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WELCOME

Learning is at the heart of everything we do.

At Petroc, we have the people, expertise, support and facilities you need to help you fulfil your ambitions in higher education.

We have been delivering degree-level courses for over 30 years, and are proud to be able to provide our community with a wide variety of programmes - from HNCs and foundation degrees to higher apprenticeships and honours degrees - in a host of subject areas including education, computing, science, engineering, and healthcare.

We understand that studying at degree level involves a high level of commitment and there may be personal and professional circumstances that you need to consider, which is why we make sure we offer flexibility and support to all our students.

From September 2021, we're pleased to announce that all students who enrol onto the first year of a foundation degree at Petroc will have the opportunity to gain 20 days of work experience; once you have completed your internship you will receive a £1200 bursary.

Although being offered a job is not guaranteed, work experience provides you with relevant and up-to-date knowledge and skills in the workplace and broadens your contacts and career network.

Studying at degree level is an adventure, a leap forward on your learning journey that will open doors, provide exciting career opportunities and pave the way for you to make an impact on all that you embark upon in the future.

We'd love for you to join our university community where you can fulfil your knowledge and skills aspirations, make lifelong friends with your fellow learners, and make new workplace connections for your future career.

We look forward to welcoming you.



Sean Mackney, Principal and CEO

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WHY STUDY AT PETROC?

Studying for a degree is a great pathway for your future. Whether you are at the start of your career journey or looking to take on a new challenge, there are so many reasons why Petroc is the perfect place to study.

By studying locally, you have access to academic experts, excellent links to business and industry and opportunities for educational visits, without the expense of accommodation costs associated with studying further afield.

QUALITY COURSES AND OUTSTANDING RESULTS

Petroc provides respected and high quality university validated degree-level courses which are delivered in partnership with either the University of Plymouth or the University of Bolton.

Our wide range of degree subjects are delivered alongside core modules which will support you in developing your academic and employment skills. And, to ensure we provide the skills needed for local industry, we continually develop our range of programmes in line with business demands.



In 2020

OVER 70%
of Petroc students
achieved a first
class or 2:1 degree

EMPLOYABILITY AND CAREERS

As a graduate, you are more likely to have better employability and career opportunities, your earning potential will increase, and you will experience many exciting opportunities that will support your personal growth and development.

We develop our programmes with employers and representatives from industry to ensure they provide the skills and experience required to secure a role in your chosen profession.

What's more, when you study at Petroc, you will have access to a range of initiatives to support you on your career path which include a work experience bursary, start-up funding grants, support for new business ideas, and careers and employability advice.



In a recent survey
94% of employers
asked interns to return
as employees¹

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¹ Prospects

SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT

We provide a highly supportive learning environment with small class sizes, extensive student support and dedicated academics who will inspire, challenge and support you to help you achieve the highest grades.

Our friendly and approachable staff work with students to create a vibrant learning community, and every student is assigned an Academic Skills Advisor who will be on hand to assist you throughout your studies.

Our timetabling aims to be flexible so you can fit your studies around your work and home life, making your learning journey as simple as possible so that you can completely focus on achieving your education goals.



In 2020,
OVER 91% of
Petroc students said
“staff are good at
explaining things”¹

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

We have a range of bursaries available to support students who are care leavers, from low income families and/or mature part-time learners. And from September 2021, we will provide a bursary for foundation degree students who complete 20 days of approved work experience during their course.

We also offer a hardship fund which can support students who need help in financial emergencies. Please talk to our Advice & Guidance Centre or visit our website for more information.

EXCELLENT FACILITIES

Petroc has three campuses situated across North Devon (Barnstaple) and Mid Devon (Tiverton) with modern and stimulating learning environments. Our degree courses have access to a virtual learning environment called Moodle and a range of online learning and study resources. Where possible our teaching is conducted face-to-face and on campus, but we also have digital facilities to deliver teaching online through live and recorded sessions.

Our teaching spaces and workshops on campus are some of the best in the region, and boast facilities such as our brand new Institute of Technology (which houses a wide range of state-of-the-art design, engineering and manufacturing facilities) and Clinical Simulation Suites (true-to-life medical wards containing the latest medical devices and speaking and moving nursing mannequins).

We also provide you with college computers or Chromebooks and you can hire out a range of media equipment including books, journals, headphones, iPads, cameras and tripods. As well as validating our courses, the University of Plymouth and the University of Bolton provide their students with access to their own online resources and digital library. You will also gain membership of their Student Union.

Our study spaces incorporate important quiet areas as well as spaces where you can work in groups. And when you aren't studying, you can enjoy one of our many food outlets and social spaces. For a closer look at our campuses and facilities, take a look at the 360° virtual tours at petroc.ac.uk/campus-tours.

¹ National Student Survey (NSS)

LEVELS AND QUALIFICATIONS

Below is a guide to the qualifications and levels available to you at Petroc.

LEVEL 3: Access to Higher Education Diplomas, A-levels, T-levels, Apprenticeships, BTEC Subsidiary and Extended Diplomas, NVQ Level 3

LEVEL 4: Foundation Degree (Year 1), Higher Apprenticeship, Degree Apprenticeship, HNC, Professional Qualifications, Certificate in Higher Education

LEVEL 5: Foundation Degree (Year 2), Higher Apprenticeship, Degree Apprenticeship, Professional Qualifications

LEVEL 6: Honours Degree, Degree Apprenticeship

For a detailed explanation of levels and qualifications, please visit petroc.ac.uk/levels-explained or contact our Advice & Guidance Centre:

North Devon: 01271 852422 | guidancecentre@petroc.ac.uk

Mid Devon: 01884 235330 | guidancecentretiverton@petroc.ac.uk

Please note: Some courses have specific entry requirements; these will be discussed at interview where relevant.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Every Higher Education course will have its own specific entry requirements – please take a look at your chosen course on our website for more details.

Whilst the majority of degree programmes require 56 UCAS points, other skills and training may be taken into account such as relevant employment experience.

HOW TO APPLY

FOUNDATION DEGREES AND HONOURS DEGREES:

If you are applying for a course at Petroc, you can do so through our website, **petroc.ac.uk**.

If you are applying to Petroc as well as other Higher Education institutions, you will need to apply through UCAS at **ucas.co.uk**. You will need to enter the institution code name 'PETRO', institution code 'P51' and the course code.

ACCESS TO HE DIPLOMAS, HNCS, PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND APPRENTICESHIPS:

If you are applying for any of these courses, please do so via the Petroc website at **petroc.ac.uk**.



QUALIFICATIONS

A photograph of three students in a library or study area. A young woman with long blonde hair is in the foreground, smiling and looking at a tablet. Behind her, a young man with glasses and a beard is also smiling. To the right, another young woman with dark curly hair is leaning in, looking at the tablet. They are all smiling and appear to be collaborating. The background shows bookshelves filled with books.

At Petroc, we offer a wide range of qualifications that match your starting point to higher education. The following pages will explain in more detail the opportunities available to you.

FIND OUT MORE ONLINE
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ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION DIPLOMAS

Access to Higher Education Diplomas are specifically designed for learners aged 19 or over, who wish to take a university-level course but don't have the normal entrance requirements for Higher Education. These qualifications are recognised by universities and other Higher Education institutions as an alternative to the standard A-level/BTEC entry.

There are many reasons why studying an Access course may suit you; you may be a student who has completed some qualifications and can show the right level of skill and maturity for this programme, or you may be a mature applicant who has not studied A-levels but possesses a wealth of experience in your chosen field.



96% of Access to Higher Education learners at Petroc continue onto Higher Education

Our Access to HE Diplomas are available to study either full-time over one year (three days a week in college), and/or part-time over two years, offering you greater flexibility and the opportunity to balance your home and work life.

Year after year, our students secure places at the country's leading universities on courses such as midwifery, nursing, psychology, paramedic science, sport and exercise science, optometry and many more.



FUNDING FOR ACCESS TO HE COURSES

If you are aged 19 years or over, you may be eligible for an Advanced Learner Loan. If you take out the Advanced Learner Loan, you do not need to pay any fees upfront. If you complete your Access Diploma and then go on to complete a course in Higher Education, the remaining balance of your Advanced Learner Loan, including any interest on it, will be written off.

Find out more from Student Finance England, or our Advice & Guidance Centre.

For more information about qualifications, please visit our website petroc.ac.uk/degree or contact our Advice & Guidance Centre:

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FOUNDATION DEGREES

Our foundation degrees, delivered in partnership with the University of Plymouth, are equivalent to studying for the first two years of an honours degree at university. They have been created in collaboration with employers and offer you the opportunity to combine academic study with the skills and attributes needed in the workplace.

Most of our foundation degrees are available to study full-time over two years, or part-time over three years, offering you greater flexibility and the opportunity to balance your home and work life.

Petroc's foundation degree courses are designed with built-in progression routes to honours degrees at Petroc, the University of Plymouth and other HE institutions - enabling you to further develop your skills and knowledge.



FUNDING FOR FOUNDATION DEGREES

You may be eligible for a Tuition Fee Loan through Student Finance England.

This loan is paid directly to Petroc and you don't have to repay it until you earn at least £27,295 per year.

Find out more from Student Finance England, or our Advice & Guidance Centre.



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HONOURS DEGREES

Our BA (Bachelor of Arts) and BSc (Bachelor of Science) honours degree programmes are awarded by either the University of Plymouth or the University of Bolton, depending on your programme.

Successfully completing an honours degree will demonstrate to prospective employers a higher capacity for independent learning and research, along with enhanced problem-solving, critical thinking and communication skills. If you hope to progress to further studies, the degree will prepare you for higher-degree study at master's and PhD level. Many of our graduates have gone on to postgraduate study, to qualify as teachers and social workers, develop their own businesses or progress in their roles as graduate employees.

Most of our 'top up' honours degrees are available to study full-time over one year, or part-time over two years, offering you greater flexibility and the opportunity to balance your home and work life.



FUNDING FOR HONOURS DEGREES

You may be eligible for a Tuition Fee Loan through Student Finance England.

This loan is paid directly to Petroc and you don't have to repay it until you earn at least £27,295 per year.

Find out more from Student Finance England, or our Advice & Guidance Centre.

Nursing and Healthcare students have access to Clinical Simulation Suites at our North Devon and Mid Devon campuses. The 'SIM Suites' provide true-to-life clinical environments where students can practice hands-on clinical skills and demonstrate compassionate and person-centred care.

It enables nursing students to undertake practical hands-on clinical skills and demonstrate high-quality compassionate and person-centred care. The suite is fully equipped with the latest medical devices and has six nursing 'Annies' which enable students to undertake clinical skills on speaking and moving mannequins.



HIGHER AND DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS

An apprenticeship is a job with an accompanying skills development programme. Higher and degree apprenticeships were developed by employers to enable businesses to train more of their employees in the high-level industry-specific skills that are critical for growth in the UK and internationally.

Apprenticeships can last for between 18 months and three years. They combine work with study and may include a work-based, academic or combined qualification relevant to the industry.

Higher and degree apprenticeships are available at Petroc at Levels 4-6. Levels 4 and 5 are equivalent to a HNC/Diploma or a foundation degree, and Level 6 is equivalent to a bachelor's degree.



FUNDING FOR HIGHER AND DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS

Your apprenticeship will usually be funded by your employer. If you would like to speak to someone about further funding options, please contact our Advice & Guidance Centre.



HNC (HIGHER NATIONAL CERTIFICATES)

Higher National Certificates (HNCs) focus on 'learning by doing' and teach you very specific skills relating to a particular job. These qualifications are very highly regarded by employers both in the UK and overseas and can also count towards membership of professional bodies and other employer organisations.

Most of our HNCs are available to study full-time over one year, or part-time over two years, offering you greater flexibility and the opportunity to balance your home and work life.

Because HNCs are specifically designed to give you the skills for a particular field of work, they can lead straight to a career. You can also use the qualifications to progress within your current career to gain professional status.



FUNDING FOR HNCs

You may be eligible for a Tuition Fee Loan through Student Finance England.

This loan is paid directly to Petroc and you don't have to repay it until you earn at least £27,295 per year.

Find out more from Student Finance England, or our Advice & Guidance Centre.



PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Our portfolio of professional qualifications are suitable for those looking to develop their knowledge and skills in the fields of Management, HR and Teaching.

CMI: The Chartered Management Institute (CMI) is the UK's leading organisation for professional managers which promotes and sets the standards in management excellence.

CERTIFICATE IN EDUCATION: The Certificate in Education is the main professional qualification for teachers who require the necessary knowledge and skills for a teaching career. This qualification is delivered over two years on a part-time basis in partnership with the University of Plymouth.

CIPD CERTIFICATE: The Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD) is a globally-recognised, well-respected accrediting body in the fields of Human Resources (HR) and Learning and Development (L&D). CIPD qualifications are highly sought after by employers and frequently referenced in job advertisements.



FUNDING FOR PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

You may be eligible for an Advanced Learner Loan or a Student Loan. For more information, please contact our Advice & Guidance Centre.



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NEW FOR 2022

FdA Sustainable Tourism Management

This course looks to support the short and long term sustainability of the tourism industry in the South West. Working with employers, the course will provide you with the skills to enable tourism to become more responsive and proactive in terms of the social, environmental and economic changes ahead.



Subject to approval by University of Plymouth

FdSc Sustainable Environment Management

This course is a direct response to the declaration of a climate crisis by the Government and Devon County Council. Petroc is situated in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and UNESCO world heritage site Biosphere. Working with employers, charities and environmental bodies in Devon, the course will provide you with the skills to support the region in developing sustainable environmental practices and ensure Exmoor, Dartmoor and other rural environments are managed for now and future generations.



SUPPORTING YOU & YOUR LEARNING

Starting a university-level course is an exciting experience, although it can be daunting for some people. But rest assured, Petroc is committed to providing you with the support you need to help you succeed - whether that's offering financial guidance or helping you source materials for your studies.

ACCESSIBILITY

We're here to help make your life easier so that you can focus on learning and developing. Our campuses are accessible for wheelchair users with ramps and lifts situated throughout the college. We also have fixed and portable loop systems available to assist those who wear a hearing aid and we can supply written materials in different formats.

ADDITIONAL NEEDS

We want to ensure that you have the support that you need to complete your course. When you apply for your course, please ensure you highlight any medical or learning needs so that we can ensure you are made aware of the most appropriate support options available. If you have a diagnosed learning need or require support with your mental health you may be eligible for Disabled Student Allowance (DSA). Petroc's Additional Learning Support Team can help you with an application for DSA - please contact asl@petroc.ac.uk for more information.

BOOK DELIVERY SERVICE

There is a book delivery service between the campuses in Barnstaple, Tiverton and Brannams, enabling access to any of the Petroc print resources wherever you are based. You are also able to order books from the University of Plymouth through our Library Services.

ENRICHMENT

When you join Petroc, you can access an array of activities and groups where you can develop your interests and meet like-minded people. This includes discussion groups, sports clubs, volunteering opportunities and 'Universi-tea & Network' where you can meet other post-graduates for peer support during your course.

EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

Petroc is an open and inclusive college that values diversity and prides itself on its zero tolerance towards discrimination of any kind. As a student of Petroc, you will have the opportunity to further explore and celebrate equality and diversity through your study programme and enrichment activities.

IT SUPPORT

Our dedicated Learning Technologies & Library Services Team are on hand to help with a range of practical support including computer software and hardware, printing and photocopying, and using Harvard referencing.

Chromebooks and various recording devices are available for loan and most items can be renewed and reserved online. All study areas have WiFi access, so you can connect your own devices.

RESOURCES

Along with the University of Plymouth and University of Bolton, Petroc provides a wide range of information resources to support your use of relevant and reliable information in your studies. This information is available in a range of formats, including books, e-books, e-resources, and subject specific journals.

SAFEGUARDING

We take the welfare of all learners and staff very seriously and have a dedicated Safeguarding Team that responds to any concerns raised. For further information please refer to our website.

SUSTAINABILITY

Petroc is passionate about sustainability and is committed to tackling the climate emergency through our connections to employers and communities across the region. The college is signed up to support the UN Sustainable Development Goals and North Devon Biosphere Reserve's Nature Recovery Declaration, and has been awarded the Planet Mark certification for recognising our commitment to continuous improvement in sustainability.

STUDENT UNION

Our students are at the heart of everything we do. As a student of Petroc, you automatically become a member of the Petroc Student Union (PSU) which is run by a committee of elected students with the sole aim of supporting fellow students with all aspects of college life. As a member of the PSU, you are also entitled to certain student discounts and benefits including those gained through the TOTUM card.

TRANSPORT

If you plan to travel to college by bus, it is possible to purchase a bus pass through the college; just visit the college website for more information and to apply. If you plan to drive to college, you can apply for an annual parking permit.

WORKSHOPS

All Higher Education students are given a series of specialist workshops designed to help you succeed in your chosen subjects. These workshops are embedded within your timetable and include topics such as research skills, referencing, and plagiarism awareness. A dedicated Google Classroom and Website will be provided to support you throughout your programme of study.



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FEES AND LOANS

We know that money can sometimes be a worry when studying for a degree, but the good news is that you may be eligible for a Tuition Fee Loan and/or a Maintenance Loan.

Tuition Fee Loans are available through Student Finance England, up to £9,250. This loan is paid directly to Petroc.

Maintenance Loans are provided by the Government, and can help you with living costs (e.g. rent, bills, food and nights out etc.). The loan is paid directly into your bank account at the start of each term.

You will need to repay your loan at 9% of your income over and above £27,295. However, you won't have to repay your loan until you earn at least £27,295 per year. If your earnings drop below £27,295, your loan repayments stop. If you have not cleared the balance after 30 years, it will be written off. All repayments are deducted at source from your pay.

To find out if you are eligible for a loan, and to apply, visit [gov.uk/student-finance](https://www.gov.uk/student-finance)

YOUR GRADUATION

On completion of your course, you will be invited to the Higher Education Graduation Ceremony, which usually takes place each October.

You will have worked hard for your degree and this is the perfect opportunity to celebrate your fantastic achievements with family and friends!

"The Petroc Higher Education Graduation is a key highlight of the year for me. The event brings together students, their families, academic and support staff, employers and other supporters of Higher Education in North and Mid Devon. It marks the culmination of the efforts of the students, staff and other supporters in developing and delivering high quality awards, the outcome of which helps to develop individual career prospects, enhance the performance of organisations and develop the region's economy."

MARK STONE, HEAD OF PARTNERSHIPS
ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIPS, UNIVERSITY OF PLYMOUTH



PARTNERSHIP WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF PLYMOUTH



The University of Plymouth is renowned for high quality, internationally-leading education, research and innovation.

With a mission to 'Advance Knowledge and Transform Lives', Plymouth is a *top 50 research university with clusters of world-class research across a wide range of disciplines including marine science and engineering, medicine, cybersecurity and psychology. A three-time winner of the Queen's Anniversary Prize for Higher and Further Education, the university has been named as one of the top 25 institutions globally in the Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2021 for sustainable development and 1st in the world for the quality of its marine research and teaching.

The university has a strong track record for teaching and learning excellence, and has one of the highest numbers of National Teaching Fellows of any UK university. With over 18,000 students, and a further 6,000 plus studying for a Plymouth degree at partner institutions in the UK and around the world, and over 142,000 alumni pursuing their chosen careers globally, it has a growing global presence.

As a partner college student, you can access online University services, use its library, electronic resources and learning support materials through its web-based student portal (including access to the Careers Service online careers information [MyCareer]). You can link in with the Students' Union (UPSU) and access sports clubs, societies, the advice service, volunteering opportunities, student representation and university sports facilities. Together with the services and support from Petroc, you will have the benefits of a large university with all the advantages of being taught in a smaller community atmosphere.

* Research Fortnight Research Power League Table 2014.

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BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT

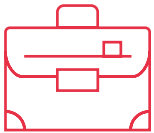
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The increasingly technological and professional base of the UK economy makes business and management skills highly sought after. In any commercial environment, a degree in Business and Management gives you a head start. The wide range of specialist subjects on offer, in addition to more general business topics, will develop your skills and knowledge to accelerate your business career.

The range of subjects enables you to develop your talents and forge your ideal career in business. If you have pre-existing knowledge, skills, or interests, you can apply these to your study, while also having the opportunity to explore new topics and ideas.

Whether it's modern HR approaches, project management, enterprise or sustainability, these courses will get you to discover the ever-changing business world.

Whether you choose to specialise or not, business and management study embeds transferable skills- so you can take your knowledge into any commercial field, from agriculture to accounting, and banking to broadcast media.



Salaries for careers in HR start at approx. **£20,000** mark, rising rapidly with more experience and qualifications.¹

"I was given the opportunity by my employer to further my education by completing additional training/ qualifications. Petroc seemed an obvious choice as it is local to the company.

As I already had completed A-levels, and after discussion with Petroc, it was decided that it would be suitable for me to pursue a Higher Education course.

I enjoyed the variety of modules on the course and listening to different people's perspectives on the theories taught. I also enjoyed the range of engaging teachers and guest speakers.

I am now about to embark on studying a Level 6 apprenticeship with Petroc!"

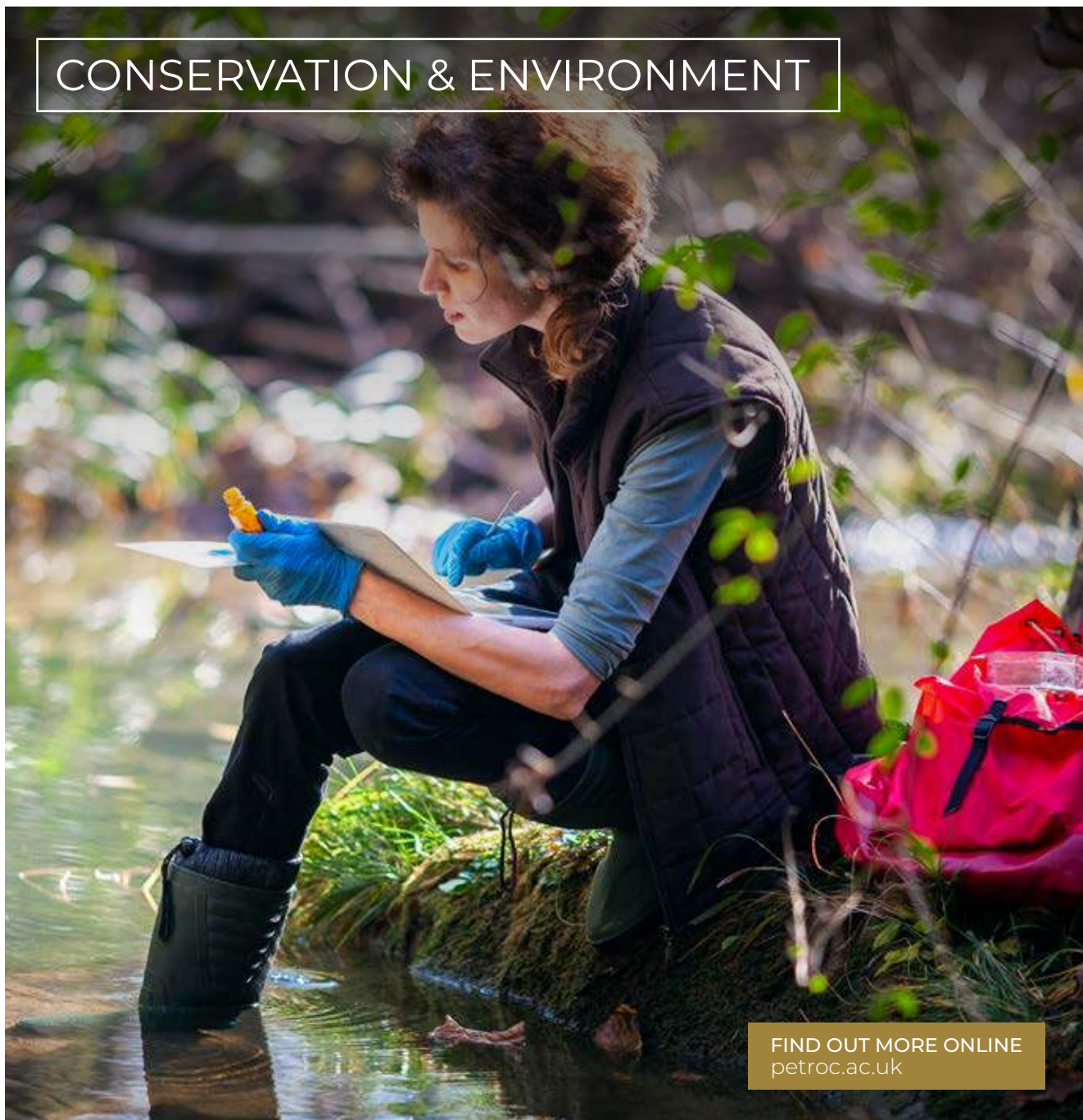
LYDIA, FOUNDATION DEGREE IN BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT - APPRENTICESHIP (STANDARD)

BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT COURSES

Foundation Degree Business and Management*	Full-Time & Part-Time	North Devon
Foundation Degree Business*	Full-Time & Part-Time	North Devon & Mid Devon
BA (Hons) Professional Development (Business & Management)*	Part-Time	North Devon
HR Consultant/Partner - Apprenticeship (Standard)	Part-Time	North Devon & Mid Devon
Improvement Practitioner - Apprenticeship (Standard)	Part-Time	Mid Devon
Operations/Departmental Manager - Apprenticeship (Standard)	Part-Time	North Devon & Mid Devon
Professional Accountant - Apprenticeship (Standard)	Part-Time	North Devon

¹ Save the Student *Approved by the University of Plymouth

CONSERVATION & ENVIRONMENT



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Careers in pure environmental subjects are on the increase as more organisations realise the relevance to their operations of such expertise when considering their environmental impact and navigating fast changing legislation.

Three foundation degree courses in this faculty focus on vital conservation, biodiversity and environmental care issues, but all have broad commercial relevance. The most vocational is in animal conservation with its focus on zoology and ecology, building skills and knowledge in marine and land animal conservation.

Two new courses for 2022 focus on sustainability in tourism and environment management. Widely applicable in commercial contexts, both courses will prepare you for a forward-looking career in a growing economic sector.

"I previously studied at Petroc for my A-levels, and I was looking for an animal/conservation based course close to home and this seemed perfect. I was excited to apply and was so happy to be accepted. Being a past student, I know the college campus well which further influenced my decision to study at Petroc again.

I enjoy my small class size as I feel more engaged during lessons and everyone is like-minded in their interests regarding animals and the environment.

I am so happy I decided to do this course as I feel I am working towards a career I've always dreamt of. When I first applied for this course I was working 25 hours a week whilst completing assignments. I've managed to balance this well by choosing to do the part-time option, which lasts for three years instead of two years. Make no excuses, just make time and try your hardest and you can't go wrong!"

LUCY - FOUNDATION DEGREE IN ANIMAL CONSERVATION

CONSERVATION & ENVIRONMENT COURSES

Foundation Degree Animal Conservation*	Full-Time & Part-Time	North Devon
Foundation Degree Sustainable Environmental Management*	Full-Time & Part-Time	North Devon
Foundation Degree Sustainable Tourism Management*	Full-Time & Part-Time	North Devon



The National Trust, the UK's largest conservation charity, employs around **£10,000** people.¹



Starting salaries for a Nature Conservation Officer range from **£18,000 to £24,000**²

¹ National Trust ² Prospects

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CONSTRUCTION

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Construction is an increasingly technical industry where the value of solid academic qualifications is ever more apparent, as is the need for qualified people. The shortage of skilled people in construction is now so acute, says RICS, that at least 200,000 more are needed just to meet the government's mid-2020s housebuilding target.

Petroc's Higher National Certificate in Construction provides that foundation for a career either in development, architectural services, quantity surveying, building surveying and construction project management.

The course could be followed by higher academic study to HND or degree level, or could lead directly to employment in the industry locally or further afield.

The content is strongly vocational and the level of study undertaken is a demonstration of your academic capability. This can lead you to a wide variety of roles in an international industry. Many construction companies and chartered professions operate on contracts worldwide, increasing the opportunities for travel and wider professional development.

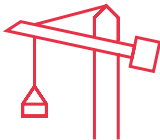


CONSTRUCTION COURSES

Higher National Certificate in Construction*	Part-Time	North Devon
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The national average salary for a Graduate construction manager is **£30,440¹**



The value of construction in Great Britain reached its highest ever level at **£118,977 MILLION²**

¹ Glassdoor

² 2019, Office for National Statistics

*Approved by the University of Plymouth

CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

A high-angle, top-down photograph showing a group of people's hands and arms reaching over a large table. The table is covered with various creative materials: several sheets of paper with text and diagrams, many colorful sticky notes (yellow, blue, pink, green), and printed graphics. One prominent graphic says 'CREATIVE' in large letters, another says '75%', and a third has the word 'WORLD'. There are also papers with the words 'TYPOGRAPHY' and 'LAYOUT'. A person's hand is seen holding a white marker, another is holding a green marker. The scene suggests a collaborative brainstorming or design session in a creative industry setting.

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Few careers give more direct pleasure than creative subjects, with their unique combination of imaginative thinking and creative development. Whether you choose to follow an artistic career path or to use creative skills more broadly, there are many fulfilling opportunities within reach.

You can start your creative higher-level journey either through an Access to Higher Education Diploma in Art & Design, or a foundation degree in Art & Contemporary Craft or Illustration.

All these courses might lead to employment, self-employment, or further study.

Creativity is central to innovation and performance in all kinds of businesses. The BA (Hons) Professional Development explores the application of creative thinking, methodologies, and processes to business, opening opportunities for careers in any commercial context.

"I've always had an interest in creative and artistic endeavour. I had considered an art and design course many years ago but after speaking to a friend, she strongly recommended the course and the tutor, so I decided to apply!

The biggest highlight of my course was the complete change of perspective it gave me. What started as an interesting part-time study option has transformed my life. Thanks to Petroc - and a very understanding partner - I applied to university and am now one year into a BA degree in Fine Art at UWE Bristol.

What I most enjoyed about studying at Petroc was the brilliant encouraging atmosphere of the studio/classroom.

I'm a keen advocate for continuing education throughout life. If you have an interest in art and design, then whether as an end in itself or as a stepping stone to future opportunities, this course and Petroc, is a very good choice."

DEE - ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION ART AND DESIGN

CREATIVE INDUSTRY COURSES

Access to Higher Education: Diploma in Art and Design	Full-Time & Part-Time	Brannams
Foundation Degree Art and Contemporary Craft*	Full-Time & Part-Time	North Devon
Foundation Degree Illustration*	Full-Time & Part-Time	North Devon
BA (Hons) Professional Development (Creative Industries)*	Part-Time	North Devon
Petroc is looking to provide HE qualifications in Creative Media and Performing Arts & Production for September 2022 entry. Please contact HE@petroc.ac.uk for further information.		



The creative industries employ more than **2 MILLION** people in a variety of arts and design jobs²

¹ UK Talent

² Prospects

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DIGITAL & TECHNOLOGIES

SOUTH WEST

I N S T I T U T E O F
T E C H N O L O G Y

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The computing faculty at Petroc offers higher-level study in either general computing or specific subject paths.

The UK technology sector is flying; at more than £10 billion in 2019, investment in UK companies accounted for a third of all the capital invested in tech across Europe. Opportunities abound for computing skills in every field, not limited to technology businesses, but including IT services and support.

The range of subjects studied at Petroc could launch you into a career in embedded systems design, computer gaming, software development or networking.

Foundation degree courses comprise focused study that can either shortcut entry to employment or offer pathways to continue your education to honours degree. Higher apprenticeships are studied whilst in employment and are normally sponsored by the employer.

"I decided to go to Petroc due to it being accessible to me with commuting from home and also the fact they offered the foundation degree part-time. This was a huge deciding factor for me, due to not being able to fully give up working. The lecturers at Petroc were so helpful, it made my time studying there such a lovely experience. The campus is also lovely and not far from the town centre. I now volunteer as a STEM ambassador, by raising young people's engagement and achievements in STEM subjects and careers.

This course is fantastic for giving you a wide range of skills and knowledge in the different areas of computing. Do not think that you may not have the current skills to be able to study this course, take it from someone who truly thought there would be no way I could do it. If you work hard and put in the time and effort needed, you will flourish."

KAYLEIGH, FOUNDATION DEGREE
IN COMPUTING

DIGITAL & TECHNOLOGIES COURSES

Foundation Degree Computing*	Full-Time & Part-Time	North Devon & Mid Devon
Foundation Degree Embedded Systems Design*	Full-Time & Part-Time	North Devon
Foundation Degree Games Development*	Full-Time & Part-Time	North Devon



The top five jobs held by graduates include **WEB DESIGN** and **IT OPERATIONS TECHNICIAN**¹

EDUCATION & CHILDCARE



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The early years are among the most significant in every life and it's often thought a privilege to be involved in shaping them. A wide range of academic and practical teaching courses at Petroc offer opportunities to pursue inspiring careers in education and childhood development more broadly.

The faculty offers entry level, certificate courses and Access to Higher Education diplomas in teaching and early years development. As a starting point, they open possibilities in education and lead naturally on to one of two foundation degrees and a BA (Hons).

"I chose to come to Petroc because it is local, provides a sense of community, it is a pathway into a new career and it is a great opportunity to earn a university degree. This course allowed me to keep my current job and to study at the same time, it is flexible and fits around my lifestyle.

For me, the highlights have been meeting great people and making new friendships, the lecturers are friendly, positive, and always very supportive and completing the BA Hons has given me confidence and I have learnt many new skills.

My advice for anyone thinking of taking this course is that it is a great course to learn, improve personal and professional skills, and build confidence. It is never too late to return to education and achieve a degree and change your life."

DESI, BA (HONS) PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CHILDHOOD STUDIES

Studying childhood and learning could set you on a path toward teaching at any level, further research, or social care and related occupations. Generous openings exist throughout education as government recruitment targets continue to be missed by as much as 15% overall. The rewards of careers in these areas are well beyond the monetary, giving a generous payback in personal and professional development.

EDUCATION & CHILDCARE COURSES

Access to Higher Education: Diploma in Teaching - Humanities Route	Full-Time	North Devon
Access to Higher Education: Diploma in Teaching - Science Route	Full-Time	North Devon
Access to Higher Education: Diploma in Understanding Child Development	Full-Time	North Devon
Certificate in Education incorporating the Diploma in Education and Training*	Part-Time	North Devon & Mid Devon
Foundation Degree Early Childhood Studies*	Full-Time & Part-Time	North Devon & Mid Devon
Foundation Degree Teaching & Learning*	Full-Time & Part-Time	North Devon
BA (Hons) Professional Development (Childhood Studies)*	Full-Time & Part-Time	North Devon & Mid Devon
Children, Young People & Families Practitioner - Apprenticeship (Standard)	Part-Time	North Devon
Learning and Skills Teacher - Apprenticeship (Standard)	Part-Time	North Devon

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ENGINEERING & MANUFACTURING

SOUTH WEST

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T E C H N O L O G Y

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The fourth industrial revolution is underway, bringing huge change to manufacturing and production. Engineers who develop their knowledge of emerging technologies will continue to be an in-demand resource worldwide.

You can begin your career at Petroc with mechanical or electronic engineering either through the HNC programme, an apprenticeship, foundation degree or BSc.



There are almost **5.7 MILLION** people work in engineering in the UK¹



A typical salary for a graduate engineering job is around **£26,000 - £29,000**²

"I was given the opportunity by my employer to further my education, and Petroc was the obvious choice as it is situated not far from my place of work.

As a design engineer at work, I wanted to study a course that I would not only enjoy and find interesting but would be relevant to my day-to-day tasks as an engineer. The variety of modules I studied gave me the opportunity to learn so much that it essentially made me a better engineer.

The second year of the HNC was particularly enjoyable when I undertook an engineering project; I used the skills and knowledge I had gained at college, to produce a final drawing pack for manufacture that achieved a high final grade."

NICHOLAS, HNC IN MECHANICAL DESIGN & MANUFACTURE

ENGINEERING & MANUFACTURING COURSES

Higher National Certificate in Electronics*	Part-Time	North Devon
Higher National Certificate in Mechanical Design and Manufacture*	Part-Time	North Devon
Foundation Degree Electronics and Communications*	Full-Time & Part-Time	North Devon
Foundation Degree Mechanical Design and Manufacture Engineering*	Full-Time & Part-Time	North Devon
Foundation Degree Production and Manufacture*	Full-Time & Part-Time	North Devon
BSc (Hons) Integrated Technologies Engineering*	Full-Time & Part-Time	North Devon
Engineering Manufacturing Technician - Apprenticeship (Standard)	Part-Time	North Devon

¹ Prospects ²TargetJobs

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NURSING AND HEALTH

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The ongoing pandemic has laid bare our reliance on a committed, at times heroic, but always overstretched body of health and social care professionals. Demand for expertise in all areas of health and wellbeing is high and in an aging society, is only likely to increase.

This original vocation offers many routes toward the practice and management of social care, nursing, and medicine.

Access courses introduce social work and nursing concepts, and apprenticeships explore the subject in greater depth while working, offering a route toward practice management.

Foundation degrees and BSc programmes offer opportunities to qualify in health and social care or adult nursing.

"Being a mature student, I needed to study somewhere close to home so that I could still accommodate family life. My lecturers have been outstanding and over this past year they have helped me both personally and academically and I now have much more belief in myself.

The highlight for me is being in a group of likeminded people who are all passionate about our chosen subject. To be around our lecturers who have so much knowledge and understanding of health and social care is amazing. Also learning about myself and what I want to do with my future has been an amazing journey to be on.

There are so many different avenues you can take with this qualification. You will learn so much about this sector and it will help you grow personally as well as professionally. The lecturers' knowledge is second to none and they will guide you through the process with care and support. You definitely will not regret your choice."

JENNY - FOUNDATION DEGREE IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

NURSING & HEALTH COURSES

Access to Higher Education: Diploma in Humanities, Education & Social Work	Full-Time & Part-Time	North Devon & Mid Devon
Access to Higher Education: Diploma in Nursing, Midwifery and Medical Science	Full-Time & Part-Time	North Devon & Mid Devon
FdSc Assistant Practitioner: Health and Social Care*	Full-Time	North Devon & Mid Devon
Foundation Degree Health and Social Care*	Full-Time & Part-Time	North Devon & Mid Devon
BA (Hons) Professional Development (Health and Social Care)*	Full-Time & Part-Time	North Devon & Mid Devon
BSc (Hons) Nursing (Adult)	Full-Time	North Devon
Lead Practitioner in Adult Care - Apprenticeship (Standard)	Part-Time	North Devon
Nursing Associate - Higher Apprenticeship (Standard)	Part-Time	Mid Devon
Care Leadership & Management - Apprenticeship (Standard)	Part-Time	North Devon

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SCIENCE

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The public profile of scientists has rarely been higher than at present, and the value of science-based careers never more obvious. Beyond the pandemic, however, demand for STEM subject graduates is only going to increase as the UK Government commits to raise R&D investment to £22 billion by 2024. As wide a field as maths and science is, at Petroc it is focused on two areas: engineering and bioscience.

Entry points include the access courses in science, leading on to foundation degree study; and, a technician apprenticeship, which will develop your skills and knowledge in a lab-based role.

The courses will cement maths and science disciplines and develop your knowledge in many directions, giving you a chance to discover the area of scientific study that most appeals to your talent and offers clear pathways for a future career.

"Getting back into education after such a long time has been my highlight, and rediscovering my love for learning all things science. I particularly enjoyed biology as it is something I wish to pursue at a higher level.

The excellent support from the tutors, who have been very understanding and always ready and willing to offer support. When I leave college I plan to study Bsc in Zoology, an Msc in Zoology and then study Entomology. My ultimate goal is to achieve a PhD.

For anyone thinking of choosing the same course - Go for it! It's never too late to get back into education and this is the perfect course to get into university. Petroc is a great college that offers amazing support."

RAY, ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION
DIPLOMA: SCIENCES

SCIENCE COURSES

Access to Higher Education: Diploma in Science	Full-Time	North Devon & Mid Devon
Access to Higher Education: Diploma in Science and Engineering	Full-Time	Mid Devon
Foundation Degree Human Biosciences*	Full-Time & Part-Time	North Devon
Technician Scientist - Apprenticeship (Standard)	Part-Time	North Devon



The average science graduate salary in the UK is £23,400¹

¹ Talent.com *Approved by the University of Plymouth

SOCIAL SCIENCES

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Humanities and the social sciences are the traditional degree subjects where study gives you important skills in research, developing ideas, testing theories, and establishing proposals that have wide application in any career. Talented social science graduates are often to be found at the head of organisations, or in the boardrooms of business.

Petroc social science degree study can begin with a teaching diploma access course, or with a foundation degree in psychology. A BA (Hons) programme includes the psychology-leaning Human Behavioural Studies degree.

While teaching is an obvious choice for some, social sciences degrees are a good basis for further academic study or for graduate recruitment and management training in any commercial sphere of your choosing. The CMI reports the strongest growth in UK employment is in the higher-level occupations such as managers, directors and professional occupations.

"Petroc is the closest college to where I live and it offered the course that I wanted to study at the same level offered by other colleges/universities over a two-day period.

My interest grew in psychology whilst studying the psychology module on the Access to HE course. It really piqued my interest and I found the subject fascinating. Every day you learn something new, interesting and thought provoking. No lesson is the same, every day is different with different challenges.

My advice for anyone thinking of taking this course is to ask questions and if you're stuck, ask for help. The lecturers are lovely and so knowledgeable and I have found that they are always willing to help you if you ask."

**VANESSA - FOUNDATION DEGREE
IN PSYCHOLOGICAL STUDIES,
PREVIOUSLY ACCESS TO HE: NURSING,
MIDWIFERY AND MEDICAL SCIENCE**

SOCIAL SCIENCE COURSES

Access to Higher Education: Diploma in Teaching - Humanities Route	Full-Time	North Devon
Foundation Degree Psychological Studies*	Full-Time & Part-Time	North Devon
BA (Hons) Human Behavioural Studies*	Full-Time & Part-Time	North Devon



74.3% of Social Science graduates
went directly into employment²

¹ Prospects ² UCAS

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SPORT (COACHING, HEALTH AND FITNESS)



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Healthier lives tend to last longer, have more purpose, and give greater reward. By studying sport at Petroc, you will discover how to promote healthy choices that can either prevent or moderate conditions and help more people to gain the benefits of better general health.

Opportunities for careers in health and fitness are growing as we become more aware of the need for healthier lifestyles. Such change is already driving growth in gym membership to new record numbers UK-wide.

In this foundation degree programme, you will be using the scientific disciplines that underpin sport such as nutrition, psychology, and fitness development. You will explore theoretical concepts in practical sports coaching, and develop practical skills coaching, instructing and advising others. You will acquire substantial work-based experience, and academic, practical and interpersonal skills that will form the foundation for your career.

"I chose to come to Petroc for a number of reasons: firstly, because it offered a course that was exactly what I wanted to study; secondly, it was very close to home which made the decision to return to higher education a much more realistic one financially (with the ability to still work and live at home).

The thing I most enjoyed about studying at Petroc, was how encouraging the lecturers were, and that more often than not, you were given the freedom to explore your interests within the assignments and modules you studied.

My advice for anyone who is thinking of choosing this course is to go for it! This course seriously gives you the best opportunities to discover different career opportunities in sport."

**BEAU, FOUNDATION DEGREE IN
SPORTS COACHING HEALTH AND
FITNESS**

SPORT & FITNESS COURSES

Foundation Degree Sport: Coaching, Health and Fitness*	Full-Time & Part-Time	North Devon
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SPORTS COACHES, INSTRUCTORS AND OFFICIALS, are the most popular jobs held by sports coaching graduates¹

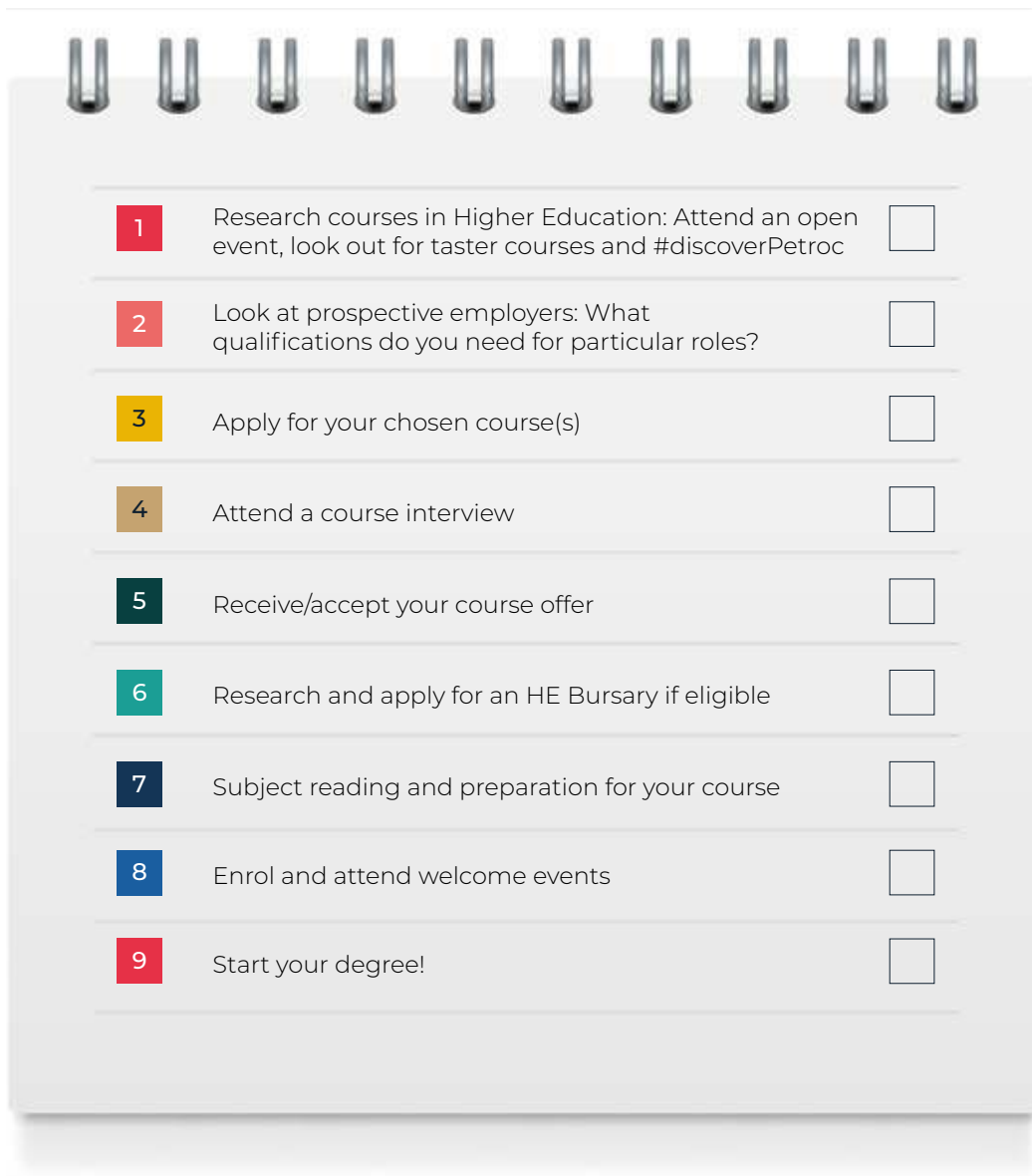


Highly-experienced PE teachers can earn between **£35,250 - £46,500¹**

¹ Prospects *Approved by the University of Plymouth

DEGREE STUDY CHECKLIST:

Below are some key steps you'll need to complete over the next few months to get degree-ready!



A spiral-bound notebook with a light gray cover and silver rings at the top. The notebook is open to a page with a checklist of 9 steps to get degree-ready. Each step is numbered in a colored square, followed by the task description and a checkbox.

- 1** Research courses in Higher Education: Attend an open event, look out for taster courses and #discoverPetroc ☐
- 2** Look at prospective employers: What qualifications do you need for particular roles? ☐
- 3** Apply for your chosen course(s) ☐
- 4** Attend a course interview ☐
- 5** Receive/accept your course offer ☐
- 6** Research and apply for an HE Bursary if eligible ☐
- 7** Subject reading and preparation for your course ☐
- 8** Enrol and attend welcome events ☐
- 9** Start your degree! ☐

NOTES...

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