

Adult Learner Guide

Start your next learning journey

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Welcome to your next learning adventure

Let us help you find your way

Welcome to the Adult department here at Keighley College. We would like to share with you our vast range of courses. Whatever you want to study, our friendly, knowledgeable tutors and pastoral staff are here to support you.

From GCSEs to foundation degrees, to professional and leisure courses, offered on a part time and full time basis, we have a course for you. With dedicated adult study areas and realistic work environments, you will learn using the latest equipment, alongside other adults in our welcoming atmosphere.

Want to progress in your career? Build confidence in English or maths? Try something new? Whatever the reason behind your interest in learning - join our friendly community today and see how far you could go.

Financial Support

A college you can count on

We're here to offer a helping hand, so you can pursue your goals.

The following financial support could be yours*:

- 20+ Childcare Fund
- Advanced Learner Loan
- Study your first Level 3 for free
- Funding support

***Subject to eligibility**

Check your eligibility on our website:
keighleycollege.ac.uk/financial-support



And there's more! We're pleased to offer:

- Careers advice
- Guidance with equipment and learning materials
- Study skills sessions
- Additional learning support for those with specialist needs
- Wellbeing advice

If you'd like more information, speak to our helpful team on **01535 685 006** - we'll be happy to help.

Course Levels Explained

Entry Level

Courses for beginners, building knowledge in preparation for Level 1 or 2.

Level 1

Courses for building understanding, employability and practical skills. A stepping stone to Level 2.

Level 2

Foundational courses for specific industry knowledge. A gateway to Level 3, apprenticeships or entry-level employment.

Examples include **GCSE** and **Functional Skills**.

Level 3

Advanced qualifications, equivalent to **A Level**, providing progression to university, higher apprenticeships or skilled employment.

Access to HE

One-year qualifications that enable application to university, for adults looking to re-engage with education in preparation for university.

HE Foundation Studies

Two-year undergraduate vocational qualifications, equivalent to the first two years of a bachelor's degree.



Maths & English

You're entitled to a **free** English or maths course, if you don't hold a GCSE at grade 4 (grade C) in either subject. All courses are offered on a part-time basis, so you can fit your studies around existing commitments.

Course	Level	Taught	Time	Duration
GCSE English Language	Level 2	One lesson per week	Day 9.30am - 12.30pm 1pm - 4pm Evening 5.30pm - 8.30pm	Part time, 36 weeks
Functional Skills English	Entry 1 - Level 2	One lesson per week	Day 9.30am - 12pm 1pm - 3.30pm	Part time, 36 weeks
GCSE Maths	Level 2	One lesson per week	Day 9.30am - 12.30pm 1pm - 4pm Evening 5.30pm - 8.30pm	Part time, 36 weeks
Functional Skills Maths	Entry Level - Level 1	One lesson per week	Day 9.30am - 12pm 1pm - 3.30pm Evening 5.30pm - 8.30pm	Part time, 36 weeks

Art & Design

Discover a new, creative pathway with our Art and Design courses. Develop your practice, explore new techniques, and build the skills for career and personal growth.



Course	Level	Taught	Time	Duration
Access to HE Art & Design	Level 3	Two days per week	9.30am - 3pm	Full time, one year



Building Services

Build the strong foundations of a career in construction with our Introduction to Construction course. Delivered by our Building Services department, this short six-week course gives you plenty of hands-on practical training alongside fundamental theory.

Course	Level	Taught	Time	Duration
Introduction to Construction	Introduction	Two lessons per week	Monday 9am - 12.30pm 1pm - 3pm Thursday 9am - 12.30pm	Part time, six weeks



Digital & IT

Does the digital world leave you in a daze? Now's the time to improve your tech skills! With our free entry and Level 1 courses in essential digital skills, you can stay up-to-date and exceed your expectations in IT.

These courses can teach you everything, from how to use a computer and access the internet, to using social media and creating documents. Not to mention, how to use the internet safely.

Digital skills look great on CVs and can help boost job applications.

Course	Level	Taught	Time	Duration
Digital Pathways to Work	Entry Level	Two lessons per week	9.30am - 12.30pm	Part time, Eight weeks
Essential Digital Functional Skills	Entry Level - Level 1	One lesson per week	9.30am - 12.30pm 1pm - 3.30pm	Part time, 17 weeks

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

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Perfect for beginners and those looking to improve their English, our classes can help you get ready for study, find confidence and make new friends.

No matter your ability, we can help you get confident reading, writing, speaking and listening to English.

Course	Level	Taught	Time	Duration
ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages)	Entry Level - Level 1	Two lessons per week	Day 9.30am - 12pm 1pm - 3.30pm Evening 6pm - 8.30pm	Part time, one year
Community Interpreting	Level 1	One lesson per week	9.30am - 12pm 1pm - 3.30pm	Part time, 18 weeks
ESOL Maths	Entry Level	One lesson per week	9.30am - 12pm 1pm - 3.30pm	Part time, 17 weeks
ESOL Childcare	Entry Level	One lesson per week	9.30am - 12pm	Part time, 25 weeks



Hobby & Leisure

Have fun trying something new and meet like-minded people through our wide range of hobby and leisure courses, you could even gain new skills for your work life or life in general. We offer flexible part-time options, so you can fit your learning around your life.

Course	Level	Taught	Time	Duration
Introduction to British Sign Language	Introduction	One lesson per week	5.30pm - 7pm	Two weeks
What is Family history? Getting Started	Introduction	One lesson per week	5.30pm - 8.30pm	One week
How to Research Family History	Intermediate	One lesson per week	5.30pm - 8.30pm	Four weeks



Health & Social Care

Our Health & Social Care courses could be your launchpad to a career in nursing, social work or education. Invest in your future by gaining essential skills, knowledge and qualifications.

Course	Level	Taught	Time	Duration
Award in Understanding Safeguarding in Education & Childcare Settings	Level 1	One lesson per week	9am - 12.30pm	Part time, 12 weeks
Certificate in Wellbeing	Level 1	One lesson per week	Day 9am - 12.30pm Evening 6pm - 9.00pm	Part time, 15 weeks
Health & Social Care	Level 1 Level 2	One lesson per week	Day 12.30pm - 3.30pm Evening 5.30pm - 8.30pm	Part time, 20 - 35 weeks (dependent on Level)
Mental Health	Level 1 Level 2 Level 3	One lesson per week	Please enquire	Part time, 1 - 30 weeks (dependent on Level)

Course	Level	Taught	Time	Duration
Certificate in Safeguarding & Prevent	Level 2	One lesson per week	Day 9am - 12.30pm Evening 6pm - 9pm	Part time, 12 weeks
Autism Awareness	Level 2	One lesson per week	Day 9am - 12pm 12.30pm - 3pm	Part time, 14 weeks
Certificate in Understanding Behaviour that challenges	Level 2	One lesson per week	Day 9am - 12pm 12.30pm - 3pm	Part time, 13 weeks
Essential Skills for Further Study in Health Science Professions	Level 2	One day per week	9.30am - 3pm	Full time, one year
Counselling Skills	Level 3	One lesson per week	Day 9.30am - 12.30pm Evening 5.30pm - 8.30pm	Part time, 18 weeks
Understanding the Principles in Dementia Care	Level 3	One lesson per week	9.30am - 12.30pm	Part time, 18 weeks
Access to HE Diploma (Health Science Professions)	Level 3	Two days per week	9.30am - 3pm	Full time, one year
Access to HE Diploma (Social Work)	Level 3	Two days per week	9.30am - 3pm	Full time, one year
Foundation Degree – Healthcare Assistant Practitioner	Level 4 Level 5	Two days per week	9.30am - 3pm	Full time, two years
Foundation Degree – Health & Wellbeing	Level 4 Level 5	Two days per week	9.30am - 3pm	Full time, two years



Education & Childcare

Ready to equip the next generation with confidence, competence and skills for life?

Our Teaching courses are ideal for individuals wanting to work in education. You'll learn essential skills in key areas, such as developing effective communication with students, promoting positive behaviour, safeguarding children and young people, and supporting learning activities.

Course	Level	Taught	Time	Duration
Preparing To Work in Schools (Teaching Assistants)	Level 1	One lesson per week	9.30am - 12pm	Part time, 13 weeks
Teaching Assistants / Childcare	Level 2	One lesson per week (plus placement)	9.30am - 12.30pm 1.30pm - 3.30pm	Part time, 34 weeks (September) 20 weeks (January) plus placement

Course	Level	Taught	Time	Duration
Supporting Teaching & Learning Diploma	Level 3	One lesson per week (plus 200 hours placement)	9.30am - 1.30pm	Part time, (September - July)
Award/ Certificate in Caring for a Child/Children	Entry Level	One lesson per week	Day or evening, please enquire	12-24 weeks (dependent on level)
Award/ Certificate/ Diploma in Caring for Children	Level 1	One lesson per week	Day or evening, please enquire	12-35 weeks (dependent on Level)
Foundation Degree in Education Studies	Level 4 Level 5	Two days per week	9.30am - 3pm	Full time, 2 Years



Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)

Preparation for Life

Our courses for individuals with Education, Health and Care Plans help you build skills for everyday life, work and independence. You'll take part in hands-on learning, grow your confidence and work towards your next steps at a pace that's right for you. With caring tutors, flexible courses and additional support available, you'll learn in a welcoming environment where you feel valued.

Course	Level	Taught	Time	Duration
Pre-Internship	Entry	Three days per week	9am - 3pm	Full time, one year
Supported Internships	Entry	Three days per week	9am - 3pm	Full time, one year

Your Journey to Application

Applying for a course on our website is simple:

1. Search

Search for a course in this guide or on our website:
keighleycollege.ac.uk/adultlearning

2. Apply

Apply by completing our
online application form

3. Chat to us

Attend an informal chat at a date and time that
suits you (we will contact you to arrange this)

4. Enrol

Enrol with us and start your learning journey

Or, pop in and see us. If you're wanting to study with us, you're more than welcome to drop in and see us for a chat. This will give you a chance to discuss what you're looking for with one of our friendly advisors, who can then talk you through our application process and discuss your suitability for other types of support, such as student loans.

Hear from some of our Access to HE students



"I'd recommend Keighley College because you can build your ladder of where you want to go here. The tutors are really understanding, all you have to do is ask a question and you'll get an answer straight away. There's no such thing as stupid questions here."

Chelsea Hamilton-Eve, Access to HE Applied Science



"The Access to HE course has shown me that you can achieve a dream at any age. As a mature student going back into education was challenging but the course tutors were fantastic- they encouraged me to believe in myself and helped me start my journey in becoming a children's nurse. I would highly recommend the course to everyone wanting to achieve their dream occupation."

Danielle, Access to Higher Education
Health Science Professions Diploma



"Keighley College is amazing for childcare funding, I get help with travel and they pay for my childcare so that my daughter can go to nursery while I study."

Melissa Green, Access to HE Health Science



"You can literally go to anybody for help, there's help for funding if you're struggling in regards to finances in your home life, there's help with childcare costs if you have children, there's loads of opportunities. Don't think that you won't be able to do it, there's always someone to speak to to give you advice and help you make your decision."

Charayne Crossley, Access to HE Applied Science

Apprenticeships

Combine work and study with an apprenticeship

An apprenticeship combines the world of work with the world of learning. As an apprentice, you will gain hands-on practical training as well as off-the-job learning. You will develop the skills and acquire the knowledge you need to work in your chosen field, while employed in a salaried job. As a commitment to continued professional development, an apprenticeship is an ideal way of climbing the career ladder - building on existing skills and expanding knowledge.

Our industries include:

- Business, Customer Service
- Construction
- Education & Early Years
- Engineering & Manufacturing
- Fabrication & Welding
- Health & Social Care
- Plumbing and Electrical

Interested? Speak with our apprenticeship team



Call
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You can view our vacancies at:
keighleycollege.ac.uk/apprenticeship-vacancies



Come and say 'hello'

Join us at one of our open events, there's no better way to get a feel for life at Keighley College. Meet our expert tutors, explore our facilities and apply for the course you want.

Check our calendar of open events and book your place:
keighleycollege.ac.uk/events

Contact us

We'd love to hear from you, get in touch if you fancy a chat about your options:



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