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Full Time Course Guide 2022-23
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CAMPUSES IN ABERDARE, NANTGARW, RHONDDA, YSTRAD MYNACH



Welcome to CYC

OUR MISSION IS YOUR FUTURE SUCCESS



Hello, my name is Karen Phillips, Principal of Coleg y Cymoedd and I am very pleased that you are thinking about coming to study with us. We are very proud to be offering great learning opportunities across Caerphilly and Rhondda Cynon Taf.

You might be asking yourself – should I choose Coleg y Cymoedd as my next step? Here are ten reasons that we think might help you decide...

What do we offer?

- 1. CHOICE** – we offer the widest range of vocational qualifications alongside 24 A-levels, but college is more than just qualifications we will work with you so that you develop skills to succeed in life
- 2. EXPERTISE** – we have the very best teachers, who are subject specialists and many have extensive industrial experience. They are all determined to help you achieve and are able to deliver a blend of learning on and off campus to encourage your development
- 3. SUPPORT** – we have professional, dedicated and specialist support staff providing that extra support when needed – whether you are struggling or need that extra stretch and challenge
- 4. PARTNERSHIPS** – we have excellent links with over 1000 employers and all universities within the region and across the UK
- 5. FACILITIES** – we have first class learning facilities in all areas and across all campuses and fantastic IT support to enable you to work independently to enhance your directed learning

What will it be like for you?

- 6. LEARNING FOR A PURPOSE** – college will provide you with an excellent stepping stone to university, an apprenticeship or employment and we also offer a number of progression routes to HE within the college. We have a dedicated employment bureau Futures@Cymoedd to work with learners to secure the best destination after college
- 7. TARGETS** – you will have regular tutorials to ensure that you are on track and both coping with the course and achieving your potential
- 8. WORK EXPERIENCE** – you will be able to participate in an extensive range of work experience placements with employers and/or in our professional salons and restaurants, which run on a commercial basis
- 9. BOOST** – every campus offers activities over and above your learning programme to enable you to try out new hobbies, gain new skills and develop your self-confidence. In addition, we have excellent academy provision for sports enabling you to pursue your academic and sporting dreams
- 10. SUCCESS** – we will expect you to work hard but we will also work hard with you to ensure that when you take your next step you will be ready

Don't just take my word for it – participate in one of our open events, details of which can be found on our website www.cymoedd.ac.uk. You can also check out our social media and the learner testimonials, go to the links on the Coleg y Cymoedd YouTube channel to see the experiences others have had, or contact us to arrange a visit.

I wish you good luck with your search, apply early so that you get on to the course of your choice and if you decide to join us, I look forward to welcoming you to the college in 2022.

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APPLYING

APPLYING TO COLLEGE

Applications are taken from 1st November each year. The easiest way to apply is online, but you can call us or pop in at any time for advice on courses and studying at the college. We start interviewing in January, and many of our courses fill up quickly, so please apply as soon as possible.

OPEN EVENTS

Our Open Events are a great way to find out more about our courses and the career you want. Our expert staff are available and able to answer any questions you may have. Due to government restrictions with COVID-19, our Open Events may be offered as physical or virtual events.

Check out our website for dates and times
www.cymoedd.ac.uk/open

Advice and guidance is available throughout the year, use the contact details on this page to get in touch.

GCSE Results Day

We have a help desk available on every campus on GCSE results day and the Friday after to give advice and guidance. So if you don't get the grades or if you haven't yet applied for a place in college, don't panic come and talk to us.

If you have completed year 12 but would like to switch to college for year 13 come and talk to us.

ABERDARE



Wellington Street, Aberdare, Rhondda Cynon Taf, CF44 8EN
01685 887500

NANTGARW



Heol y Coleg, Parc Nantgarw, Cardiff, CF15 7QY
01443 662800

RHONDDA



Llwynypia, Tonypany, Rhondda Cynon Taf, CF40 2TQ
01443 663202

YSTRAD MYNACH



Twyn Road, Ystrad Mynach, Hengoed, CF82 7XR
01443 816888

HOW TO APPLY

Throughout the process you will be able to monitor your application's progress using your online application account.

Step 1

Search

Search for a course in this guide or online at www.cymoedd.ac.uk

Step 2

Apply

You can apply for the course of your choice from November 2021 via the college website at www.cymoedd.ac.uk

Step 3

Admissions Guidance Interview

You will be invited to an Admissions Guidance Interview with a member of our Admission team and a course tutor. During the guidance interview, you will discuss your choices and get advice on the best course for you and discuss additional learning needs and support available.

Step 4

After the interview

After the Interview, you will either be offered a place or referred to a more appropriate one.

Step 5

Enrolment

An invitation and enrolment pack will be sent out during August 2022 giving you all the information you will need to enrol onto your course.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

For most courses your level of study will depend on the grades you achieved at school, but the opportunity is there for you to work your way up.

For detailed information and entry requirements on any of our courses, visit the course on our website www.cymoedd.ac.uk/courses

If you don't meet the entry requirements for your chosen course you may still be able to study the subject but at a different level.



Get Connected
Coleg y Cymoedd



Croesawn alwadau
yn y Gymraeg

We welcome calls
in Welsh

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

AT CYMOEDD

We understand how important skills are for all learners. Good communication, numeracy and digital skills will help you progress through college and on to university or employment.

Core Skills Sessions

To help you improve your skills while you study at Cymoedd, you will attend core sessions every week. You will work towards one or more of the following qualifications:

- Essential Communication Skills
- Essential Application of Number Skills
- Essential Digital Literacy Skills
- Essential Employability Skills
- Welsh Baccalaureate.
- Re-sit GCSE English (previously achieved a grade D or above), Mathematics (previously achieved a grade D or above) or Numeracy (previously achieved a grade E or above) - these will be open to all learners who would like/are required to achieve a better grade to aid their future aspiration.



Academic Success Team (AST) Support

You will attend one hour of AST per week to support your studies. The majority of the session will be online, with a menu of activities to help you develop your skills. For example, you can use this time for literacy and numeracy support, working on self-study research or improving your digital literacy. Your AST advisor will help you plan and reflect on the activities you complete during the session.

Main Programme of Study

All courses will provide opportunities for you to develop your literacy, numeracy, employability and digital literacy skills.

WELSH AT

THE COLLEGE

The Welsh language and culture is important to us at Coleg y Cymoedd. Being able to speak Welsh is increasingly being seen as a valuable skill to have in the workplace so let us help you make the most of whatever Welsh skills you may have. Also, under the Welsh Language Standards you are entitled to services and support through the medium of Welsh.

Opportunities to study through the medium of Welsh or bilingually (subject to viable numbers):

- A Welsh-medium Maths GCSE resit class;
- Bilingual Welsh Baccalaureate groups at AS and A-Level through the A-Level Centre;
- A-Level and AS-Level in Welsh (Second Language);
- Welsh-medium Customer Care units called 'Cymraeg Gwaith' across all vocational areas;
- A new bilingual Childcare/Health and Social Care option

Help and Support

We offer the following to help you maintain or improve your Welsh language skills.

- Glossaries of bilingual subject-specific terms;
- A Welsh-medium activity club: 'Clwb Dreigiau'r Cymoedd';
- Basic Welsh lessons: 'Dragon Bites';
- Signposting to Welsh classes in your community;
- A calendar of Welsh language and Welsh-themed events throughout the year;
- An opportunity for Welsh speakers to be employed as Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol Welsh Ambassadors.

If you have any enquiries related to the Welsh language at the College, contact Lois Roberts - lois.roberts@cymoedd.ac.uk 01443 810127



STUDENT

LIFE

Make new friends, take up a hobby, gain extra skills alongside your course and become more employable!

- Community Activities and Volunteering
- Sport and Fitness
- Clubs and Societies
- Music and Drama

Learner Voice

Get involved with our Learner Voice and make a difference to your college. Learner Voice is all about giving you an opportunity to have your say and change what happens at college.

Enterprise, Employability, Entrepreneurship

Whilst at Cymoedd, you can take part in a range of activities to boost your Enterprise, Employability and Entrepreneur skills.

A mentoring scheme is available where learners can be mentored by professionals from a range of backgrounds to develop career related skills and goals.

Did you know, if you are interested in starting or currently have your own business you can get expert advice from a dedicated Entrepreneur based at the college.

Work Placement and Trips

Many of our courses include the opportunity for you to undertake work placements and trips throughout the UK, Europe and beyond.

FUTURES

@CYMOEDD

Your future is important to us!

Our dedicated Futures team at Coleg y Cymoedd are able to help learners who are looking for

- Part time employment
- Work experience
- Apprenticeships
- Employability skills
- CV writing
- Job applications
- Health and wellbeing

Watch here!

Christian Reynolds



**Level 2 Diploma
in Painting and
Decorating**

“Futures@Cymoedd have been very supportive from day one, helping make sure my CV was a good match to the job vacancy through to interview and maintaining contact to see how I have settled in. Thank you so much for your help I really appreciate it, you have been great and really helpful. I am looking forward to starting my NVQ Level 2 in Painting and Decorating”.

For more information, speak to a member of the team today: 01443 663229 or email futures@cymoedd.ac.uk

LEARNER SUPPORT

Need some help?

Starting college is one of the most exciting things you can do. Making new friends, studying something new, and making your own decisions are all positive experiences, but if you feel you need some advice or information, we're here to help.

The College's Universal Learning Provision includes lots of different support available to all learners. There is support with literacy, numeracy and digital skills; welfare and wellbeing support to help with personal issues as well as tutor support and guidance.

Your first stop should be our Learner Services team. They provide day-to-day assistance and support on practical issues such as grants and travel.

Additional Learning Support

Universal Learning provision is likely to meet the needs of most learners, but some learners may require Additional Learning Provision.

If you have a disability, sensory impairment or additional learning need such as dyslexia, dyspraxia, ADHD or ASD;

had a Statement (SEN) or support in school and think you need extra help in College, then please let us know.

You can tell us on your application form, speak to someone from support at your interview or ask someone to contact you. Telling us as early as possible helps make sure the right support for you is in place.

Our friendly, experienced and qualified Additional Learning Provision team meet a range of individual needs. Learning Support Assistants provide close support and work with small groups in and out of class. Specialist assessors arrange access arrangements in exams and provide specific support. Learning Coaches provide extra support through the I2A project and help make settling into college easier. We understand that college is not just about taking a course - it is about preparing for work or further study, meeting new people and enjoying what you do and you can be confident that there is support available.

For further information about Additional Learning Support please visit www.cymoedd.ac.uk/learningsupport and www.alnpathfinder.wales

Looked After or Care Leaver

If you have been in or are leaving care, we offer extra support with all aspects of college life and help you prepare for further study or work. We provide a link person for you to speak to, as and when you need to, who can offer advice and guidance, including on financial support. Let us know at application or speak with Campus & Learner Services.

Young Carers

The Learner Services team can also help if you have caring responsibilities for a family member and are worried it might impact on your college work. Talk to us about your circumstances, and we'll let you know what help and support you can get.

Student Welfare and Wellbeing

If you're experiencing personal difficulties including housing and relationship issues, you can contact our Student Welfare and Wellbeing Officers. They can provide you with confidential support or refer you to other professionals if necessary.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Depending on your circumstances, you may be eligible for financial support to help with the cost of going to college.

Educational Maintenance Allowance (EMA)

If you're between 16 and 18, you may be eligible for EMA of £30 a week. You'll have to satisfy certain conditions to qualify, further information is available from www.studentfinancewales.co.uk.

Welsh Government Learning Grant. Further details can be found on our website.

Financial Contingency Fund (FCF)

The Financial Contingency Fund can provide support for learners who are on low income. In particular, it can support learners with nursery fees, specific kit equipment for practical courses, free meals and transport for over 19's. Applicants are means-tested; evidence of specified benefits will need to be provided, the

Financial Contingency Fund prioritises certain categories of support, so please apply early. Further details and application forms can be found on our website.

Meals

If you are starting a full-time course and if you or your parents receive certain state benefits, you could receive a daily meal allowance to spend on campus. For more information, please visit Campus & Learner Services.

Travel

If you're under 19 and satisfy qualifying criteria, you may be able to get subsidised travel from either your local council transport department (their policies can vary and we will provide the most recent information) or the college Financial Contingency Fund. Speak to Campus & Learner Services if you'd like help with travel costs.

Higher Education Financial Information

For financial information for Higher Education and details of support available including Disabled Students Allowance (DSA) please visit our website.

Visit our website www.cymoedd.ac.uk for more information on financial support that may be available to you.

If you have any questions or want more information about additional support, a member of the Campus & Learner Services team will be happy to speak to you.





ADVANCED LEVELS

In 2021, our A-level Centre achieved a 100% overall pass rate, with the number of learners attaining A*- C grades at A2 reaching 87.5%. All A2 subject areas secured a 100% pass rate, including the Sciences, Humanities, Further Maths and English. Coleg y Cymoedd's A2 results continue a trend of improvement, with 2021 standing as the college's fourth successive record-breaking year.

The A-Level Centre at Coleg y Cymoedd offers you a complete learning and support package tailor-made to help you reach your full potential in terms of the grades you achieve and the educational and career goals to which you are enabled to aspire. Your mental, emotional and physical health and well-being are also of the utmost importance to us, and we will do everything we can to ensure that these are nurtured and sustained throughout your time in college.

Our Personal Support Package:

The transition from school to college can be daunting, but our expert team of Personal Tutors will help you at every stage of your college journey. You will receive a complete support package coordinated by your Personal Tutor, who will help you with everything from EMA queries to time management and revision skills. Progress meetings, to which your parents or guardians are invited, take place each year.

You will be fully supported during your time at the A-Level Centre and guided through a comprehensive personal tutorial system, which encompasses specific support with Higher Education, with training and career choices and applications, and with personal statement and CV writing.

Find out more
about the course:



This year's strong results have seen learners secure places at some of the UK's best universities.

Why study with us?

Learners – Reasons to Choose Us:

- A wide choice of AS/A-Level & Level 3 Certificate/ Diploma options in 28 subjects
- The freedom to become an independent learner
- An ideal bridge between school and Higher Education
- Broaden your horizons and meet new people
- A modern and contemporary building with superb facilities
- A comprehensive tutorial/support system
- Extra-curricular activities via the BOOST enrichment programme

Parents – Reasons to Choose Us:

- Excellent A-Level results
- Subject tutors who pride themselves on providing the highest standard of education and learning opportunities
- Develop and foster important life skills, transferable to university and employment
- Proven track record of Oxbridge and 'Russell Group' university application success
- Comprehensive tutorial/support system
- Personal contact with all tutors and lecturers
- Adult learning environment and culture in our award-winning and fully-equipped Nantgarw Campus

What Can You Study With Us?

The A-Level programme enables you to study three or four AS-Levels plus the Welsh Baccaulaureate (Advanced) in your AS year. Following successful AS results, you will then progress to study at A2-Level, including the Welsh Baccaulaureate. You can widen your choices with a combined course by choosing 1 or 2 AS subjects alongside BTECs. Options will be discussed during your application process.



After our most successful year, many of our learners are following in the footsteps of past learners and attending top 'Russell Group' universities such as Oxford, Cambridge, Bristol, Exeter, Cardiff, Manchester and Durham.

A-LEVEL SUBJECTS	
Art & Design	Health & Social Care
Business	Law
Biology	Mathematics
Chemistry	Further Mathematics
Drama	Media Studies
English Language and Literature	Photography
English Literature	Physics
Film Studies	Psychology
French	Religious Studies
Geography	Sociology
Government and Politics	Welsh (2nd Language)
History	Advanced Welsh Baccaulaureate

BTEC LEVEL 3 CERTIFICATE/DIPLOMA SUBJECTS	
Criminology - WJEC Level 3 Certificate leading to Diploma	Sports and Exercise Science - BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma
Applied Science – BTEC Certificate leading to Subsidiary Diploma	Law - BTEC Certificate leading to Subsidiary Diploma

(Curriculum offer and entry criteria are subject to change)

The A-Level Centre is based on our Nantgarw Campus.

Support with your next steps:

Supporting our learners and preparing them for their futures is a key focus of the A-Level Centre. We offer a range of additional support strategies, tailored to finding the right path for your next step.

We will:

- Guide you through the UCAS process and support you every step of the way, from application to selecting your firm choice
- Offer expert support with personal statement and CVs
- Provide guidance with apprenticeship and job applications and opportunities
- Support you with securing relevant work experience placements
- Provide extensive interview practice, as required
- Nurture and develop your confidence and skills base

Missed the grades? Want another attempt?

The A-Level programme has taken learners who have not achieved the grades they envisaged or those revisiting existing A-Levels to improve their grades/UCAS points for university or potential employment. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you fall into this category to discuss the available options.

Stretch & Challenge programme

Working with some of the leading Universities in the UK, the Welsh Government and local Seren Hub Networks, our Stretch and Challenge programme aims to help our A-Level Centre learners achieve their full potential.

From one-to-one support with UCAS applications, to summer school activities at Oxbridge and other leading universities, the programme will really push you to be the very best you can be. We'll talk to you about your eligibility to participate in the programme once you have been accepted to study at Coleg y Cymoedd.

Learners with a profile of GCSE equivalent qualifications may be advised to progress towards BTEC/WJEC Level 3 Certificate/Diploma options.

ADVANCED LEVELS TESTIMONIALS

Ffion Williams



(Treorchy)

Ffion Williams, 18, from Treorchy, achieved AAA in A level Biology, Geography and Maths as well as a Distinction* in Level 3 Sport. A keen netballer, Ffion is part of Coleg y Cymoedd's Netball Academy and has represented the college in numerous tournaments.

Ffion secured a place at Exeter University to study Biomedical Science.

Ffion said: **"I have always loved science and I'm really interested in pursuing a career in vaccine development and research. I also love netball and have enjoyed playing for Coleg y Cymoedd over the last couple of years so I'm really hoping to play it alongside my degree."**

Leah Morgan



(Bedwas)

Leah Morgan from Bedwas achieved four A* grades in Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry and Physics and secured a place at Swansea University to study Nuclear Medicine. She is one of a handful of learners in Wales to be awarded an NHS Bursary, which will see her tuition fees paid for by NHS Wales and Welsh Government, and a job working in nuclear medicine guaranteed upon completion of her degree.

Leah said: **"It has been difficult studying through Covid, especially during the lockdowns, but when I received my conditional offer from Swansea University, it showed me that I could make the grades and gave me the motivation I needed. I have to thank the tutors who have provided so much help and support throughout the course."**

Ciara Bibey

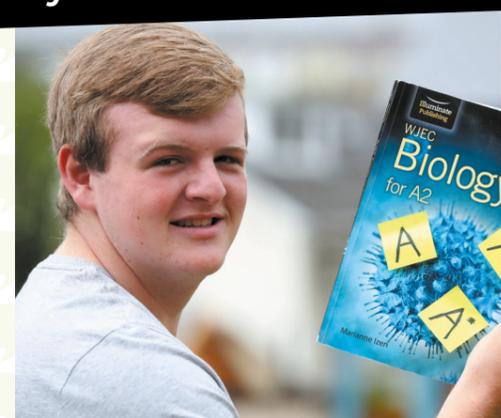


(Maerdy)

Ciara Bibey from Maerdy, has headed off to the University of Birmingham to study Dental Hygiene and Therapy after receiving two A*s in Biology and Psychology and two B's in Chemistry and Welsh Baccalaureate. Ciara balanced college studies with a part-time job at McDonald's. She said: "Trying to juggle shifts with college work was quite hard but worth it and my tutors were all really supportive.

"I've always wanted to do something with dentistry, but didn't want to be an actual dentist because of the five years it takes at university. I was speaking to my orthodontist, who said his wife was a dental hygienist and therapist and loved her job. I researched it and thought 'I want to do that!'"

Dylan Coundley Hughes



(Blackwood)

Dylan Coundley Hughes, 18 from Blackwood gained an impressive A*, A, B in Biology, Mathematics, Geography and secured a place at the University of Southampton to study Biology.

Dylan's dream is to make underwater nature documentaries after being inspired by Sir David Attenborough's Blue Planet series.

"I'm really interested in marine biology and climate change, and this university course will give me so many options for the future."

Apply today!

Access courses are aimed at those with significant life experience outside of education who want to go to University but don't have the necessary qualifications to apply.

ACCESS COURSES

Find out more about the course:

An Access course is a fast and intense learning experience, but one that is enjoyable and rewarding. Access courses at Coleg y Cymoedd are designed to fit into busy family schedules. They are designed for learners aged 19+ who are returning to education. These courses fill up extremely quickly, so please apply early. Good communication skills, a responsible attitude and determination to succeed are essential.

ABERDARE

Level 2 Skills for Further Study (Health Care)

Access to Higher Education Diploma (Health Professions)

YSTRAD MYNACH

Level 2 Skills for Further Study (Health Care)

Level 2 Skills for Further Study (Science)

Access to Higher Education Diploma (Biosciences)

Access to Higher Education Diploma (Health Science)

Access to Higher Education Diploma (Social Sciences)

Access to Higher Education Diploma (Business & Financial Services)

NANTGARW

Level 2 Skills for Further Study (Health Care)

Access to Higher Education Diploma (Science)

Access to Higher Education Diploma (Health Professions)

Access to Higher Education Diploma (Humanities and Social Sciences)

Access to Higher Education Diploma (Medicine)

RHONDDA

Level 2 Skills for Further Study (Health Care)

Access to Higher Education Diploma (Health Professions)

For detailed information and entry requirements on any of our courses, visit the course on website www.cymoedd.ac.uk/courses

If you don't meet the entry requirements for your chosen course you may still be able to study the subject but at a different level. Please discuss with Admissions.

You need to be aware that some university entry requirements are GCSE Maths and English (and in some cases GCSE Science) at a minimum at grade C. If you do not meet these requirements, please discuss your options at interview stage.

CAREERS

Teacher	Health Professional
Social Worker	Therapy Professional
Legal Professional	Laboratory Technician
Midwife	Physical Scientist
Biochemist	Actuary
Humanities Scientist	Financial Director
Medical Practitioner	

Humanities Scientist

Starting Wage
£25k
Average Wage
£40k

Medical Practitioner

Starting Wage
£33k
Average Wage
£58k

Health Professional

Starting Wage
£22k
Average Wage
£37k

Physical Scientist

Starting Wage
£27k
Average Wage
£50k

Actuary

Starting Wage
£26k
Average Wage
£40k



AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERING

Working in the motor industry is one of the most challenging career choices that you can make. The industry seeks bright, committed people with aptitude and ambition.

It is a place for highly skilled and trained workers.

Taught by lecturers with extensive industrial experience and with full access to our well-equipped workshops, you will be provided with a solid foundation in the automotive industry at Coleg y Cymoedd.

“The college has invested in an industry standard training centre at the Ystrad Mynach Campus providing industry-leading vehicle repair and maintenance workshops including an excellent MOT bay along with extensive diagnostic and testing facilities.”

Find out more about the course:





YSTRAD MYNACH

Level 1 Motor Vehicle Maintenance

Level 2 Motor Vehicle Maintenance

Level 3 Motor Vehicle Maintenance

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CAREERS

- Auto Mechanic
- Diagnostics Engineer
- Breakdown Recovery Technician
- Specialist Body Builder
- Workshop Supervisor
- Foreman Manager Supervisor
- Maintenance Technician
- Transport Manager
- Tyre Fitter
- Motorcycle Technician
- Garage Manager/Owner
- Prototype Technician
- Vehicle Manufacture
- Factory Work
- Product Designer
- Quality Controller
- Motor Sport Technician
- Motor Sport Designer
- Panel Beater
- Paint Sprayer

Automotive Mechanic

Starting Wage

£16k

Average Wage

£26k

Motor Sport Technician

Starting Wage

£20k

Average Wage

£30k

Garage Manager

Starting Wage

£24k

Average Wage

£36k



BUSINESS

Find out more about the course:

Our Business courses offer a launch pad into the business world. You could study general Business, or specialise in Accounting, Event Management or Marketing.

The opportunities are endless with excellent career paths locally or internationally. Employment in these sectors can be inspiring, challenging and fun.

The department has partnerships and links to a number of organisations, including: University of South Wales, Cardiff University, Cardiff Metropolitan University, Wolf Studios, Lloyds Bank and Big Ideas Wales.

CAREERS

- Public Relations
- Event Planner
- Human Resources
- General Manager
- Investment Banker
- Chartered Accountant
- Financial Advisor
- Commercial Banker
- Payroll
- Business Advisor
- Management Accountant
- Auditor
- Entrepreneur
- Account Manager
- Marketing Manager
- Administrator
- Personal Assistant
- Receptionist
- Researcher
- Sales Executive
- Customer Service Advisor

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YSTRAD MYNACH

Level 2 Diploma in Business

Level 3 BTEC Diploma in Business

Level 2 AAT in Accountancy

Level 3 AAT in Accountancy

NANTGARW

Level 2 Diploma in Business

Level 3 BTEC Diploma in Business

Level 2 AAT in Accountancy

Level 3 AAT in Accountancy

Accountant

Starting Wage
£21k
Average Wage
£38k

Human Resources Manager

Starting Wage
£27k
Average Wage
£50k

Administrator

Starting Wage
£17k
Average Wage
£23k



CARE & CHILDHOOD

STUDIES

The health and social care sector is very broad so there's lots of different settings and job roles to choose from. Everyone relies on the specialist skills of a health and social care professional at some point so you will always be in demand.

Our courses cover today's topical and most important issues, and are designed to inspire and challenge you, about the principles and approaches to caring across the health and social care sector.

Childhood Studies

The childcare sector is always interesting and super fun!

Be the person who makes a difference and who has a positive influence on the life of a child. Whether it's helping them to explore and grow, to learn and develop, or protecting them.

The department works in partnership with many schools, colleges and nurseries. They also work closely with Adult Learning Wales who provides additional courses to support our childcare learners, e.g. Basic Food Hygiene, Sign Language, Paediatric First Aid.

Find out more about the course:





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ABERDARE

Entry Level 3 Care & Service Industries

Level 1 in Health & Social Care and Children's Care (combined)

Level 2 Children's Care, Play & Learning and Development

Level 3 Children's Care, Play & Learning and Development

Level 2 in Health & Social Care

Level 3 in Health & Social Care *

*There may be an opportunity for Welsh-speaking learners to maintain their language skills by choosing the bilingual option where some units of this course are taught through the medium of Welsh and some units are taught through the medium of English.

RHONDDA

Level 1 in Health & Social Care and Children's Care (combined)

Level 2 Children's Care, Play & Learning and Development

Level 3 Children's Care, Play & Learning and Development

Level 2 in Health & Social Care

Level 3 in Health & Social Care *

NANTGARW

Entry Level 3 Care & Service Industries

Level 1 in Health & Social Care and Children's Care (combined)

Level 2 Children's Care, Play & Learning and Development

Level 3 Children's Care, Play & Learning and Development

Level 2 in Health & Social Care

Level 2 Pathway to Care (Adults)

Level 3 in Health & Social Care *

YSTRAD MYNACH

Level 2 in Playwork

Level 1 in Health & Social Care and Children's Care (combined)

Level 2 Children's Care, Play & Learning and Development

Level 3 Children's Care, Play & Learning and Development

Level 2 in Health & Social Care

Level 3 in Health & Social Care *

Sophie Davies



(Aberdare) Level 3 Health & Social Care

"The Health & Social course has helped me to achieve my ambitions because it has provided me with an alternative route of getting into university. It has also given me a great amount of teaching in a wide variety of subjects that I will be able to apply in my midwifery practice in the future."

CAREERS

- Residential Carer
- Social Worker
- Social Care Assistant
- Personal Support Worker
- Counsellor
- Youth Worker
- Psychologist
- Child Nurse
- Midwife
- Mental Health Nurse
- Occupational Therapist
- Learning Disability Nurse
- Health Care Assistant
- Child Psychologist
- Childminder
- Childcare Practitioner
- Family Support Worker
- Crèche Provider
- Playworker
- Nursery Manager

Brittany Whitcombe



(Bargoed) Level 3 for Children's Care

Brittany Whitcombe from Bargoed, has started towards her dream job of becoming a Primary School Teacher, securing a place at Cardiff Metropolitan University; after successfully completing Level 3 Childcare.

Brittany said: **"Completing qualifications while being a young carer hasn't been easy. I've had to work extra hard to ensure I met the deadlines and completed work to a good standard while taking care of my younger sister and family friend. The college has been incredibly supportive and understanding. My tutors encouraged me along the way and I'm so proud of how far I've come, I'm so excited to get started on my journey to becoming a primary school teacher."**

Learners working in the Health & Social Care and Children's Care sectors will need to have satisfactory clearance with the Disclosure and Barring Service before attending the required work placement setting.

Midwife

Starting Wage
£26k
Average Wage
£37k

Childminder

Starting Wage
£17k
Average Wage
£24k

Social Worker

Starting Wage
£24k
Average Wage
£36k



CATERING & HOSPITALITY

If you have a passion for food and the stamina to work in a busy fast paced sector, then you'll enjoy the challenges of Hospitality and Catering. You will benefit from first-hand experience of our highly skilled professional tutors who have worked within all sectors of the industry and also exciting work experience opportunities such as local restaurants, hotels, Sophia Gardens & The Principality Stadium to name a few.

We work with professional companies to provide our learners with up-to-date training and access to a range of opportunities to develop the skills that employers are looking for.

Coleg y Cymoedd also has an established Culinary team that competes in various competitions across the academic year: learners are supported to take part in both in-house and national skills competitions, with some achieving bronze, silver and gold awards.

Our learners have gained employment with a number of restaurants, including:

Celtic Manor, Miskin Manor, Lanelay Hall, Llanerch Vineyard, Bryn Meadows, Vale Resort, Park Plaza, The Hilton, Miller and Carter.

Find out more about the course:





ABERDARE

Level 1 in Professional Cookery

Level 2 Professional Cookery or Level 2 Food and Beverage Service

RHONDDA

Entry Level 3 Catering

Level 1 in Professional Cookery

Level 2 Professional Cookery or Level 2 Food and Beverage Service

Level 3 Professional Cookery, Level 3 Patisserie or Level 3 Food and Beverage Service Supervision (Patisserie at Nantgarw and Ystrad)

NANTGARW

Entry Level 3 Catering

Level 1 in Professional Cookery

Level 2 Professional Cookery or Level 2 Food and Beverage Service

Level 3 Professional Cookery, Level 3 Patisserie or Level 3 Food and Beverage Service Supervision (Patisserie at Nantgarw and Ystrad)

YSTRAD MYNACH

Entry Level 3 Catering

Level 1 in Professional Cookery

Level 2 Professional Cookery or Level 2 Food and Beverage Service

Level 3 Professional Cookery, Level 3 Patisserie or Level 3 Food and Beverage Service Supervision (Patisserie at Nantgarw and Ystrad)

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CAREERS

- Head Chef
- Baker
- Chocolatier
- Pastry Chef
- Sous Chef
- Cake Decorator
- Development Chef
- Nutritionist
- Waiter
- Restaurant Manager
- Maître d'
- Events Co-ordinator
- Wedding Planner
- Bar Tender
- Hotel Manager
- Receptionist
- Leisure Assistant
- Concierge

Sue Stone



(Aberdare) Level 3 Catering

I have thoroughly enjoyed being part of the family that Coleg y Cymoedd fosters with each and every one of its students. I have embraced their friendship and respect that anything is possible when you have the right people to support you.

Verity-Ann Lewis



(Rhymney) Level 3 Patisserie and Confectionary

I have to thank my tutors for the support and encouragement they have given me. The college has provided fantastic facilities and tuition, which has enabled me to achieve my goals.

Chef

Starting Wage
£19k
Average Wage
£27k

Maître d'

Starting Wage
£17k
Average Wage
£26k

Hotel Manager

Starting Wage
£18k
Average Wage
£36k

Barista

Starting Wage
£20k
Average Wage
£25k



COMPUTING & IT

Computing courses at Coleg y Cymoedd give you the chance to explore the range of options across the IT industry, whether it's PC maintenance, programming, web design, networking or application software.

There are very few jobs these days that do not rely on computer skills in one form or another from manufacturing and administration, to computer-aided design and the science of robotics and artificial intelligence.

The college has invested £50k at Aberdare Campus which has seen the creation of an industry-standard gaming suite with sector specific computers and equipment used by a range of professionals in the field, from programmers and designers to video game testers and sound engineers.

The department works in partnership with:



Find out more about the course:





ABERDARE

Level 1 Computing & IT

Level 2 Computing & Creative IT

Level 3 Games Development and IT

Foundation Degree in Games Design
(offered with the University of South Wales)

RHONDDA

Level 1 in Digital Applications (IT)

Level 2 in Digital Applications (IT)

Level 3 in Digital Applications (IT)

NANTGARW

Level 1 in Digital Applications (IT)

Level 2 in Digital Applications (IT)

Level 2 Computing & Creative IT

Level 3 in Digital Applications (IT)

Level 3 Computing and IT

YSTRAD MYNACH

Level 1 Computing & IT

Level 2 Computing & Creative IT

Level 3 Diploma in System Support Computer Maintenance (Enhanced Programme – Pre-Apprenticeship)

Level 3 Games Development and IT

Foundation Degree Information Communication Technology **(offered with the University of South Wales)**

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CAREERS

Mobile App Developer	Server Support
Visual Basic Developer	IT Help-desk First Line Support
Java Developer	Technical Support Engineer
Web Developer	Service Desk Manager
Games Developer	Hardware Manager
Test Analyst	System Developer
Test Engineer	Computer Programmer
Game Tester	Systems Analyst
Technical Analyst/Technician	Software Developer
Systems Developer	
Technical Support	

Web Developer

Starting Wage
£19k
Average Wage
£38k

Technical Support

Starting Wage
£19k
Average Wage
£28k

Game Tester

Starting Wage
£19k
Average Wage
£26k



CONSTRUCTION

**Learn a craft trade
or study to become a
Construction professional.**

We offer craft trades in:

- Bricklaying
- Plastering
- Building Maintenance
- Painting & Decorating
- Electrical Installation
- Carpentry & Joinery
- Plumbing

You will pick up skills, knowledge and experience working with our own team of experienced professionals, each one a qualified tradesperson.

Classes are held in specialised workshops where you will have the chance to practice the skills that you have learnt.

**Find out more
about the course:**



ABERDARE

Foundation in Construction and Building Services

Progression in Construction. Carpentry & Joinery

Foundation in Construction and Building Services Engineering. Electrical Installations, plus an additional trade

Progression in Building Services Engineering. Electrical Installations

Foundation in Construction and Building Services Engineering. Plumbing, plus an additional trade

Progression in Building Services Engineering. Plumbing

RHONDDA

Entry Level 3 Construction

Foundation in Construction and Building Services Engineering. Carpentry & Joinery, plus an additional trade

Progression in Construction. Carpentry & Joinery

Foundation in Construction and Building Services Engineering. Painting & Decorating, plus an additional trade

Progression in Construction. Painting & Decorating

NANTGARW

Entry Level 3 Construction

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Construction & Built Environment

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Civil Engineering

Foundation in Construction and Building Services Engineering. Bricklaying, plus an additional trade

Foundation in Construction and Building Services Engineering. Carpentry & Joinery, plus an additional trade

Progression in Construction. Carpentry & Joinery

Foundation in Construction and Building Services Engineering. Electrical Installations, plus an additional trade

Progression in Building Services Engineering. Electrical Installations

Foundation in Construction and Building Services Engineering. Plumbing, plus an additional trade

Progression in Building Services Engineering. Plumbing

YSTRAD MYNACH

Entry Level 3 Construction

Level 2 in Construction

Foundation in Construction and Building Services Engineering. Plastering, plus an additional trade

Progression in Construction. Plastering

Foundation in Construction and Building Services Engineering. Bricklaying, plus an additional trade

Progression in Construction. Bricklaying

Foundation in Construction and Building Services Engineering. Carpentry & Joinery, plus an additional trade

Progression in Construction. Carpentry & Joinery

Foundation in Construction and Building Services Engineering. Painting & Decorating, plus an additional trade

Progression in Construction. Painting & Decorating

Foundation in Construction and Building Services Engineering. Electrical Installations, plus an additional trade

Progression in Building Services Engineering. Electrical Installations

Foundation in Construction and Building Services Engineering. Plumbing, plus an additional trade

Progression in Building Services Engineering. Plumbing

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CAREERS

Carpenter

Kitchen fitter

Painter

Interior Designer

Bricklayer

Plasterer

Dry Liner

Foreman

Domestic Plumber

Industrial Plumber

Gas Installer

Bathroom fitter

Supervisor/Maintenance Manager

Renewable Energy Installer

Scaffolder

Plant Operator

Crane Operator

Roofer

Architect

Building control

Civil Engineer

Quantity Surveyor

Carrie Seymour



(Caerphilly), Painting & Decorating

"I had always enjoyed doing painting and decorating projects such as renovating my children's bedrooms or helping friends put up new wallpaper. Seeing the finished work would make me feel really proud and I knew that it was something that I wanted to pursue further career wise, and Coleg y Cymoedd has helped to achieve that."

Plumber

Starting Wage

£17k

Average Wage

£36k

Carpenter

Starting Wage

£17k

Average Wage

£36k

Painter & Decorator

Starting Wage

£15k

Average Wage

£27k

Electrician

Starting Wage

£16k

Average Wage

£27k

Quantity Surveyor

Starting Wage

£20k

Average Wage

£38k



CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

Join our innovative School of Creative Industries to develop, extend and refine industry focused skills across a multitude of creative disciplines, including: Creative Media, Film & TV, Costume Construction, Prop Making, Production Arts (Media Make-Up), Art & Design, Photography, Music and Performing Arts.

Specialist staff with extensive industry experience will guide and nurture your development of in-demand, practical, creative and performance skills, providing you with the confidence to progress to Higher Education or a career in an expanding local creative sector.

Courses are available from Level 1 to Level 3 within Further Education, and Level 4 (Foundation Degree/HND) to Level 6 (BA Hons) at Higher Education via niche market franchises with the University of South Wales. All Level 3 courses enable you to gain the necessary UCAS points to progress to the University of your choice, whilst allowing you to develop a professional portfolio that improves your chances of employment in your chosen field.

The department work with a number of organisations, including:



Find out more about the course:





For the majority of these courses, applicants may be asked to attend an interview or audition, take part in a workshop session, or present a portfolio.

***These courses are offered with the University of South Wales**

ABERDARE

Entry Level 3 Creative Media

Level 1 Awareness in Creative Art & Media

*Foundation Degree Games - Art & Design

Level 2 Diploma in Creative Media Production and Technology

Level 3 Diploma in Creative Media Production and Technology

RHONDDA

Level 3 Rockscool Diploma for Music Practitioners

Level 4 Rockscool Diploma for Creative Practitioners

Level 3 Diploma in Creative Media Production & Technology

Level 2 Diploma in Creative and Performing Arts

Level 3 Diploma in Creative and Performing Arts

UAL Level 4 Professional Diploma in Performance

NANTGARW

Entry Level 3 Creative Media

Level 1 Awareness in Creative Art & Media

Level 2 Diploma in Art & Design

Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Art & Design

Diploma in Foundation Studies - Art & Design

Level 2 Rockscool Diploma for Music Practitioners

Level 2 Diploma in Creative Media Production and Technology

Level 3 Diploma in Creative Media Production and Technology (Television & Film)

Entry Level 3 Performing Arts

Level 2 Diploma in Hair, Make-Up and Special Effects

Level 3 Diploma in Production Arts (Media Hair, Make-Up and Special Effects)

*HND Creative Production Arts (Pathways in Hair, Make up and Special Effects & Prop Making)

*BA (Hons) TV and Film: Hair, Make-Up and Special Effects (Top-Up)

*BA (Hons) TV and Film: Prop Making (Top-Up)

*BA (Hons) Costume Construction

*Foundation Degree Photography

YSTRAD MYNACH

Level 1 Awareness in Creative Art & Media

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CAREERS

Freelance Artist

Painter/Sculptor

Animator

Film Maker

Costume Designer

Producer

Actor

Director

Playwright

Dancer

Stage Manager

Special Effects Specialist

Prosthetics Specialist

Hair and Make-Up Artist

Graphic Designer

Photographer

Game Producer

Game Designer

Web Designer

Sound Designer

3D Animator

3D Modelling

Musician

Musical Director

Mixing Engineer

Studio Designer

Sound Engineer

Costume Designer

Starting Wage

£18k

Average Wage

£27k

Graphic Designer

Starting Wage

£18k

Average Wage

£35k

3D Animator

Starting Wage

£22k

Average Wage

£33k

Sound Engineer

Starting Wage

£19k

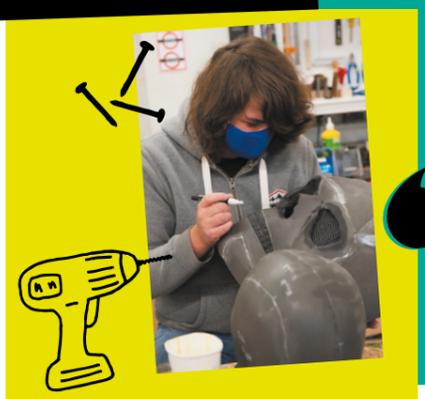
Average Wage

£30k

CREATIVE INDUSTRIES TESTIMONIALS

Apply today!

Jacob Mansell



(Pencoed) TV and Film Prop Making

"I'm really excited to be studying Prop Making at the college, the links with Screen Alliance Wales will provide valuable work experience and the opportunity to work with professionals; which will be crucial to boosting my employment opportunities in the creative industries."

Sarah Clode



(Church Village) Level 3 Performing Arts

"Thank you Coleg y Cymoedd for the amount of opportunities offered at the college. Through my course I realised my dream career goal. I achieved Triple Distinction and will be studying at the prestigious Italia Conti, London."

Euan Balman



(Llantrisant) Level 3 Creative Media Technology

"I have loved photography for as long as I can remember and knew I wanted to make a career out of photography; opening my own studio has always been the ultimate dream. I'm so thankful to everyone who has helped make this possible including my tutors at Coleg y Cymoedd."

Megan James



(Treharris) Level 3 Hair, Make-Up and Special Effects

"I chose Coleg y Cymoedd as I attended an Open Event and the tutors were so passionate about the course that I was interested in. I've had a great experience and learnt a lot of new skills. One of the highlights has been working alongside a professional photographer to see how my work translates on to camera. My dream career would be to work on set as a Make-Up artist."

Benjamin Phillips



(Church Village) Rock School Level 3 Music Practitioners

"I would recommend Coleg y Cymoedd as the course I studied gave me experience in a lot of areas in the music industry and access to excellent facilities. I achieved a Distinction in my course and I'm going on to study a Music Production course at University of South Wales."

Engineering needs creative people who can solve problems and use specialist skills to find solutions.

At Coleg y Cymoedd we offer:

- Specialist facilities with experienced qualified professionals.
- Foundation Level through to Foundation Degree courses.
- An excellent reputation for apprenticeship training in computer repair, electronics, manufacturing and performance engineering.
- Close links with local employers to maximise training opportunities leading to the full employment of learner.

Coleg y Cymoedd has been at the forefront of apprenticeship training for GE Aircraft Maintenance based at Nantgarw for over 20 years. More recently British Airways Maintenance division and Axiom Manufacturing Services have also joined forces with us to train their apprentices. Many of our apprentices have gone on to complete their HNC and Degree qualifications in Engineering and Aerospace Engineering.

Some of the companies we work with:

Panasonic.



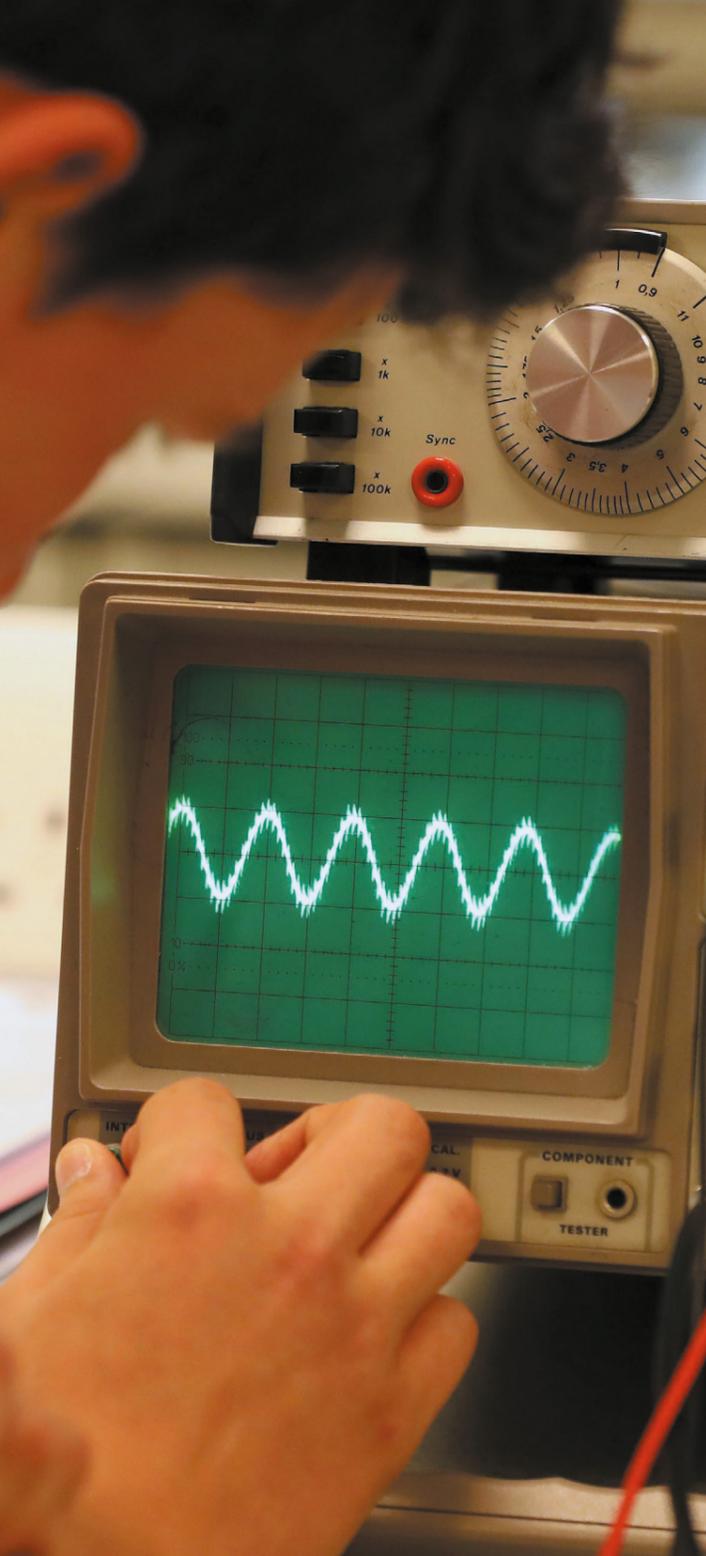
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MANUFACTURING SERVICES

BRITISH AIRWAYS

Find out more about the course:

ENGINEERING & ELECTRONICS

You could work in lots of different areas of engineering including mechanical, electrical and civil. A career in engineering will give you a real opportunity to change the world and shape the future!



RHONDDA

- Level 1 Mechanical Engineering *VRQ
- Level 2 Mechanical Engineering *VRQ
- Level 3 Mechanical Engineering (Enhanced Pre-Apprenticeship - *VRQ)

NANTGARW

- Level 2 Mechanical Engineering *VRQ
- Level 3 Mechanical Engineering (Enhanced Pre-Apprenticeship - BTEC)
- Level 3 Mechanical Engineering (Enhanced Pre-Apprenticeship - *VRQ)
- Level 3 Electrical/Electronic Engineering (Enhanced Pre-Apprenticeship - BTEC)
- Level 1 Electronics *VRQ
- Level 2 Electronics *VRQ
- Level 3 Electrical/Electronic Engineering *VRQ
- Level 1 Rail Engineering
- Level 2 Rail Engineering

YSTRAD MYNACH

- Level 3 Aerospace Engineering
- Level 3 Electrical/Electronic Engineering

***(VRQ)** Vocationally Recognised Qualification

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CAREERS

- Toolmaker
- Materials Engineer
- CNC Machinist
- Electronics Technicians
- Programmer
- Project Manager
- Production Engineer
- Quality Control Engineer
- CAD Designer
- 3D Printing Engineer
- Composites Engineer
- Robotics Engineer
- Automation Engineer
- Hardware Engineer
- Software Design Engineer
- Avionics Engineer
- Maintenance Fitter
- Recycling Waste Engineer
- Maintenance Engineer
- Environmental Engineer

Avionics Engineer

- Starting Wage
- £20k
- Average Wage
- £33k

Electronics Technicians

- Starting Wage
- £18k
- Average Wage
- £26k

CAD Designer

- Starting Wage
- £23k
- Average Wage
- £34k

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FOUNDATION LEARNING

Find out more about the course:

ABERDARE

- Entry Level 3 Hair & Beauty
- Entry Level 3 Construction
- Entry Level 3 Catering*
- Entry Level 3 Creative Media
- Entry Level 3 Care & Service Industries
- Entry Level 3 Digital*

RHONDDA

- Entry Level 3 Hair & Beauty
- Entry Level 3 Construction
- Entry Level 3 Catering

NANTGARW

- Entry Level 3 Hair & Beauty
- Entry Level 3 Construction
- Entry Level 3 Catering
- Entry Level 3 Creative Media
- Entry Level 3 Performing Arts
- Entry Level 3 Care & Service Industries
- Entry Level 3 Sport

YSTRAD MYNACH

- Entry Level 3 Hair & Beauty
- Entry Level 3 Construction
- Entry Level 3 Catering
- Entry Level 3 Digital*

*Subject to approval

Coleg y Cymoedd offers courses for learners who may need additional support, have no formal qualifications or have not achieved the qualifications needed to access mainstream courses at Level 1 and above.

Learners are given the opportunity to study Entry Level 3 qualifications in a range of vocational topics. All courses provide opportunities for you to extend your skills and gain qualifications in literacy, numeracy and Digital Literacy.

Foundation courses are designed to prepare you for employment, for work-based training, or to prepare you for further study on a mainstream course within Coleg y Cymoedd.

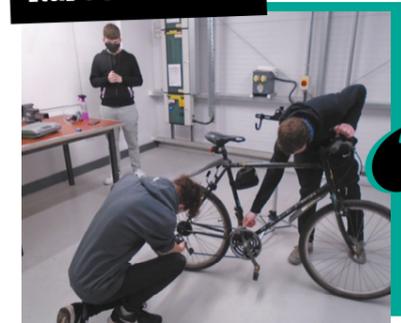
Applicants are welcome to visit the college campuses to meet staff before making an application. Please contact the college for further information.

Our Foundation learners are very active in and around the college, see what they get up to at www.cymoedd.ac.uk/foundation

The department work with a number of organisations, including:



Kai John Ward



Bike Maintenance Course/Duke of Edinburgh

“I really enjoyed the bike maintenance. It was great to be given the opportunity to take part in hands on practical work that taught us helpful new skills outside of the classroom environment.”



HAIRDRESSING & BEAUTY THERAPY

Over 250,000 people are employed in the Hair & Beauty Industry in the UK and it's all about making people look and feel good. Do you want to be one of these people?

Each of the Hair & Beauty Therapy courses are delivered by our specialist staff, who are highly skilled and have experience of working in the sector, with many previously having their own businesses. Working alongside expert tutors will give you the edge in gaining a professional ethos and attitude.

We work with professional product companies to provide our learners with up-to-date training and access to a range of opportunities to develop the skills that employers are looking for.

Learners are supported by our highly creative staff to take part in both in-house and national skills competitions, with some achieving bronze, silver and gold awards.

Top Spa and Salon Facilities...

Each campus has its own salons equipped to industry standards and offering an extensive range of Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy treatments. All learners are given the opportunity to work in one of our real life salons, which are open to the public.

Our learners have gained employment in a number of venues, including:

- Celtic Manor, Lanelay Hotel & Spa, St Davids Hotel & Spa, The Vale Hotel & Spa, The Rose Retreat Spa, Park Plaza Laguna Spa, Mercure Holland House Spa, Holm House Spa.**

Find out more about the course:



RHONDDA

- Entry Level 3 Hair & Beauty
- Combined Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy
- Level 2 in Hairdressing
- Level 2 in Beauty Therapy

NANTGARW

- Entry Level 3 Hair & Beauty
- Level 1 in Hairdressing
- Level 2 in Hairdressing
- Level 3 in Hairdressing
- Level 2 in Hair and Media Make-Up
- Level 1 in Beauty Therapy
- Level 2 in Beauty Therapy
- Level 3 in Beauty Therapy
- Level 3 in Nail Technology

YSTRAD MYNACH

- Entry Level 3 Hair & Beauty
- Level 1 in Hairdressing
- Level 2 in Hairdressing
- Level 3 in Hairdressing
- Level 1 in Beauty Therapy
- Level 2 in Beauty Therapy
- Level 3 in Beauty Therapy

ABERDARE

- Entry Level 3 Hair & Beauty
- Level 1 in Hairdressing
- Level 2 in Hairdressing
- Level 3 in Hairdressing
- Level 1 in Beauty Therapy
- Level 2 in Beauty Therapy
- Level 3 in Beauty Therapy

Ellie Wilkins



(Mountain Ash) Level 3 Beauty Therapy

“I really enjoyed my time at the college, the course was the perfect qualification - it’s given me the skills, knowledge and confidence to work in the industry. It is such a friendly environment and the facilities are excellent. I am so excited to start working at Celtic Manor Resort, a 5-star Spa Hotel – a big thank you to all at Cymoedd.”

Kirsty Williams



(Mountain Ash)

After completing a Level 2 Beauty Therapy course, Kirsty now plans to start her own Beauty Therapy business.

Her course tutor said “Kirsty came to college as a mature learner, returning to education after bringing up her family. Initially Kirsty was anxious about enrolling on her course, as she felt she lack self-confidence; although beauty therapy was something she had always wanted to do. Since enrolling on her course her confidence in her abilities has grown and she has not just gained a qualification but also confidence.”

CAREERS

- | | |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Senior Hair Stylist | In-Flight Therapist |
| Salon Manager | Resort Therapist |
| Cruise Liner Stylist | Spa Manager |
| Bridal Hair Specialist | Spa Co-ordinator |
| TV/Media/Film Stylist | Spa Supervisor |
| Wigs Specialist | Nail Technician |
| Beautician | Lash and Brow Therapist |
| Salon Supervisor | Product Training Advisor |
| Salon Owner | Product Developer |

Salon Manager

Starting Wage
£22k
Average Wage
£32k

Beauty Therapist

Starting Wage
£15k
Average Wage
£20k

Product Developer

Starting Wage
£22k
Average Wage
£33k

Hairdresser

Starting Wage
£20k
Average Wage
£25k



INDEPENDENT LIVING SKILLS (ILS)

ABERDARE

ILS Pathway 2

Pathways to Vocational Studies and work

ILS Pathway 3

Vocational Pathways

ILS Pathway 4

Gateway to Employment*

RHONDDA

ILS Pathway 2

Pathways to Vocational Studies and work

ILS Pathway 3

Vocational Pathways

NANTGARW

ILS Pathway 2

Life Skills
Personal and Social Development
Pathways to Vocational Studies and work
Skills for Life and Work

ILS Pathway 3

Vocational Pathways

ILS Pathway 4

Gateway to Employment

YSTRAD MYNACH

ILS Pathway 2

Personal and Social Development
Pathways to Vocational Studies and work
Skills for Life and Work

ILS Pathway 3

Vocational Pathways

*Subject to approval

Our Independent Living Skills (ILS) courses help students with additional Learning needs progress to their next steps. Our range of ILS routes enables you to develop your independence, self-support and social skills whilst improving the opportunities for progression to in life, employment or further study.

All courses provide opportunities for you to extend your Literacy, Numeracy and Digital Literacy skills and gain qualifications where appropriate in these areas.

Applicants are welcome to visit the college campuses to meet staff before making an application. Please contact the college for further information.

Our ILS learners are very active in and around the college, see what they get up to at www.cymoedd.ac.uk/foundation

The department work with a number of organisations, including:



Find out more about the course:



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SCIENCE

NANTGARW

Access to Higher Education Diploma (Science)

Pearson BTEC Level 3 Foundation Diploma in Applied Science

BTEC Level 3 Foundation Diploma in Applied Science

BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Applied Science

Are you interested in all things science? Then our Applied Science courses might be just what you are looking for – they are thought provoking, practical and will help you develop your scientific knowledge and skills. These courses will prepare you for further study or a career working in the applied science industry.

CAREERS

- Biomedical Engineer
- Cardiovascular Technologist
- Pharmacist
- Toxicologist
- Microbiologist
- Cytotechnologist
- Dental Hygienist
- Zoologist
- Haematologist
- Epidemiologist
- Laboratory Technician
- Food Science Technician
- Pharmaceutical Scientist
- Chemical Technician
- Science Teacher
- Food Scientist
- Cosmetic Chemist
- Biochemist
- Meteorologist
- Bioinformatics Scientist
- Gene Editing Molecular Biologist
- Neuroscientist
- Synthetic Biologist



Pharmacist

Starting Wage
£27k
Average Wage
£41k

Biochemist

Starting Wage
£28k
Average Wage
£45k

Laboratory Technician

Starting Wage
£18k
Average Wage
£22k

Find out more about the course:



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SPORT

The lifestyle choices and changes we make all mean more opportunities for sports, leisure and healthy living professionals. Whatever your sport, sporting interest or lifestyle choice, we can help you on your way by:

- developing your own knowledge and expertise
- offering you sport and performance management experience
- helping you carve a career from your passion.

During your course you will spend your time learning about fitness testing and training, physiology, sports coaching, development and nutrition as well as improving your practical skills on the field and in the gym.

You will have the chance to take part in a variety of practical training sessions, role play and sporting events. You will have the opportunity to go on outdoor and adventurous activity visits (both inside and outside of the UK), volunteer at sports development festivals and observe sessions delivered by elite coaches. Visits from a wide range of experts from the sports industry can give you an insight into the day to day work of the professionals in your chosen area.

Find out more about the course:





Alongside our core academic courses, we also host a variety of sporting academies:

Rugby Union Academy

The academy has an excellent reputation, with the team continually reaching and winning many finals. A high percentage of our players have now won caps for Wales 18's, 20s, sevens and senior international. Many leave college and move onto professional contracts within various academies and clubs, with others performing at the highest standard of university performance sport.

Rugby League Academy

This academy has come to fruition through the commitment of the Wales Rugby League and the college to provide an environment for talented Welsh Rugby League players to receive both educational qualifications and the highest standard of training. The academy has now been partnered with the Salford Reds, which is already bringing many benefits with several players joining the Salford Academy programme.

Female Football Academy

The Football Association of Wales has teamed up with the college to launch an elite female football academy. The learners come from all parts of the country to combine daily coaching sessions with full time study. Many of our players have played for Wales at varying levels from age grade to full internationals.

Male Football Academy

Our Football Academy has been set up in partnership with Cambrian & Clydach Vale BGC. The academy play at various levels from within the British Colleges competition, recently accepted to play at the highest level of colleges competition category one. On field training, gym and analysis sessions prepare you for weekly games. Several of our learners have achieved national honours.

Netball Academy

The academy is open to learners studying on our sport programmes. As well as on court training sessions, learners will benefit from strength & conditioning sessions, regular fitness testing, nutrition advice and participation in league, cup and friendly matches. Many former learners have progressed on to international honours and opportunities with Netball Superleague franchises.

Female Rugby Union Academy

Our highly qualified coaches and lecturers will help learners with all aspects of their training from strength & conditioning sessions, regular fitness testing and nutrition advice, which will work alongside on-field sessions with the aim of developing learners as better sports performers.

The college provides a range of opportunities to participate and compete in numerous additional sports up to Welsh and British College level including sports such as Volleyball and Basketball.

The department has partnerships with a number of organisations, including:

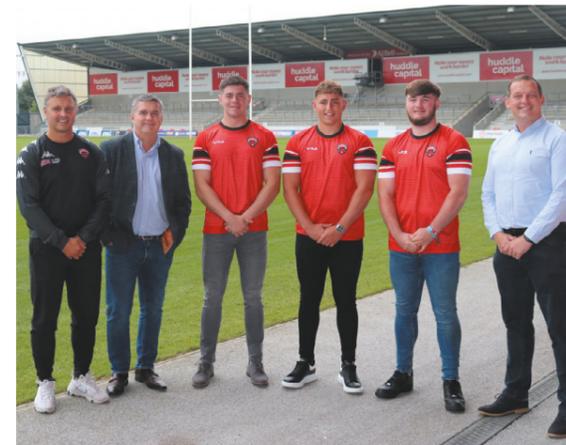


SPORTING SUCCESS

STORIES 20/21

In a year with so much disruption to sports events, we were still able to celebrate some success stories.

Rugby League



Finley Yates, Brad Toy & Mason Phillips all achieved Wales 17's caps against England in August.

Kieron Lewis & Ieuan Hancock signed professional contracts with Montpellier Sharks RL in France.

Jacob Lee, Ieuan Roberts and Joseph Coope-Franklin have signed for Salford Red Devils.

Bradley Williams, Conor Lacey, Dylan Morgan, Jarrad Hipplesley, Alex Banks were all capped for Wales U16's against England.



Netball



Summer League winners - Netball Fam Social League

Tia Davies joined U19s Bath team

Sophie Everett part of U21s Superleague Dragons team

Jade Bevan named in U17s junior Superleague Dragons team



FOOTBALL

Maria Francis Jones



(Llanidloes) Level 3 in Sport

“I chose Coleg y Cymoedd as it was the best college in Wales for me to pursue my football career. I gained my first International Women’s Senior Welsh cap whilst playing and studying. I have signed for Manchester City F.C. and will study at Manchester Metropolitan.”

Owain Jones



(Tonypandy) Level 3 in Sport

“I am so thankful to Coleg y Cymoedd for introducing me to Future Elite Sports, as well as for my tutors Phil Thomas, Daniel Thomas and the football coaching staff for helping me achieve this goal of mine. Without them, I wouldn’t be where I am today with regards to my football knowledge and confidence.

“To be able to secure a place to study abroad is something I’m proud of. I’m so excited to see what this opportunity has in store for me and can’t wait to take part in the top-class training Jamestown Community College Athletics in Chautauqua, New York has to offer.”

FACILITIES

Sports learners have access to the 4G surface at Pontypridd Rugby ground, Sardis Road and the Caerphilly Elite Academy facilities adjacent to the Ystrad Mynach campus.

The £7 million Elite Sports Centre includes state-of-the-art 4G rugby and football pitches. There is also a close working relationship with the University of South Wales where we have daily access to the state-of-the-art sports facilities at the Sports Park Campus in Treforest. The facilities mentioned are used for practical sessions & assessments alongside training and home games by the college academies.

A new state-of-the-art functional gym space in partnership with Perform Better has been created at the Ystrad Mynach campus. It features 4 Olympics lifting racks and platforms, dumbbells, benches and various resistance machines. The gym also contains a section of Astro turf to allow sled, prowler and plyometric work to be performed. Finally there is a variety of CV equipment (Ski Ergs, spin bikes, running machines etc.) to cover all users’ needs.

Check out our new building!



NEW FOR 2022

Plans have been approved for the development of a Centre of Sporting Excellence at the Nantgarw Campus. The multimillion pound centre will provide learners studying on the Sports courses with first class facilities to enhance their fitness and performance, including:

- A 4-court Sports Hall
- Fitness/conditioning gym
- Changing facilities
- Treatment room
- 10 teaching rooms
- IT breakout room
- Large lecture facility



NANTGARW

Entry Level 3 Sport

Level 1 in Sport

Level 2 in Sport

Routes in: General – all sports

Rugby Union
Male Football
Female Netball
Female Rugby Union

Level 3 in Sport

Routes in: General – all sports

Rugby Union
Male Football
Female Netball
Female Rugby Union

YSTRAD MYNACH

Level 1 in Sport

Level 2 in Sport

Routes in: General – all sports

Rugby League
Female Football

Level 3 in Sport

Routes in: General – all sports

Rugby League
Female Football

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CAREERS

Sports Person/Player

Sports Co-ordinator

Development Officer

Sports Association
Manager

Gym Instructor

Personal Trainer

PE Teacher

Sports Centre Manager

Fitness Manager

Strength Conditioning
Coach

Sports Massage
Therapist

Sports Centre Assistant

Fitness Coach

Performance Analyst

Sports Psychologist

Sports Therapist

Physiotherapist

Nutritionist

Sports Coach

Sports Therapist

Starting Wage

£20k

Average Wage

£29k

Sports Centre Manager

Starting Wage

£19k

Average Wage

£30k

Sports Coach

Starting Wage

£16k

Average Wage

£25k



TRAVEL

The travel industry is one of the most rewarding and exciting in the world, as people want to explore exotic places, take family holidays or plan getaways with partners and friends. It is of little surprise that the travel industry is growing so fast. If you want to be part of this vibrant industry, you will find a wide choice of careers.

Learners will develop skills, knowledge and life experiences of different sections of the Travel and Tourism Industry through studying different units of study on the relevant courses.

Subjects will include investigating different tourism destinations around the world, the UK tourism industry, marketing of travel and tourism products, visitor attractions, airports and airlines, the development of travel and tourism in the UK, customer service, to name just a few.

The Air Cabin Crew course is slightly different in that it concentrates on the skills and requirements required to work in that industry specifically. This will include service, safety, first aid, and recruitment and selection training.

Find out more about the course:



All courses will have a practical element and this will prepare you for the requirements of the tourism industry whilst developing confidence and personal skills, such as communication and presentation skills. Additionally, all learners experience a variety of travel and tourism destinations throughout the duration of the course.

Previous experiences have included visits to local, national and international destinations. This is dependent on the level of study and the units of study within those courses. Level 3 Travel and Tourism and Level 2 Cabin Crew students will visit professional training centres to enhance and hone their skills.

We pride ourselves on being a supportive team of tutors who will help and direct you in your studies. We are happy to support you in your wider development needs as you move through college.

Facilities

We have a fully equipped mock cabin at our Ystrad Mynach campus, which will help to make your training more realistic.

The department has links with a number of organisations, including:



YSTRAD MYNACH

Level 1 in Travel and Tourism

Level 2 in Travel and Tourism

Level 2 in Air Cabin Crew

Level 3 Diploma in Travel and Tourism with Air Cabin Crew

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Travel and Tourism



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CAREERS

- Flight Attendant
- Cabin Crew
- Ground Attendant
- Holiday Rep
- Tour Guide
- Travel Consultant
- Travel Agent
- Air Travel Assistants
- Customs Officer
- Baggage Handler
- Immigration Officer
- Reservations Assistant
- Customer Service Agent
- Transfer Rep
- Marketing Co-ordinator
- Entertainer
- Children's Rep
- Cruise Ship Personnel
- Cabin Steward

Cabin Crew

Starting Wage
£15k
Average Wage
£24k

Air Travel Assistants

Starting Wage
£29k
Average Wage
£41k

Travel Consultant

Starting Wage
£22k
Average Wage
£28k



UNIFORMED PROTECTIVE SERVICES (PUBLIC SERVICES)

Have you always wanted to be involved with helping people when they need it most? Are you unsure which of the Uniformed or Emergency Services would suit you best?

Our Uniformed Protective Services and Public Services courses will prepare you for a career in uniform, whether it is in the Police, Ambulance, Fire & Rescue Services or the Armed Forces. During the course, you will gain the qualifications, skills and competencies you need to help you prepare for the recruitment process. You will also learn about topics such as citizenship, health and fitness, law and criminology. You might even decide to use the experience and qualifications you gain to move on to a university course.

You will enjoy a variety of experiences on the programme involving visits to various Uniformed Public Services including the Police, Fire & Rescue Service and different Armed Forces, you will also listen to guest speakers from the various services. This will give you an insight into the day-to-day work of the professionals in your chosen area.

The department work with a number of organisations, including:



Gwasanaeth Tân ac Achub
De Cymru
South Wales
Fire and Rescue Service

Find out more about the course:



NANTGARW

Level 1 in Public Services

Level 2 in Public Services

Level 3 in Uniformed Protective Services

Level 3 in Uniformed Protective Services
*(through the medium of Welsh)

YSTRAD MYNACH

Level 1 in Public Services

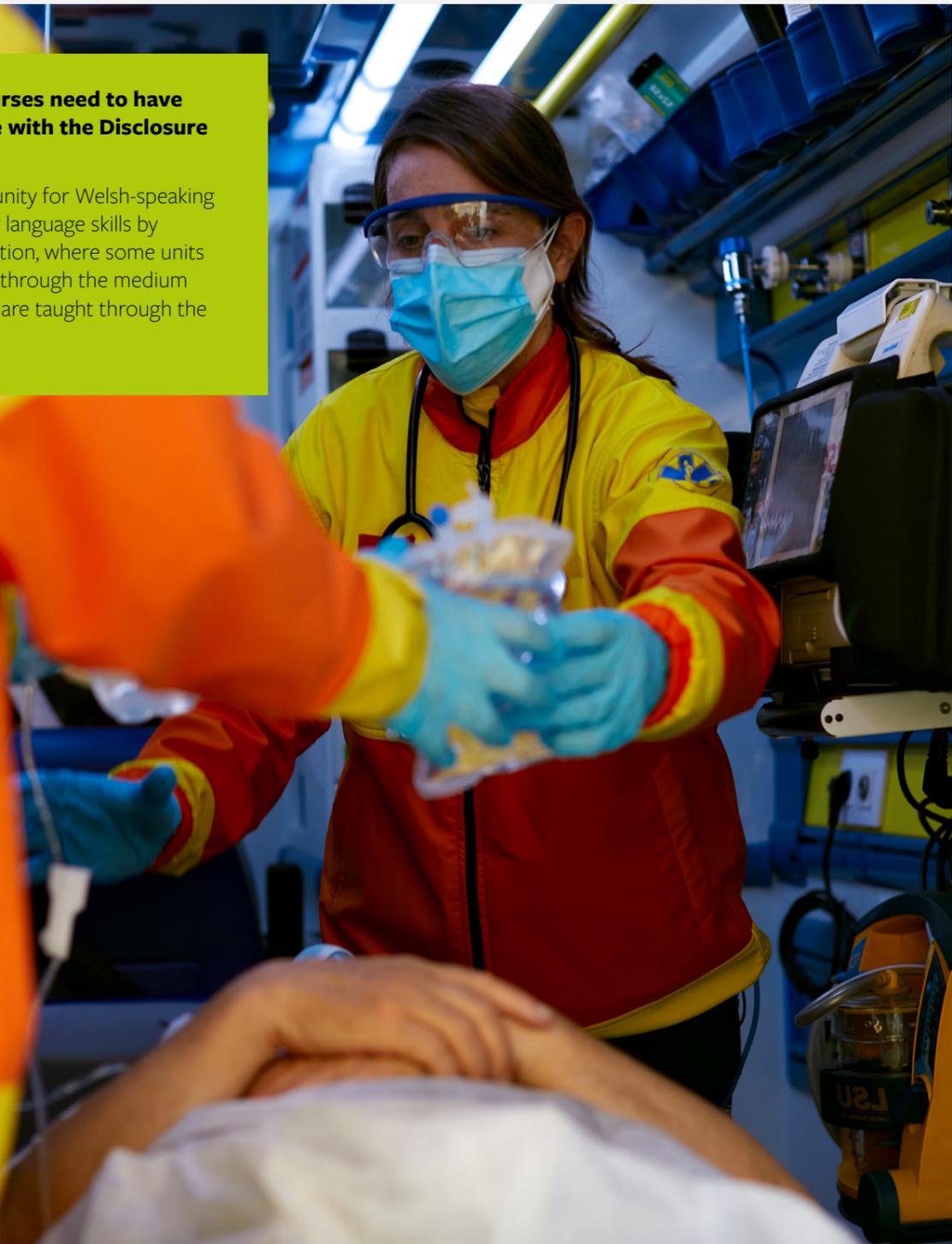
Level 2 in Public Services

Level 3 in Uniformed Protective Services

Level 3 in Uniformed Protective Services
*(through the medium of Welsh)

Learners on these courses need to have satisfactory clearance with the Disclosure and Barring Service.

*There will be an opportunity for Welsh-speaking learners to maintain their language skills by choosing the bilingual option, where some units of this course are taught through the medium of Welsh and some units are taught through the medium of English.



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CAREERS

Police Officer	Prison Officer
Forensic Officer	Prison Warden
Military Police Officer	Immigration Officer
Navy	Liaison Officer
Army	Surveillance Officer
RAF	Border Force Officer
Medic	Close Protection Officer
Paramedic	Security Officer
Fire Fighter	
Probation Officer	

Police Officer

Starting Wage
£27k
Average Wage
£40k

Fire Fighter

Starting Wage
£24k
Average Wage
£31k

Armed Forces

Starting Wage
£21k
Average Wage
£31k



WORK BASED LEARNING & APPRENTICESHIPS

If you are employed or self-employed, an apprenticeship could be for you. You will receive top quality training, develop your skills and gain qualifications on the job.

As an employee, you will earn a wage and work alongside experienced staff to gain job-specific skills. You will undertake training towards a nationally recognised qualification. Apprenticeships are open to all ages, subject to specific criteria.

On applying for an apprenticeship, you will be invited along to meet one of our assessors and discuss what is involved in an apprenticeship. You will also be required to undertake an initial assessment in literacy and numeracy to establish any support required.

Find out more about the course:



Foundation Apprenticeship (Level 2)

You will work towards a QCF-NVQ Certificate Level 2 in your chosen vocational area together with a Technical Certificate and Essential Skills Wales in Application of Number, Communication and Digital Literacy. You will receive off the job training which may include attendance at college. You will be assigned a Work Based Assessor who will visit you in your workplace and monitor your progress. On completion, you will have the opportunity to progress to a Level 3 Apprenticeship.

Advanced Apprenticeship (Level 3)

You will work towards a QCF-NVQ Diploma Level 3 in your chosen vocational area together with a Technical Certificate and Essential Skills Wales in Application of Number, Communication and Digital Literacy. You will be assigned a Work Based Assessor who will visit you in your workplace and monitor your progress. After completing the Apprenticeship at Level 3, you could move onto a Higher Apprenticeship or Higher Education course at University or at Coleg y Cymoedd.

Higher Apprenticeships (Level 4/5)

The Higher Apprenticeship is a work based programme for employed people working in management or senior positions. This programme provides opportunities to achieve qualifications at Levels 4 and 5. The Higher Apprenticeship provides funded training that is specific to the industry sector, alongside Essential Skills Wales and a Technical Certificate.

Entry Requirements

You must be employed within the relevant sector and in most cases you will require:

For Level 2 - 4 GCSEs at grades A*- D including English/Welsh and Maths or a Level 1 qualification in the relevant area.

For Level 3 - 5 GCSEs at grades A*- C including English/Welsh and Maths or a Level 2 qualification in the relevant area.

For Level 4/5 - 2 A Levels or a Level 3 qualification in the relevant area.

You will also undertake an interview and entry assessment. For some pathways you may require additional qualifications.

APPRENTICESHIP PATHWAYS INCLUDE:

Accountancy	Interior Systems
Brickwork	Management
Business Administration	Painting & Decorating
Business Improvement Techniques	Plant Operations
Carpentry	Plastering
Civil Engineering	Plumbing
Customer Service	Rail Engineering / Electrification
Early Years / CCLD	Science
Electrical	Surveying
Engineering	Play Work
Health & Social Care	Teaching Assistants
Hospitality and Catering	Team Leading
Sustainable Waste Management	CIPD

Pathways available in Foundation, Advanced or Higher Apprenticeships (not available on all areas), for more information about any of our Apprenticeships visit our website www.cymoedd.ac.uk, call the School of Work Based Learning on **01443 810029 / 663162** or email workbasedlearning@cymoedd.ac.uk



Apprenticeship Wages:

Business Administration

Starting Wage

£13k

Average Wage

£19k

Engineering

Starting Wage

£13k

Average Wage

£19k

Surveyor

Starting Wage

£15k

Average Wage

£20k

Plumber

Starting Wage

£14k

Average Wage

£17k



TESTIMONIALS

Megan Howells



A-Levels

“I want to say a huge thank you to Coleg y Cymoedd for the support given to my daughter Meg over the two years she studied at the A Level Centre. Since she was a small child, Meg has been driven and focussed, and the college has complemented this with the fantastic support they provided - I will be forever grateful. Meg’s results were more than we could have wished for and we are all very excited to see what the future holds for her.”

Allison’s daughter won a place at Oxford University to study Law

Michael Coggan

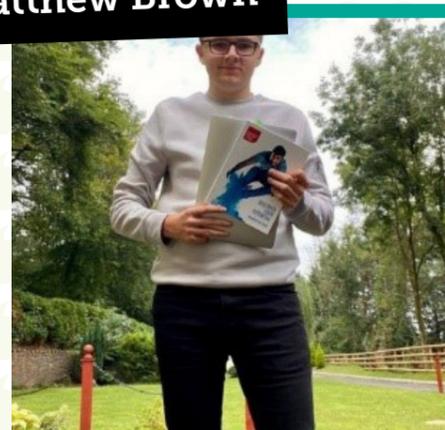


Level 3 Professional Cookery

“It’s been wonderful to return to the place where I developed my love for patisserie in the first place, to give a masterclass to the learners. Without the support and opportunities I received at the college, I wouldn’t be where I am now. I want to thank the tutors for the support I received when I was a learner myself. My dream was to own my own business which I now have”.

Michael is co-owner of Gin & Bake in Cardiff Bay with another former learner, Andrew Minto; they are also winners of Channel 4’s ‘Bake Off: The Professionals’

Matthew Brown



Level 3 Extended Diploma in Business

“There are a number of benefits to studying at Coleg y Cymoedd, including the lecturers that are always ready to help you with your work, nothing was ever too much trouble and they are all super friendly. They have also made the course as practical as possible by organising visits to local businesses so that students can talk to entrepreneurs about their experiences with the process of starting a new business”.

Matthew is studying Business and Management at the University of South Wales

Adele Elliott



Level 3 Diploma in Reflexology

“Coleg y Cymoedd is a fantastic college with amazing tutors. They were so patient and adapted to my individual needs. I am so grateful for my training and I am now following my passion of running my own business as a Reflexologist. It’s never too late to start something new”.

Adele has opened her own business, ‘Cariad Holistic Therapies’, based in Treorchy, Rhondda.

Apply today!

