDUCATION MODULAR COURSES

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In today's fast-changing world, developing your skills has never been more important. Whether you're looking to progress in your current role, explore a new career direction, or simply strengthen your professional expertise, flexible learning can open the door to new opportunities. Employers increasingly recognise the value of investing in the upskilling of their workforce, and many are actively supporting staff to gain industry-relevant knowledge that makes an immediate impact.

Our modular approach to Higher Education is designed to fit around real life. We understand that committing to a full qualification can feel overwhelming, especially when balancing work, family, and other responsibilities. That's why you can choose to study one module at a time—building your skills at a pace that works for you. Each module offers practical, career-focused learning, and many can be taken as standalone Higher Technical Qualification (HTQ) modules, giving you recognised, job-ready skills without the need to enrol on a full programme.

Whether you want to enhance your current role or take the next step in your professional journey, our flexible HE modules give you the freedom, support, and quality learning you need to succeed



# THE MODULES YOU CAN STUDY

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## CONSTRUCTION DESIGN PROJECT: DESIGN

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You'll take a Construction project from concept to completion - developing creative design solutions, producing professional drawings and documentation, and tackling real-world construction challenges. Working to industry standards, you'll plan, problem-solve, collaborate, and bring your ideas to life through practical design and build activities.

## ENGINEERING DESIGN

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You'll explore the full design process—from identifying a need, generating innovative concepts, and developing prototypes, to evaluating performance and refining your work. Along the way, you'll apply practical engineering principles, use industry-standard tools, and build the problem-solving mindset that drives modern engineering. By the end, you'll be ready to design with confidence, communicate ideas clearly, and deliver engineered solutions that make an impact.

## PRINCIPLES OF BUSINESS SUSTAINABILITY

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Sustainability is no longer just a corporate buzzword; it is a fundamental business need. As organisations worldwide face growing pressure from stakeholders, regulators and consumers to act responsibly; integrating sustainability into core business strategies has become essential. This unit provides an in depth exploration of sustainability principles, equipping students and professionals with the knowledge and skills to drive meaningful environmental, social and economic impact.

## FUNDAMENTALS OF AI AND INTELLIGENT SYSTEMS

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This course is ideal for business leaders and decision-makers looking to integrate AI into their strategy, employees in both technical and non-technical roles interested in AI adoption and professionals across various industries such as finance, healthcare, retail, and manufacturing.

## CYBER SECURITY

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You will gain insight into the types of systems and technologies available for effective information processing. You will use critical analysis to examine the integrated role that each type of system and technology plays in contributing to the efficiency and competitiveness of organisations.

Applicants who successfully complete either the Fundamentals of AI and/or the Cyber Security courses will be eligible for a reduction in tuition fees if progressing to the HNC in Computing (Cyber or General pathways) see [page 15](#).



# TAMESIDE ALUMNI

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Shafia Begum

Postgraduate Certificate of Education (Huddersfield)  
Teaching ESOL within FE



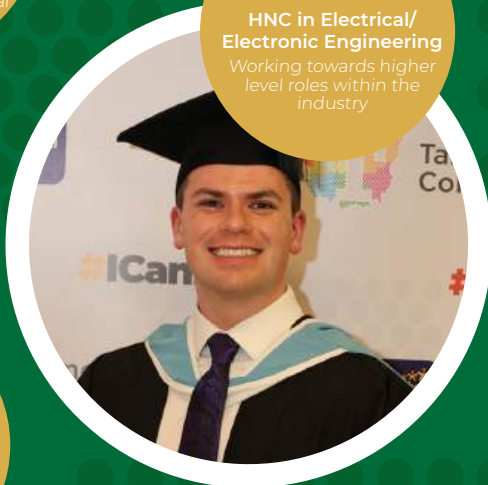
Declan Edwards

HND in Electrical/Electronic Engineering  
Promoted to Project and Design Manager at EAS Electrical & Mechanical Engineers



Aaron Lee

HNC in Electrical/Electronic Engineering  
Working towards higher level roles within the industry



Kimberley Gill

Certificate of Education (Huddersfield)  
Teaching within adult community education



# COURSES

For further course information, including course content, please visit <https://he.tameside.ac.uk/HECourses>

## Higher National Certificate in Computing (Cyber Security) – Level 4 (HNC)

### Awarding Body:

Pearson

### UCAS Ref:

FH00

### Course code:

FH0008MQ/1

### Site:

Tameside One

### Duration:

1 year (full time)

### Cost:

£6185

### Entry requirements:

- Level 3 qualification in computing or related fields (e.g. BTEC)
- GCE Advanced Level profile with relevant subjects such as IT, computer science or mathematics
- GCSE C/4 or above (or equivalent\*) in both English and mathematics
- 64 UCAS points or relevant industry experience
- Candidates with equivalent qualifications or significant work experience in IT may also apply as this will be taken into consideration
- Subject to a satisfactory interview

## Higher National Certificate in Computing (General) – Level 4 (HNC)

### Awarding Body:

Pearson

### UCAS Ref:

FH00

### Course code:

FH0010MQ/1

### Site:

Tameside One

### Duration:

1 year (full time)

### Cost:

£6185

### Entry requirements:

- Level 3 qualification in computing or related fields (e.g. BTEC)
- GCE Advanced Level profile with relevant subjects such as IT, computer science or mathematics
- GCSE C/4 or above (or equivalent\*) in both English and mathematics
- 64 UCAS points or relevant industry experience
- Candidates with equivalent qualifications or significant work experience in IT may also apply as this will be taken into consideration
- Subject to a satisfactory interview

## Higher National Diploma in Computing (Cyber Security) – Level 5 (HND)

### Awarding Body:

Pearson

### UCAS Ref:

FH00

### Course code:

FH0009MQ/1

### Site:

Tameside One

### Duration:

1 year (full time)

### Cost:

£6185

### Entry requirements:

- Higher National Certificate in Computing (Cyber Security) – Level 4 (HNC)
- Subject to a satisfactory interview
- Candidates with equivalent qualifications or significant work experience in IT may also apply as this will be taken into consideration

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*All courses on page 15 and 17 are part of the Greater Manchester Institute of Technology*

# COURSES

## CONTINUED

For further course information, including course content, please visit <https://he.tameside.ac.uk/HECourses>

### Certificate in Education - Level 5

**Awarding Body:**  
University of Huddersfield  
**UCAS Ref:**  
Direct application only  
**Course code:**  
MHF018MQ/1  
**Site:**  
Beaufort Road  
**Duration:**  
2 years (part time)  
**Cost:**  
£3095 per year

#### Entry requirements:

- GCSE C/4 or above (or equivalent\*) in both English and mathematics
- Level 3 qualification (usually, but not exclusively in their teaching subject)
- Be in paid employment, or working as a volunteer teacher or trainer, for a minimum of 250 hours (at least 125 hours in any one year for the part-time course) at a recognised training or educational establishment
- Identify Subject and Professional Mentors who can guide you in your subject specialism and professional development
- Subject to a satisfactory interview and reference
- An Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check will be made on each applicant

### Professional Graduate Certificate in Education - Level 6

**Awarding Body:**  
University of Huddersfield  
**UCAS Ref:**  
Direct application only  
**Course code:**  
MHF019MQ/1  
**Site:**  
Beaufort Road  
**Duration:**  
2 years (part time)  
**Cost:**  
£3095 per year

#### Entry requirements:

- Applicants must have a 2:2 Honours, desirably in the subject they wish to teach
- GCSE C/4 or above (or equivalent\*) in both English and mathematics
- Level 3 qualification (usually, but not exclusively in their teaching subject)
- Be in paid employment, or working as a volunteer teacher or trainer, for a minimum of 250 hours (at least 125 hours in any one year for the part-time course) at a recognised training or educational establishment
- Identify Subject and Professional Mentors who can guide you in your subject specialism and professional development
- Subject to a satisfactory interview and reference
- An Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check will be made on each applicant

### Post Graduate Certificate in Education - Level 7

**Awarding Body:**  
University of Huddersfield  
**UCAS Ref:**  
Direct application only  
**Course code:**  
MHF020MQ/1  
**Site:**  
Beaufort Road  
**Duration:**  
2 years (part time)  
**Cost:**  
£3095 per year

#### Entry requirements:

- Applicants must have a 2:1 Honours, desirably in the subject they wish to teach
- GCSE C/4 or above (or equivalent\*) in both English and mathematics
- Level 3 qualification (usually, but not exclusively in their teaching subject)
- Be in paid employment, or working as a volunteer teacher or trainer, for a minimum of 250 hours (at least 125 hours in any one year for the part-time course) at a recognised training or educational establishment
- Identify Subject and Professional Mentors who can guide you in your subject specialism and professional development
- Subject to a satisfactory interview and reference
- An Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check will be made on each applicant

# COURSES

## CONTINUED

For further course information, including course content, please visit <https://he.tameside.ac.uk/HECourses>

### HTQ in Electrical / Electronic Engineering - Level 4 (HNC)

**Awarding Body:**

Pearson

**UCAS Ref:**

Direct applications only

**Course code:**

DH0033MQ/1

**Site:**

Beaufort Road

**Duration:**

2 years (part time)

**Cost:**

£3095 per year

**Entry requirements:**

- 32 UCAS points from a recognised level 3 qualification in a related subject (e.g. T-Level, BTEC or A Level) or higher level qualification in an unrelated subject area
- GCSE C/4 or above (or equivalent\*) in both English and mathematics
- Subject to a satisfactory interview

### HTQ in Electrical / Electronic Engineering – Level 5 (HND)

**Awarding Body:**

Pearson

**UCAS Ref:**

Direct applications only

**Course code:**

DH0044MQ/1

**Site:**

Beaufort Road

**Duration:**

2 years (part time)

**Cost:**

£3095 per year

**Entry requirements:**

- HTQ in Electrical / Electronic Engineering – Level 4
- Subject to a satisfactory interview

### HTQ in Mechanical Engineering – Level 4 (HNC)

**Awarding Body:**

Pearson

**UCAS Ref:**

Direct applications only

**Course code:**

DH0031MQ/1

**Site:**

Beaufort Road

**Duration:**

2 years (part time)

**Cost:** £3095 per year

**Entry requirements:**

- 32 UCAS points from a recognised level 3 qualification in a related subject (e.g. T-Level, BTEC or A Level) or higher level qualification in an unrelated subject area
- GCSE C/4 or above (or equivalent\*) in both English and mathematics
- Subject to a satisfactory interview

### HTQ in Mechanical Engineering – Level 5 (HND)

**Awarding Body:**

Pearson

**UCAS Ref:**

Direct applications only

**Course code:**

DH0042MQ/1

**Site:**

Beaufort Road

**Duration:**

2 years (part time)

**Cost:**

£3095 per year

**Entry requirements:**

- HTQ in Mechanical Engineering – Level 4 (HNC)
- Subject to a satisfactory interview

# HOW TO APPLY

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You can apply to Tameside College by visiting [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com) and searching for Tameside College in the search engine.

The UCAS deadline for Undergraduate courses is 14 January. For courses starting in 2026/27, the application fee is £28.95 for a single choice.

If applying via UCAS, please check regularly for updates on your application; alternatively, we accept direct applications via our website: <https://he.tameside.ac.uk/about/how-to-apply1>

## Application process

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- Submit a completed application form via UCAS or direct via our website
- Upon receipt of your application, a telephone interview will be arranged with subject specialist. Please note, if you are applying for a course that is in partnership with the University of Huddersfield, then attendance to an information session and further assessment may be required.
- After your interview, you may receive an unconditional offer or a conditional place on the programme starting in September.
- References may be asked for at this stage. We may also ask for a DBS to be completed as well.
- You will receive an offer email, along with terms and conditions of the course. You will also be informed of college news and events throughout the year.
- Unconditional offers will be invited in June to enrol. Conditional offers will be invited in to enrol in August.
- For more information, please refer to our HE Admissions and Recruitment Policy by visiting:  
<https://he.tameside.ac.uk/about/policies>

## Open Events

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We pride ourselves on supporting current and future students in making the right decision when it comes to their future career ideas.

The aim of our open events is to enable you to get the best advice about our provision and next steps.

Our events will support you in getting:

- *Course information from industry experienced teachers*
- *A view of college / HE life*
- *Information about our plans for the future and our estate*

Book a place for our next open event by visiting <https://he.tameside.ac.uk/about/open-events-interview-evenings>



# FAQ'S

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## **How can I find out the information about my course, such as content to be covered, costs etc?**

You can find out more about your course either on the UCAS site, or by visiting <https://he.tameside.ac.uk/> - alternatively, you can speak with our HE Admissions team on 0161 908 6774.

## **Where can I get student loan advice?**

To find out more about the full range of support available to help you make the best possible investment in your future, please visit [www.gov.uk/studentfinance](http://www.gov.uk/studentfinance)

## **Where can I find Tameside College's HE policies and procedures?**

All our policies and procedures can be found by visiting <https://he.tameside.ac.uk/about/policies> - however if you need a copy of a specific policy emailing to you, please do not hesitate to contact our HE Admissions team on 0161 908 6774 who can arrange this for you.

## **I don't currently live in the UK; can I still apply?**

Unfortunately, Tameside College are unable to accept applications from overseas students.

## **Is there a deadline for applications?**

No, however we do recommend applying prior to April to ensure that your place is secured for September. We take applications right up until the course start date, however are unable to start learners more than 2 weeks into a course.

## **I am being sponsored by my employer; how do I pay?**

When you are invited to enrol at the college, we would require you to bring a letter from your employer (on company letterhead) to state they are going to pay your course fees. Our finance team would then invoice your employer accordingly.

## **Who are my key contacts?**

**Admissions**  
[HEadmissions@tameside.ac.uk](mailto:HEadmissions@tameside.ac.uk)

**HE Quality**  
[HEquality@tameside.ac.uk](mailto:HEquality@tameside.ac.uk)

**Student Services**  
[studentservices@tameside.ac.uk](mailto:studentservices@tameside.ac.uk)

**Assistant Principal (HE)**  
[Jennie.Arnold@tameside.ac.uk](mailto:Jennie.Arnold@tameside.ac.uk)

# COLLEGE FACILITIES

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## Learning Hub

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Our Learning Hubs combine traditional learning materials such as books, journals and DVDs, with our on-line resources. Through our online library catalogues, you can find the resources you need for your course if not, just ask a member of the team.

## Fitness Suite

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The Fitness Suite is a bright spacious room with the latest Life Fitness and Hammer Strength Equipment. All students have access to this space and with its very own studio, it's a great environment for students to work out during free periods or after classes.

## Sports Hall

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We have a large 4 court sports hall located in the Health & Fitness Hub and this allows us to host a number of activities for all students to take part in.



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## The Restaurant at Tameside One

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At our fine dining training restaurant, we provide a polite, welcoming and friendly atmosphere. Our students aim to serve every dish with passion and professionalism to exceed your expectations.

## The Salon

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Our state-of-the-art town centre commercial salon offers hair and beauty treatments, run by our full and part time learners, supervised by our team of qualified teachers and assessors.

## Costa Coffee

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We have an onsite Costa at both our Tameside One and Beaufort Road campuses, offering a welcome break for learners.



# STUDENT LIFE

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## Student Reps

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Tameside College values the views of all learners enrolled onto HE programmes and is committed to improving the learner experience. Effective communication is key in this process. For this reason, we expect that every Higher Education programme has at least one student rep.

Student reps are elected by their peer group and are expected to both pass comments and suggestions from that group about their course to the staff in that area and equally, to relay information back to the group from the staff and managers of the course. HE student reps will undertake training during the first term and then will be invited to attend programme meetings throughout the academic year.



## Manchester

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A 10-minute train ride from Ashton under Lyne, Manchester is the north's largest city and has a diverse population, iconic music heritage and outstanding sporting history.

Whether you're feeling cultural, love to shop 'till you drop or want to enjoy the amazing night life it has to offer, Manchester really does offer something for everyone.

## Enrichment opportunities

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Here at Tameside College, we believe that learning should not be exclusive to the classroom, if we can take our teaching and learning outside of the classroom we will.

Each curriculum area is open to ideas and discussions regarding trips and visits students feel will enhance their experience with us and their learning. Trips and visits are additional to course costs, and therefore need consideration when planning.



# STUDENT SUPPORT

## Wellbeing

Mental health and wellbeing affect every part of the student experience, so our Wellbeing and Safeguarding Team is here to support you. Whether you're facing difficulties big or small, feeling stressed, or under pressure at home or during your course, we're ready to listen and help you manage these challenges.

You can access a variety of support options, including one-to-one appointments, Drop-In sessions, online resources and referrals to external agencies. For students with disabilities, mental health conditions, long-term health issues, we encourage booking a support appointment to discuss available assistance, such as student support plans and help with Disabled Student Allowance (DSA) applications.

We also provide access to trusted online mental health platforms. Contact us via the student hubs or email if you need support—we're here to help you feel safe and supported throughout your time at Tameside.





# FEES AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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## Enrolling on a Higher Education Programme

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Enrolling on a Higher Education Programme is a smart investment in your future, with graduates earning on average £15,000 per year more than non-graduates over their working lifetime.

Graduates are also twice as likely to find work. With this in mind, if it's the thought of paying for your education that's holding you back, don't let it. It's much more affordable than you think and will prove to be the best investment in your future you can make.

## Tuition Fees & Student Loans

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All students on a Higher Education course can cover the cost of tuition fees through a student loan. Students do not need to pay any fees either upfront before starting the course or while studying. Instead, you can apply for a student loan to cover your tuition fees, which is then paid direct to the College in your behalf. These loans are dependent on your income and are available to all part-time and full-time students.

For more information, please visit <https://he.tameside.ac.uk/about/funding-your-he-course>



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## Repayments

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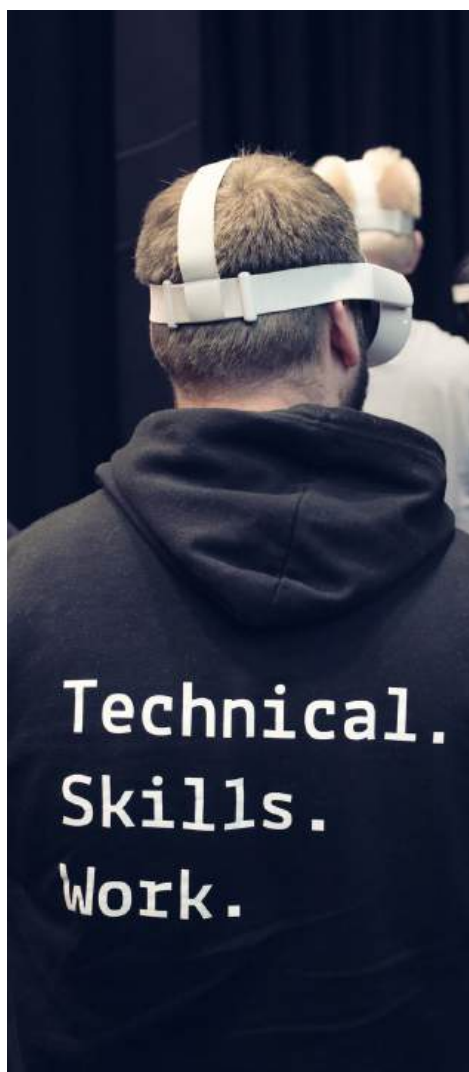
You'll be due to start repaying your loan in the April after you leave or complete your course, whichever comes first.

You pay back your loan (plus interest) when you finish your course and are earning more than £524 per week, £2,274 per month or £27,295 per year. You pay interest from the day the first payment is made to the College until your loan has been paid back in full.

Your repayments will stop if your income drops below £27,295 a year. Your monthly repayment amount will be 9% of any income you earn over £27,295.

There's also help available with living costs for full time students. These are paid back in the same way as your tuition fee loan.

Other help is also available to find out more about the full range of support available to help you make the best possible investment in your future, visit:  
[www.gov.uk/studentfinance](http://www.gov.uk/studentfinance)



# STUDENT SURVEY

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Survey was made available to 101 HE students, to which 77 completed

**91%**

like how well the course links together

**93%**

agree teachers know their subject well

**92%**

agreed they are developing their skills to work independently

**93%**

agreed having access to course-specific resources

**95%**

agreed having the opportunity to work with others

**97%**

agreed work was assessed fairly

**92%**

agreed they were given clear and constructive feedback during reviews

**99%**

agree they feel safe at college and working online

**96%**

agreed they were treated fairly and with respect

**92%**

were satisfied the college had a HE Ethos

# TRAVEL INFORMATION

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**LOCATED CLOSE TO ASHTON TOWN CENTRE'S TRANSPORT HUB, TAMESIDE COLLEGE IS ACCESSIBLE FROM VARIOUS LOCATIONS ACROSS MANCHESTER.**



## **By bus:**

Ashton Interchange has numerous services that run frequently. Many of the routes have buses running every 15 minutes. Our Tameside One campus is in the centre of Ashton-under-Lyne and our Beaufort Road campus is just a ten minute walk away.

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## **By train:**

Trains run frequently between Ashton-under-Lyne and Manchester, with the journey taking around 15 minutes.

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## **By tram:**

Trams run every 12 minutes from Manchester to Ashton. The direct line from MediaCity, passing through Piccadilly, takes around 40 minutes.

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## **Cycling:**

There are a number of secure cycle spaces at the college campus.

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## **Car park:**

There are a number of car parking spaces on the college campus.



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