



FOUNDATION STUDIES

Building Confidence for Life & Work



Study Programme Overview

This course is aimed at learners who feel that they may struggle to engage with education due to their mental health needs. The aim of the course is to build your confidence to engage in education and develop skills needed for life and work.

What You'll Learn

The curriculum will focus on building confidence, self-esteem and motivation through a creative curriculum including creative and enterprise projects as well as developing employability skills.

English and maths is included as part of the programme, as well as enrichment, work experience either external or via youth social action projects and a weekly tutorial with their learning and development mentor.

Entry Requirements

There are no formal entry requirements but we will ask you to complete a maths and English assessment before joining the course so that we can assess your learning level in these subjects.

Qualification

An Entry Level 2 Award in Employability Skills from City and Guilds. Maths and English qualifications as appropriate.

How will I be Assessed?

You will agree an individual learning plan (ILP) with your tutor identifying what you want and need to gain from the course.

You will build up a portfolio of evidence which shows the range of skills and knowledge you have developed. Throughout the course, you will receive supportive feedback and track your progress through your Individual Learning Plan. You will also work towards end of year exams in maths and English.

Supporting Your Learning and Wellbeing

We have a range of dedicated support and wellbeing services including **FREE** travel; **FREE** breakfast; dedicated Learning Development Mentors; impartial advice and guidance; dedicated one-to-one support for learners with additional needs; and support with the cost of College, plus much more.

Future Opportunities

On completion of this course you can progress to a mainstream course within the College or a pathway course within Pathways to Progression.

Enrichment

Sitting a job interview, writing a personal statement, applying for university - taking part in our enrichment programme will give you a CV to wow in all of these situations! You'll benefit from:

- Inspiring trips and experiences
- Meetings with industry experts
- Visits to leading companies in your sector

As well as giving you essential professional and technical skills, you'll demonstrate that you're a successful and well-rounded person, helping you to make a lasting impression.

We want you to have fun, so we also have plenty of leisure and sporting activities for you to enjoy, improving your health and wellbeing.

Why Choose Us?

We're an elite College, and part of the University of Bolton Group, offering you a gateway to all of Greater Manchester's vast range of fantastic opportunities for specialist careers, university degree courses and higher Apprenticeships.

We'll reward your achievements with trips to The Anderton Outdoor Activity Centre and the opportunity to apply for the prestigious Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Our £75 million campus offers a newly refurbished fitness suite and sports hall; Apple Mac suites; libraries, a theatre and dance studios; hair and beauty salon; and a restaurant, café and canteen. You'll also enjoy a wide range of events, including showcases, enterprise activities and cultural celebrations.

Open Events

We can't wait to tell you about the amazing opportunities here at Bolton College so this year, we're giving you TWO options to help you discover what we're all about.

You can either visit us in person at one of our Open Events, or if you'd rather learn about us from the comfort of your own home, you can check out our Virtual Open Event instead, or even do both!

Open Event Dates at Deane Road Campus are as follows:

- **Tuesday 19th October 2021, 5pm-8pm**
- **Wednesday 17th November 2021, 5pm-8pm**
- **Thursday 9th December 2021, 5pm-8pm**
- **Tuesday 18th January 2022, 5pm-8pm**

If you'd like to attend one of these events, please register your interest by visiting www.boltoncollege.ac.uk/register-open-events

If you can't visit our Open Event in person, or would rather find out about us online, check out our Virtual Open Event and access over 40 videos at a time convenient to you. Just visit

www.boltoncollege.ac.uk/virtual-open

How to Apply?

Find this course on our website via www.boltoncollege.ac.uk/yp-foundation then click the 'Apply' button. You'll be asked to set up a Learner Hub account, so that you can track your application and enrol online in August. If you have any difficulties setting up your Learner Hub account, please email learner.hub@boltoncc.ac.uk

COVID-19

Bolton College may have limitations on the way it works, due to COVID-19.

Although every care has been taken to ensure that the information contained within this document is accurate, due to the changeable nature of the situation and updates to government guidance, there may be changes to this programme and provision.

We will endeavour to keep prospective and current students updated where appropriate and when the information becomes available.

Further Information

Potential students and their parents/ carers are welcome to come and sit in a session to see what we do.



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