

HIGHER EDUCATION APPLICATION GUIDE



TyneCoastCollege



South Tyneside College



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ABOUT

TYNE COAST COLLEGE

Tyne Coast College is driven by a mission to be outstanding, a vision to be world-class, and a desire to deliver the skills and training that will power the North East's economy into the future.

We are made exceptional by our brands, which include South Tyneside College, Tyne Metropolitan College, Queen Alexandra Sixth Form College, South Shields Marine School.

Our provision is market leading and created to deliver the workplace skills that allow businesses to grow and excel.

Innovative, and with ambitions to play a key role in the region's

economic expansion and prosperity, we are bigger, better and stronger by design, and superb links to employers guarantees that our wide ranging and expanding curriculum precisely targets their skills needs.

Find out more at
www.tynecoast.ac.uk

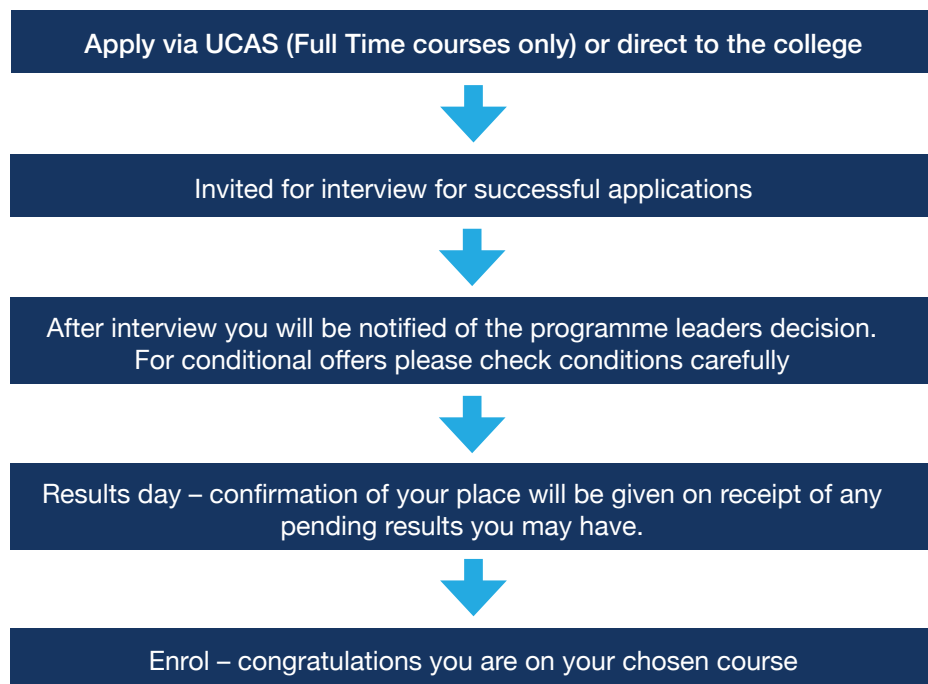


Thank you for your application to join a Higher Education (HE) programme. We have arranged an appointment for a telephone interview with the Programme Leader to find out more about the course and how it fits with your career plans.

In order to get the most out of the discussion it would be beneficial to do some research into the type of career you are looking to get into or progression you hope to take following completion of the course.

For some courses we may have requested you bring along a portfolio of your work or prepared a short instrument or vocal audition. Details of these requests will be shown in your interview invitation letter.

This is the Higher Education application process at the college:



ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

We are here to support you and provide an inclusive environment while you study.

If you have a learning difficulty, disability or learning support needs which may impact on your study we would encourage you to discuss this during interview as we want to support each step of the way. You may be eligible for funding through the Disabled Student Allowance (DSA). Disabled Student Allowance is a grant to help with extra costs you might have as a direct result of your disability, long-term health condition, mental-health condition or specific learning difficulty. It would provide the funding for any support that you may require to complete your course. It is non-means tested and is not repayable.

Student Advisors in our Gateway team are available or anytime during your application journey to help answer any queries you may have about your application to the College as well as matters relating to financial support, childcare and travel.

To contact a Student Advisor, please contact your campus on the contact details provided on page 5. Alternatively pop in to the Gateway office located near main reception or head to www.stc.ac.uk and start a chat in our LiveChat message box. Student advisers are available Monday - Thursday 8.30am - 5pm and Friday 8.30am - 4pm

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Following your interview you will be informed by email whether you have been made the offer of a place on the course. For some courses you may be told verbally at the end of the interview whether or not you have a place, which will be confirmed in writing.

You will be asked to confirm whether you wish to accept the offer. If you are applying for a full-time HE programme you will receive this communication from UCAS, part-time learners will receive offer documentation directly from the College.

FINANCIAL HELP WITH YOUR STUDIES

For students living in England you may be eligible to apply for funding from Student Finance. To qualify for student finance depends on:

- if you've studied a higher education course before
- your age
- your nationality or residency status

If you are considering applying for student finance we advise to apply as soon as possible to ensure your funding is available to you at the beginning of your course.

The student finance deadline to guarantee your funding will be available in September is mid-May.

FULL TIME STUDY

You may be able to apply for a Tuition Fee Loan to pay for your course fees and a Maintenance Loan to help with your living costs while studying. You can apply for these loans online at <https://www.gov.uk/student-finance/apply>

Tuition Fee Loan is paid directly to the college, this is a non means tested loan which you will have to pay back.

Maintenance Loan is means tested on either your own income if you are aged 25 years or above; or if you have supported yourself financially for 3 years or more; or your parents income. The loan is paid directly to your bank account at the start of each term.

Extra help, you may be eligible for additional financial support from student finance, further information and application forms are available <https://www.gov.uk/student-finance/extra-help>

GRANTS

The following are grants which you do not need to pay back.

Childcare Grant - have children under 15, or under 17 if they have special educational needs

Parents Learning Allowance - help with your learning costs if you're a full-time student with children.

Adult Dependents Grant - an adult depends on you financially, you can apply for an Adult Dependents' Grant of up to £3190 for the 2021 to 2022 academic year.

Disabled Students Allowance - You can apply for Disabled Students' Allowances (DSAs) to cover some of the extra costs you have because of a mental health problem, long term illness or any other disability, or learning difficulty eg. dyslexia.

You can get the allowances on top of your other student finance. You will not need to repay DSAs.

If you're a part-time student your course intensity can affect how much you get. How much you get depends on your individual needs - not your household income. You can get help with the costs of: specialist equipment, for example a computer if you need one because of your disability; non-medical helpers; extra travel because of your disability; other disability-related costs of studying.

You may get a new computer if you do not already have one, or your current one does not meet your study needs. More information will be provided to you if you're assessed as needing a new computer. You'll need to pay the first £200, which is the minimum cost that any student is likely to incur when buying a computer.

PART TIME STUDY

If your chosen course has a course intensity of 25% or more you may be eligible for the following funding:

- Tuition Fee Loan
- Maintenance Loan
- Disabled Students Allowance

Further information and online application is available at <https://www.gov.uk/student-finance/parttime-students>

REPAYING YOUR STUDENT FINANCE LOANS

The earliest you'll start repaying is either:

- the April after you leave your course
- the April 4 years after the course started, if you're studying part-time

You'll only repay when your income is over £511 per week or £2,214 per month (before tax and other deductions). Loans are written off 30 years after the April you were first due to repay.

Students living in Scotland, Northern Ireland or Wales

For students living in Scotland further information is available at <https://saas.gov.uk/>

For students living in Wales further information is available at <https://www.studentfinancewales.co.uk/>

For students living in Northern Ireland further information is available on <https://www.studentfinancenir.co.uk/>

BURSARIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

If your chosen course is franchised through University of Sunderland you may be eligible for additional funding. For further information please contact the university partnership liaison officer. To check days and times they are available at the college please contact Gateway for your campus on the contact details provided on page 5. Alternatively pop in to the Gateway office located near main reception on each campus.

CONTACT US

If you would like further information on how to apply for student finance please contact Gateway.

TyneMet College Campus

Phone: 0191 229 5000

Email: enquiries@tynemet.ac.uk

Our friendly student advisers are available in the student services office situated in the corridor near the main reception on each campus.

Monday - Thursday

8.30am-5pm

Friday

8.30am-4:30pm

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