SERC

REAL LEARNING

PART-TIME PROSPECTUS 25-26

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We strive to ensure the description of courses in this prospectus and on our website is accurate. However, for various reasons there may be occasions when the college may need to change arrangements, or be unable to deliver classes due to circumstances such as reduced funding. If there are insufficient numbers applying for a course, it may not be viable to deliver the class.

WELCOME

Welcome to SERC, Northern Ireland's top-performing college. We are delighted that you are considering part-time study at SERC, where we offer real learning for real life. As a part-time student, you'll have the same access to state-of-the-art facilities, expert tuition, and extensive support services as our full-time students, with the added flexibility which allows you to fit study around work and personal commitments.

SERC part-time courses offer professional qualifications which can support career progression, not only providing skills and increased knowledge but also demonstrating a commitment to succeed within your industry.

You can also enrol on leisure courses in a range of areas including arts, cookery, languages and horticulture. These may be pursued for fun, or they can lead to accredited programmes, offering the possibility of turning a hobby into a career.

We have something for everyone, whatever stage of your education and whatever your age or background. Browse our prospectus, explore our website, and come and talk to us at an open evening to find out more about the real advantages of studying part-time at SERC.

Tommy Martin
Principal and Chief Executive

PART-TIME EDUCATION AT SERC

WHAT WE OFFER

Thousands of people each year choose SERC for a part-time course, studying any of a broad range of subjects. Part-time learning can improve your career prospects with new skills and additional qualifications, or it can bring enjoyment and new interest through a leisure course. It can ease you back into education through an essential skills course in Maths or English, and it can introduce English to speakers of other languages.

The courses within this prospectus are categorised by level:

Further Education courses (levels 1-3) include leisure courses, Diplomas, NVQs and Certificates.

Higher Education courses (levels 4-6) include Degrees, Foundation Degrees, HNDs and HNCs. Higher-Level Apprenticeships are also available where your employer will pay for you to attend college and gain your qualification.

We also deliver Essential Skills through FREE courses in Maths and English to help you brush up on the basics, or gain a recognised qualification.

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I am enjoying learning again. I feel we have a lovely wee class; everyone's supportive and the tutors are so helpful. I look forward to college day each week. I would say to anyone: go for it, go back to education; you can study at any age. It's different when you are older.

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Kirsty Gilmore
Higher Level Apprenticeship in Health and Social Care

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Your chosen course may have specific entry requirements so please check the full details on the website course listing.

If you have disabilities or learning difficulties, you may not need to meet some entry requirements - our Learning Support Team can advise you. **Call 0345 600 7555 for further advice.**

ENTRY LEVEL
SKILLS FOR LIFE AND WORK.

Entry Requirements
No formal qualifications required.

Where it can take you
Progress to Level 1 study.

LEVEL 1
BTECS, AWARDS, CERTIFICATES, DIPLOMAS, NVQS, SKILLS FOR LIFE AND WORK.

Entry Requirements
No formal qualifications required.

Where it can take you
Progress to Level 2 study or use skills to start work.

LEVEL 2
APPRENTICESHIPS AND TRAINEESHIPS.

Equivalent
GCSEs.

Entry Requirements
4 GCSEs at grades D-G including English and Maths at grade F or higher or equivalent. Enhanced criteria in Maths and English may also apply, refer to individual course descriptions for details. Accreditation for Prior Experiential Learning (APEL) may also be considered.

Where it can take you
Progress to Level 3 study or use skills to start work.

LEVEL 3
BTECS, DIPLOMAS, APPRENTICESHIPS AND ACCESS TO EDUCATION.

Equivalent
A Levels.

Entry Requirements
5 GCSEs at Grades C/4 or above including English Language and/or Maths (some courses may require both, please check your individual course). Or successful completion of a Level 2 related qualification and interview.

Where it can take you
Progress to Higher Education at SERC or at university, or use your skills to start work.

LEVEL 4
HIGHER NATIONAL CERTIFICATES (HNCS), HIGHER LEVEL APPRENTICESHIPS

Equivalent
1st year of a Bachelor's Degree

Entry Requirements
5 GCSEs at Grades C/4 or above including English Language and Maths (or equivalent). A Levels or successful completion of related Level 3 qualification or related industry experience. Interview.

Where it can take you
Progress to Higher Education at SERC, university or use your skills to start work

LEVEL 5
HIGHER NATIONAL DIPLOMAS (HNDS), FOUNDATION DEGREES, HIGHER LEVEL APPRENTICESHIPS

Equivalent
2nd year of a Bachelor's Degree

Entry Requirements
Successful completion of Level 4 related qualification or related industry experience, and an interview.

Where it can take you
Progress to university or use your skills to start work

LEVEL 6
BACHELOR'S DEGREE

Entry Requirements
Successful completion of Level 5 related qualification or related industry experience, and an interview.

Where it can take you
Continue to Master's or use your skills to start work

FEES AND FINANCE

Fees are payable at the point of enrolment for most part-time courses. The college does offer some free courses e.g. Essential Skills.

The full fee quoted includes tuition, registration, and exam fee (if applicable). Some courses may have an additional fee (for example, for materials, uniforms, and other items). Information on such fees can be found at the bottom of course descriptors on the SERC website.

You may be able to access financial support in the form of a grant or loan, or you may be eligible for a concessionary fee and/or payment by instalments. Please note that concession rates are applied to the tuition element of the fee, not the full fee.

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> I would recommend the course to anyone who enjoys a challenge. I have found the support of my tutors, fellow classmates and colleagues in my workplace, key elements in helping me to succeed in the course. Overall, it has been a great pathway for learning and developing knowledge and skills.
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> **Adam McClean**
> **Level 3 Diploma in the Principles and Practice for Pharmacy Technicians**

FURTHER EDUCATION AT SERC

WHAT IS FURTHER EDUCATION?

Further Education (FE) courses are open to all. They are suitable for students aged 16 and over and include Diplomas, Extended Diplomas and Certificates. This section also includes leisure courses and courses aimed at adults returning to education to achieve basic qualifications, including essential skills.

- ACCESS TO HE
- ART & DESIGN
- BEAUTY & HOLISTIC THERAPIES
- BIO SCIENCES
- BRICKLAYING
- BUSINESS & MANAGEMENT
- CARPENTRY & JOINERY
- COMPUTING/SOFTWARE
- ENGINEERING/NETWORKING
- CONSTRUCTION STUDIES
- EARLY YEARS
- ENGINEERING
- ESOL
- ESSENTIAL SKILLS
- GCSE
- HAIRDRESSING
- HEALTH & CARE
- HORTICULTURE
- HOSPITALITY & CATERING
- LANGUAGES
- MOTOR VEHICLE
- PHOTOGRAPHY
- PLUMBING
- SPORT & RECREATION
- TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

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I'm new to making ceramics and I've completely fallen in love with it. Our tutor is so knowledgeable about all the aspects of ceramics. You think it's quite simple looking at someone making ceramics, but in reality there are so many different skills involved and we learn to develop them all.

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Kelly Donovan
Leisure Creative Ceramics

FURTHER EDUCATION COURSES

ACCESS TO HE

Code: P10672
Level 2 Restart Education
Ballynahinch, Bangor, Downpatrick, Lisburn, Newcastle, Newtownards

Code: P10923
Level 2 Restart Lite
Ballynahinch, Bangor, Downpatrick, Lisburn, Newcastle, Newtownards

ART & DESIGN

Code: P10261
Leisure Creative Ceramics
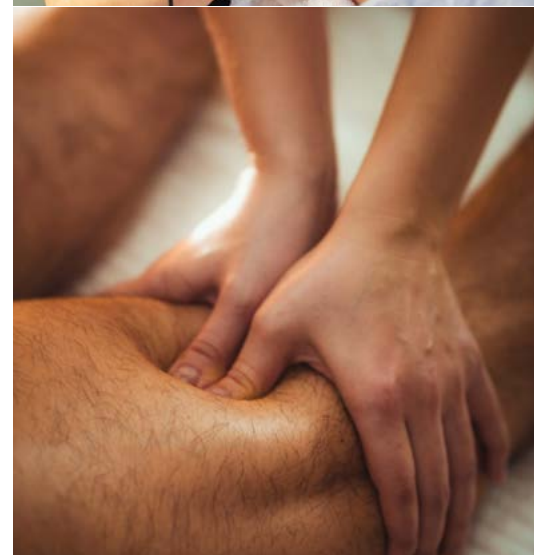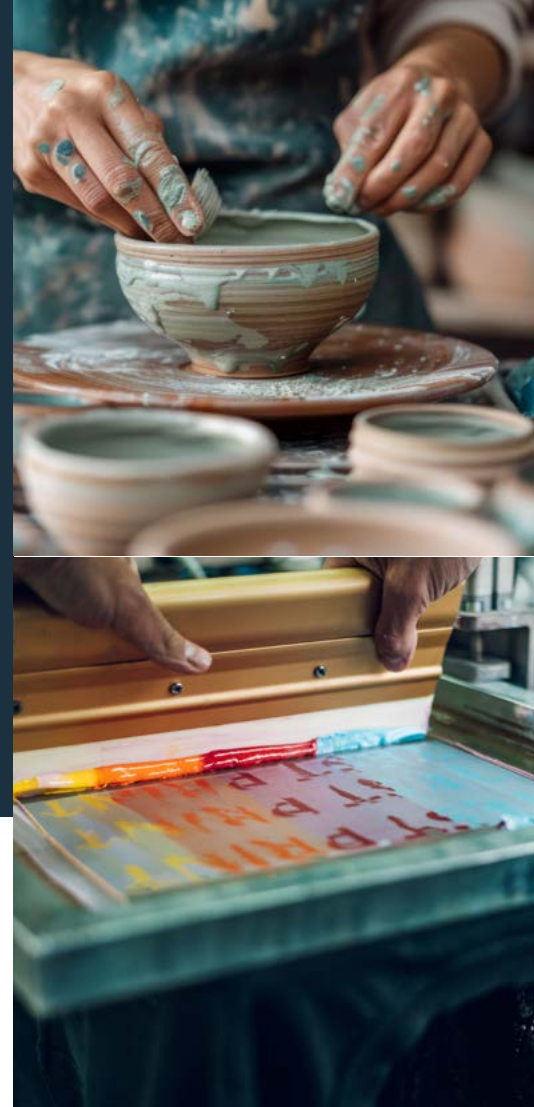Bangor, Downpatrick, Lisburn

Code: P10268
Leisure Upholstery and Soft Furnishings
Holywood

Code: P10607
Painting for Pleasure
Bangor, Downpatrick, Lisburn

Code: P10935
Level 2 Certificate in Creative Techniques in 3D – Ceramics
Bangor

Code: P11097
Level 3 Foundation Diploma in Ceramics
Bangor

Code: P10972
Level 2 Certificate in Creative Techniques in 2D - Print
Bangor

Code: P11272
Advanced Leisure Ceramics
Bangor

BEAUTY & HOLISTIC THERAPIES

Y10346BD1A
Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Nail Services

Y11276LEAA
Certificate in Lymphatic Drainage Massage

Code: P10381
Level 3 Award in Crystal Therapy
Lisburn

Code: P10410
Level 3 Certificate in Fashion and Photographic Make-Up
Lisburn

Code: P10816
Level 2 Diploma in Beauty Therapy Studies
Lisburn

Code: P11209
Level 2 Certificate in Nail Technology
Bangor, Downpatrick, Lisburn

Code: P10344
Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Beauty Therapy General
Bangor, Downpatrick

Code: P10413
Level 3 Certificate in Stone Therapy Massage
Lisburn

Code: P10417
Level 3 Certificate Indian Head Massage
Bangor, Lisburn

Code: P10445
Level 3 Diploma in Reflexology
Bangor, Lisburn

Code: P10428
Level 3 Diploma in Aromatherapy
Lisburn

Code: P10448
Level 3 Diploma in Sports Massage Therapy
Bangor, Lisburn

BIO SCIENCES

Code: P10827
Level 3 Diploma in the Principles and Practice for Pharmacy Technicians
Holywood

Code: P10936
Level 2 Certificate in the Principles and Practice for Pharmacy Support Staff
Holywood, Online

Code: P10818
Level 2 GCSE in Biology
Bangor, Downpatrick

BRICKLAYING

Code: P10135
DIY Brickwork
Newtownards

BUSINESS & MANAGEMENT

Code: P10031
Level 3 Award in Community Development
Online

Code: P10798
CMI Chartered Manager
Bangor

Code: P10925
Level 3 Foundation Certificate in People Practice
Bangor, Lisburn

CARPENTRY & JOINERY

Code: P10728
Woodwork Introduction
Lisburn, Newtownards

COMPUTING/SOFTWARE ENGINEERING/NETWORKING

Code: P10115
Level 3 Certificate in CompTIA A+
Bangor, Lisburn

Code: P10116
Computer Animation
Bangor

Code: P10150
Level 2 International Certificate Digital Literacy (ICDL Core)
Bangor, Lisburn

Code: P10237
Introduction to Games Development
Bangor

Code: P10242
Introduction to Programming
Bangor, Lisburn

Code: P10471
Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Information Technology
Bangor

Code: P11055
Level 2 GCSE Digital Technology (Programming)
Bangor

Code: P11248
Teens Introduction to Games Development
Bangor

CONSTRUCTION STUDIES

Code: P10433
Level 3 National Diploma in Civil Engineering
Lisburn

Code: P10434
Level 3 Diploma in Civil Engineering for Technicians (Institution of Civil Engineers)
Lisburn

EARLY YEARS

Code: P10395
Level 3 Award in Supporting Children and Young People's Speech, Language and Communication
Lisburn

Code: P10426
Level 3 Diploma for Children's Care, Learning and Development
Downpatrick, Lisburn, Newtownards

ENGINEERING

Code: P10236
Introduction to Computer Aided Design (SolidWorks)
Lisburn

Code: P10549
Light Engineering and Decorative Metalwork
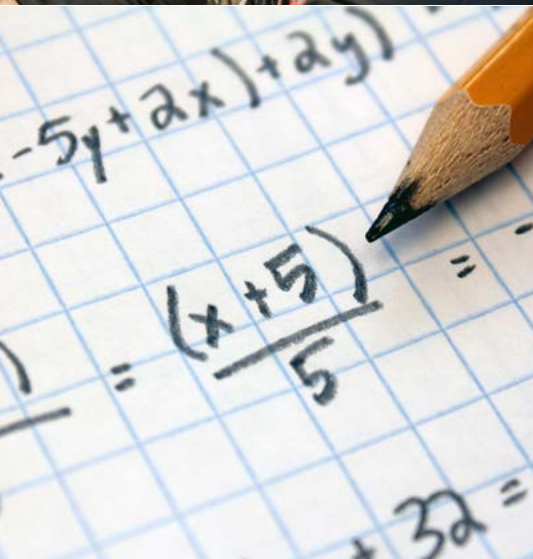**Bangor, Lisburn**

ESOL

Code: P10149
ESOL
Bangor, Downpatrick, Fisherwick Presbyterian Church, Lisburn, Newtownards

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ESSENTIAL SKILLS

Code: P10102
Certificate in Essential Skills - Literacy
Bangor, Downpatrick, Lisburn, Newtownards

Code: P10103
Certificate in Essential Skills - Numeracy
Bangor, Downpatrick, Lisburn, Newtownards

GCSE

Code: P10163
Level 2 GCSE in English Language
Bangor, Downpatrick, Lisburn

Code: P10164
Level 2 GCSE Mathematics
Bangor, Downpatrick, Lisburn

HAIRDRESSING

Code: P10314
Level 2 Certificate in Barbering
Bangor, Lisburn

Code: P10345
Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Hairdressing
Bangor, Lisburn

Code: P10496
Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Hairdressing
Downpatrick

Code: P10488
Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Barbering
Bangor

HEALTH & CARE

Code: P10405
Level 3 Certificate in Counselling Studies
Newtownards

Code: P10309
Level 2 Certificate in Counselling Skills
Newtownards

Code: P10326
Level 2 Diploma in Health and Social Care (Adults) (Northern Ireland)
Downpatrick

Code: P10437
Level 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care (Adults)
Downpatrick

HORTICULTURE

Code: P10154
Floral Art
Bangor, Holywood, Newtownards

Code: P10263
Leisure Gardening
Ballynahinch, Holywood

Code: P10301
Level 2 Award in Organic Fruit and Vegetable Growing
Holywood

Code: P11027
Level 2 Award in Botanical Art
Holywood

Code: P11039
Level 2 Certificate in the Principles of Plant Growth and Development
Holywood

Code: P11041
Level 2 Award in Plant Knowledge
Holywood

Code: P11042
L2 Award in Gardening Skills
Holywood

Code: P11068
Level 2 Extended Certificate in Garden Design
Holywood

HOSPITALITY & CATERING

Code: P10034
Artisan Yeast Breads
Bangor, Lisburn

Code: P10039
Baking Breads and Tea Breads
Bangor, Lisburn

Code: P10075
Cakes Bakes and Treats
Bangor, Downpatrick, Lisburn

Code: P10151
European Cookery
Bangor, Downpatrick, Lisburn

Code: P10252
Junior Chef School
Bangor, Downpatrick, Lisburn

Code: P10505
Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Professional Cookery - Patisserie and Confectionery
Bangor, Lisburn

Code: P10606
Oriental Cookery
Lisburn

Code: P10692
Spanish Tapas and Rioja
Bangor

Code: P10697
Summer Barbecue
Bangor

Code: P10700
Taste of India
Bangor, Lisburn

Code: P10932
Level 2 Diploma in Professional Chef
Bangor, Downpatrick, Lisburn

Code: P11031
Level 2 Certificate in Professional Bakery
Bangor, Downpatrick, Lisburn

Code: P11096
Level 3 Diploma in Professional Chef
Bangor, Downpatrick, Lisburn

LANGUAGES

Code: P10033
Arabic for Beginners
Bangor, Lisburn

Code: P10043
Beginners French 1
Bangor, Downpatrick, Lisburn

Code: P10044
Beginners French 2
Bangor, Downpatrick, Lisburn

Code: P10045
Beginners Irish 1
Bangor, Downpatrick

Code: P10046
Beginners Irish 2
Bangor, Downpatrick

Code: P10047
Beginners Italian 1
Bangor, Downpatrick

Code: P10048
Beginners Italian 2
Bangor, Downpatrick

Code: P10049
Beginners Japanese 1
Bangor

Code: P10050
Beginners Japanese 2
Bangor

Code: P10051
Beginners Spanish 1
Downpatrick, Lisburn

Code: P10052
Beginners Spanish 2
Lisburn

Code: P10129
Advanced Japanese
Bangor

Code: P10166
Level 2 GCSE Spanish
Bangor, Online

Code: P10198
Holiday French
Bangor, Downpatrick, Lisburn

Code: P10199
Holiday Italian
Bangor, Lisburn

Code: P10200
Holiday Spanish
Bangor, Lisburn

Code: P10594
Level 2 Award in Spanish 1
Bangor

Code: P10595
Level 2 Certificate in Spanish 2
Bangor

Code: P10596
Level 3 Award in Spanish 3
Lisburn

Code: P10599
Level 3 Certificate in Spanish 6
Bangor

Code: P10789
Advanced French
Bangor

Code: P10801
Level 3 Award in Spanish 4
Bangor

Code: P11036
Advanced Italian
Bangor

Code: P11059
Advanced Spanish
Bangor, Downpatrick

Code: P11154
Intermediate Italian
Bangor

Code: P11238
Holiday Portuguese
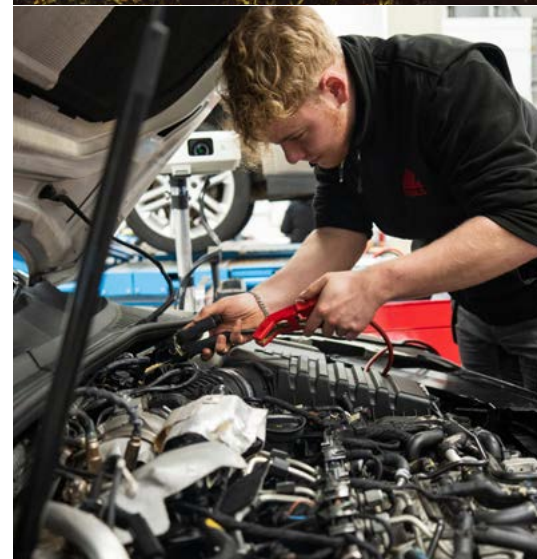Bangor, Lisburn

Code: P11259
Level 1 Certificate in Spanish 1
Bangor

Code: P10573
Level 2 Certificate in French 2
Bangor

Code: P11268
Mandarin for Beginners 2
Bangor, Lisburn

Code: P10108
Mandarin for Beginners 1
Bangor, Lisburn

Code: P10583
Level 2 Certificate in Italian 2
Bangor

Code: P11230
Level 1 Award in Spanish 1
Bangor, Downpatrick, Lisburn

Code: P11258
Level 1 Award in French 1
Bangor

Code: P11269
Level 1 Award in Irish 1
Bangor, Downpatrick

MOTOR VEHICLE
Code: P10076
Car Maintenance
Newtownards

PHOTOGRAPHY
Code: P10262
Leisure Digital Photography
Bangor, Lisburn

PLUMBING

Code: P10040
Basic Boiler Maintenance (Oil)
Lisburn, Newtownards

SPORT & RECREATION

Code: P11026
Level 2 Certificate in Gym Instructing
Bangor, Lisburn

Code: P11177
Level 3 Diploma in Personal Training
Lisburn

TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

Code: P10382
**Level 3 Award in Education and Training (6502-32)
(formerly known as PTTLS)**
Online

Code: P10401
**Level 3 Award in Working with Children and Young People
with Special Needs**
Bangor

Code: P10407
Level 3 Certificate in Assessing Vocational Achievement
Bangor

Code: P10934
Level 3 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning
**Ballynahinch, Bangor, Downpatrick, Lisburn, Newcastle,
Newtownards, Online**

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The Level 3 Pharmacy Technician course at SERC is helping me become a fully qualified pharmacy technician... and helps me better understand the advice we give to patients – such as the importance of timing or avoidance of specific foods and other drugs.
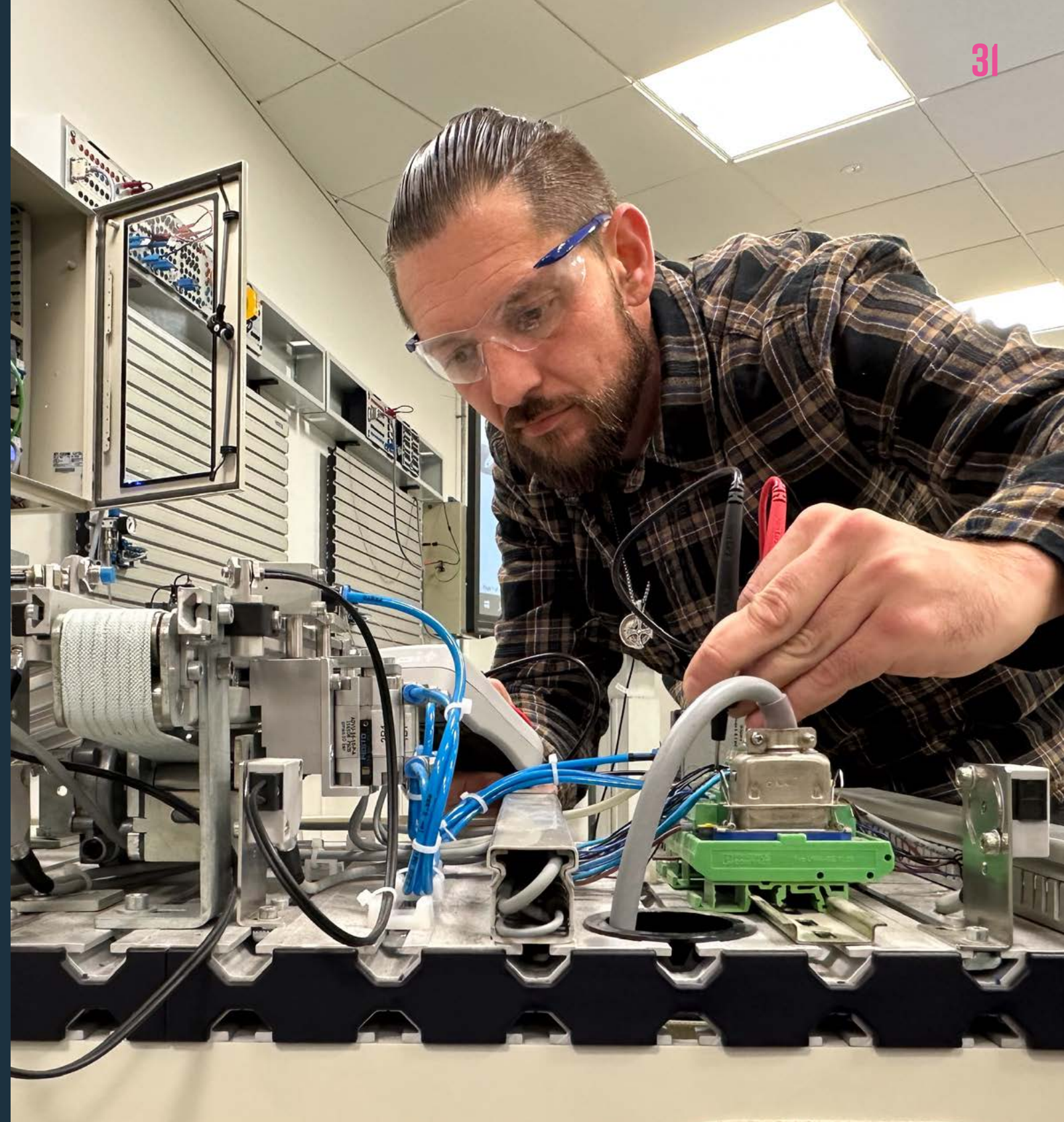
Rebekah Boyd
Level 3 Diploma in the Principles and Practice for Pharmacy Technicians
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HIGHER EDUCATION AT SERC

WHAT IS HIGHER EDUCATION?

We offer degrees, foundation degrees, Higher National Diplomas (HNDs) and Higher National Certificates (HNCs). SERC also provides postgraduate-level qualifications and professional development qualifications which are accredited by professional industry bodies. We celebrate our Higher Education students' achievements at an annual graduation ceremony at the Waterfront Hall in Belfast. The SERC pathway to a Higher Education qualification in many cases allows you to move between part-time and full-time study at the end of a year, enabling you to succeed whilst meeting other commitments. For information on the Higher-Level Apprenticeship route, see page 38.

- ANIMAL CARE
- BEAUTY & HOLISTIC THERAPIES
- BIO SCIENCES
- BUSINESS & MANAGEMENT
- COMPUTING/SOFTWARE ENGINEERING/NETWORKING
- CONSTRUCTION STUDIES
- EARLY YEARS
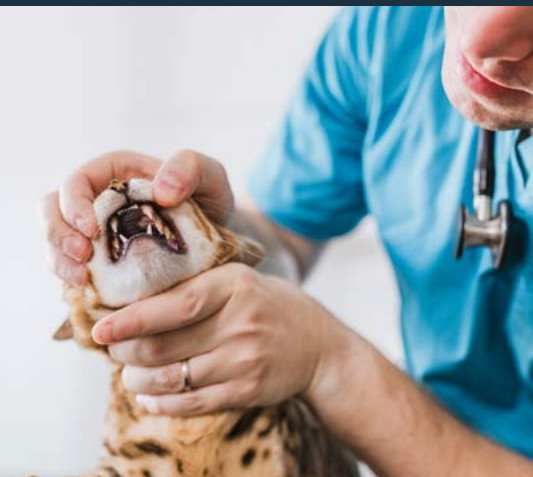- ENGINEERING
- HEALTH & CARE
- HOSPITALITY & CATERING

" You get to train on the equipment that is used in industry. The course is very versatile and covers mechatronics, the internet of things, programmable logic controllers - I would absolutely recommend SERC – I think it's the best all-round course for modern industry. "

Ryan Boyd
Foundation Degree in Industry 4.0 (Validated by the Open University)

HIGHER EDUCATION COURSES

BIO SCIENCES

Code: P10612

Pearson BTEC HNC in Applied Sciences
Bangor, Downpatrick, Lisburn

BUSINESS & MANAGEMENT

Code: P10924

CIPD Level 5 Associate Diploma in People Management
Bangor, Lisburn

Code: P10036

ATI Level 4 Certificate for Accounting Technicians
Bangor, Lisburn

Code: P10037

ATI Level 5 Diploma for Accounting Technicians
Bangor, Lisburn

Code: P10855

Management Development Programme (MDP)
Online

Code: P10942

CIPD Level 7 Advanced Diploma in Strategic People Management
Online

ANIMAL CARE

Code: P10811

Pearson BTEC HNC in Animal Management
Bangor, Lisburn

BEAUTY & HOLISTIC THERAPIES

Code: P10807

VTCT (ITEC) Level 4 Diploma in Spa and Salon Management
Downpatrick

Code: P10725

VTCT Level 4 Diploma in Reflexology for the Complementary Therapist
Lisburn

Code: P10722

VTCT Level 4 Certificate in Sports Massage Therapy
Lisburn

Code: P10726

VTCT Level 5 Certificate in Sports Massage Therapy
Lisburn

COMPUTING/SOFTWARE ENGINEERING/NETWORKING

Code: P11001
Foundation Degree in Cyber Security and Digital Forensics (Validated by The Open University)
Bangor, Lisburn

Code: P11002
Foundation Degree in Cloud Computing Technologies (Validated by The Open University)
Bangor

Code: P11003
BSc (Hons) in Cyber Security and Digital Forensics (Validated by The Open University)
Bangor, Lisburn

Code: P11004
BSc (Hons) in Cloud Computing Technologies (Validated by The Open University)
Bangor, Lisburn

Code: P10634
Pearson BTEC HNC in Computing
Bangor, Lisburn

CONSTRUCTION STUDIES

Code: P10613
Pearson BTEC HNC in Construction Management
Bangor, Lisburn

Code: P10614
Pearson BTEC HNC in Building Services Engineering
Bangor

Code: P10635
Pearson BTEC HNC in Civil Engineering
Lisburn

EARLY YEARS

Code: P10665
Foundation Degree in Early Childhood Studies (Validated by Queen's University Belfast)
Newtownards

Code: P10073
CACHE Level 5 Diploma in Leadership for Children's Care, Learning and Development (Management)
Bangor, Downpatrick, Lisburn

ENGINEERING

Code: P10616
Pearson BTEC HNC in Engineering (General)
Bangor, Lisburn

Code: P10619
Pearson BTEC HND in Engineering (General)
Bangor

HEALTH & CARE

P10642

NCFE CACHE Level 5 Diploma in Leadership for Health and Social Care Services (Northern Ireland)
Downpatrick, Lisburn, Newtownards

P11206

Foundation Degree in Integrative Counselling Practice (Validated by Ulster University)
Bangor

Code: P10637

Pearson BTEC HNC in Healthcare Practice
Newtownards

Code: P10126

CPCAB Level 4 Diploma in Therapeutic Counselling
Lisburn, Newtownards

Code: P10937

Level 4 Certificate in Counselling Studies (Validated by Ulster University)
Lisburn

Code: P10941

Foundation Degree in Integrative Counselling Practice (Validated by Ulster University)
Lisburn, Newtownards

Code: P10127

Level 5 Diploma in Cognitive Behavioural Therapeutic Skills and Theory
Newtownards

Code: P10642

NCFE CACHE Level 5 Diploma in Leadership for Health and Social Care Services (Northern Ireland)
Downpatrick, Lisburn, Newtownards

Code: P10639

Pearson BTEC HNC in Social and Community Work (Social and Community Work Practice)
Newtownards

HOSPITALITY & CATERING

Code: P11051

Foundation Degree in Culinary Arts (Validated by The Open University)
Bangor, Lisburn

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> **I would totally recommend my course. Nowadays businesses want accredited people, and they look to see if chefs have the right qualifications. If they look at your CV and see this Culinary Arts Degree, they'll know you're dedicated to the industry. I never thought I would be able to reach this level in my education. What I've accomplished since I started SERC has been amazing.**
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Gemma Diamond
Foundation Degree in Culinary Arts (Validated by The Open University)

HIGHER LEVEL APPRENTICESHIPS AT SERC

WHAT IS A HIGHER LEVEL APPRENTICESHIP?

A Higher Level Apprenticeship (HLA) lets you earn while you learn, gaining accredited higher education qualifications whilst also developing skills in a professional setting. HLAs provide an opportunity for new and existing employees to progress in their studies, while working in their chosen field.

- BUSINESS & MANAGEMENT
- COMPUTING/SOFTWARE ENGINEERING/ NETWORKING
- CONSTRUCTION STUDIES
- EARLY YEARS
- ENGINEERING
- HEALTH & CARE
- HOSPITALITY & CATERING

BENEFITS OF AN HLA

- You are employed and paid at least the minimum wage
- Qualifications without tuition fees, so no student loan
- Apply your learning directly in the workplace
- A clear pathway for career progression
- Mentoring to support you throughout your HE programme

ELIGIBILITY

- You need to be employed, or about to take up employment, with a Northern Ireland-based company
- Working a minimum of 21 hours per week (including time spent in "off-the-job" training)
- Individual entry requirements will depend on the apprenticeship chosen

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I've never really prioritised education until now but now that I am, I really enjoy it and the challenges my course gives me. The mechatronic course will give you a broad understanding of all engineering, you will work with software and hardware, which will make your engineering skills diverse – meaning you'll be valuable in any engineering career.

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Jacob Jamieson
Higher Level Apprenticeship in Mechatronics

HIGHER LEVEL APPRENTICESHIP COURSES

BUSINESS & MANAGEMENT

Code: P11170
Higher Level Apprenticeship in Leadership and Productivity Improvement
Online

Code: P10186
Higher Level Apprenticeship in Accounting Technicians Level 5
Bangor, Lisburn

COMPUTING/SOFTWARE ENGINEERING/NETWORKING

Code: P11069
Higher Level Apprenticeship in Cyber Security and Digital Forensics
Bangor

Code: P11264
Higher Level Apprenticeship in Cyber Security and Digital Forensics (BSc (Hons)
Bangor

CONSTRUCTION STUDIES

Code: P10190
Higher Level Apprenticeship in Building Services Engineering (HVAC)
Bangor

Code: P10191
Higher Level Apprenticeship in Construction Management
Bangor, Lisburn

Code: P10975
Higher Level Apprenticeship in Civil Engineering
Lisburn

EARLY YEARS

Code: P10195
Higher Level Apprenticeship in Leadership for Children's Care Learning and Development (Management)
Bangor, Downpatrick, Lisburn

ENGINEERING

Code: P10196
Higher Level Apprenticeship in Mechatronics
Bangor, Lisburn

Code: P11056
Higher Level Apprenticeship in Advanced Technician Mechanical and Manufacturing (General)
Lisburn

Code: P11146
Higher Level Apprenticeship in Industry 4.0 Manufacturing (Validated by the Open University)
Bangor

HEALTH & CARE

Code: P10193
Higher Level Apprenticeship in Health and Social Care
Downpatrick, Lisburn, Newtownards

HOSPITALITY & CATERING

Code: P11052
Higher Level Apprenticeship in Culinary Arts
Bangor, Lisburn

Code: P11207
Higher Level Apprenticeship in Tourism, Hospitality and Event Management
Bangor

> **"**
> Just come along! It's not as daunting as you may think. If you have need of additional support, you will find it at SERC. If you are struggling, you have only to ask for help. From the start, the staff are so friendly, and the wee class group is great, everybody gets on. I would recommend SERC a hundred percent.
> **"**
>
> **Jamie Miller**
> **Higher Level Apprenticeship in Health and Social Care**

RETURNING TO LEARNING

SERC provides a range of courses to encourage and support individuals to return to education. We work with voluntary and statutory organisations to engage with the local community and enable adults to connect with learning, gain qualifications and skills, and grow in confidence.

We offer short courses starting at different times throughout the year. To find out more, keep an eye on our website for news of current opportunities, or contact our engagement team [link to form]

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Restart was great for getting me back into the swing of learning and it boosted my confidence. I wasn't sure about progressing to Access but my tutor, Roisin Malone, convinced me to give it a go. Both Restart and Access are designed for adult returners, so the tutors know everyone is juggling.

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Laura McFarlane
Restart student

STUDENT SUPPORT

SERC is committed to supporting all students to meet challenges and achieve their aims. The college has an extensive network of support services and also works with a range of agencies to make sure help is there whenever it is needed.

Pastoral Care
We work with organisations such as Ascert, Aware, Inspire and the HSC to help you to overcome challenges and achieve your goals.

Learning Support
If you have additional needs, we have the facilities and staff to work with you to help you succeed.

Student Finance
It can be difficult to juggle your finances when you're a student. SERC publishes a range of guides and has a team of advisors to support you.

Careers
Our award-winning careers advisors can help you plan your path to achieving your ambitions.

Student Carers
If you have caring responsibilities at home, we understand that this can have an impact on your learning. We have a dedicated support service to offer help and advice.

Learning Resource Centres
If you need a place to study or help in finding resources to support your learning, we have Learning Resource Centres on each main campus with printed books and e-books and quiet study areas.
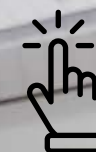
Little SERC Creche
Little SERC was set up in 2020 to provide safe, stimulating childcare to help parents enrolled on courses at SERC Newcastle Campus.

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WHY SERC?

- We have industry-experienced, qualified tutors

- State-of-the-art, professional-standard facilities

- Learning is rooted in practical challenges, developing the skills that you will apply in real life

- A curriculum developed with employers to align courses with industry needs

- A sustainable environment - SERC was awarded the prestigious Green Gown Award for our commitment to promoting sustainability

- We value and promote entrepreneurship, with dedicated workspaces and a team supporting students to develop business ideas Click to visit website

- Students' Union – All students, both full-time and part-time, are members of the Students' Union and can stand for positions such as class representative, welfare officer etc
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APPLYING AND ENROLLING

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STEP 1 APPLY
Visit www.serc.ac.uk and select a course to start the application process. There is no limit to the number of part time courses you can apply for.

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STEP 2 NEXT STEPS
Interview Required: If your course requires an interview, you will be invited to attend a pre-entry advice and guidance session with the subject tutor. It's also a great opportunity to talk about the course and discuss the opportunities it opens up. After a successful interview, your application status becomes 'Approved'

No interview Required: If your course does not require an interview, you should contact the college to pay any associated fees and confirm your enrolment.

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STEP 3 PAYMENT & ENROLMENT
If all entry requirements are met, you can enrol. Payments can be made by telephone, or in person at any SERC Campus reception.

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