

A low-angle photograph of a woman with long brown hair, wearing a red t-shirt and a black jacket, looking upwards with her mouth open in a shout or cheer. She has her hands on her hips. In the background is a very tall, modern glass skyscraper that fills most of the frame, extending from the bottom to the top. The sky is bright and slightly hazy.

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to the top*

*Work-based qualifications,
an alternative to the traditional
route to higher education*

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I HAVE A JOB – WHY BOTHER WITH EDUCATION AND TRAINING?

There's much more to education and training than we sometimes realise, it...

- ❖ increases your chance of career growth and earning potential
- ❖ raises your level of skills and understanding
- ❖ develops your personal and interpersonal skills
- ❖ boosts your confidence and self-esteem
- ❖ puts you in touch with people who have had similar experiences

These are all reasons why taking some type of work-related training is important.

And, with the development of new types of courses, you undertake them in the workplace to fit around your work.

Upgrading your work-based qualifications can give you the edge that you need to progress a little further - it can open up opportunities to you that may not have been possible.

“As a company we appreciate the skills that people can bring from higher education. All companies need research skills and with all the trouble-shooting required these days, people who have been involved in higher education can often access a wider range of solutions to problems. It's useful for staff to think critically about the way we operate”.

Les Richardson, Cradley Special Brick Co, Wolverhampton

Foundation degrees – a new type of learning

Foundation degrees are an exciting development in work-based education. They have been designed to help you develop a range of practical skills in various vocational areas. Foundation degrees offer a natural progression for Apprenticeship students – they are an ideal way to gain a higher-level qualification. They may be offered on a full or part-time basis.

EXAMPLES

Computing

The transferable skills gained through this award enable you to handle a range of challenging circumstances in the computing environment. It keeps you abreast of the changes in the information technology field.

Business Management

The Business Management foundation degree focuses on the practical application of the theory of management through work-based learning. It links contemporary management practices with real-life organisational issues.

Health & Social Care

This award is aimed at students who have recently completed a level 3 qualification and who are working in the health and social care sector. You will acquire the skills to take on managerial responsibility to NVQ level 4.

Project Management

The skills gained from a foundation degree in Project Management will enable you to effectively manage a number of projects in various industry or public sector areas, from community development through to civil engineering.

Teaching Assistants

Designed for people who are currently involved with supporting teaching and learning in the classroom environment, the teaching assistant foundation degree covers a host of topics including Development and Learning Communication and Behaviour Management.

What foundation degrees are available in Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin?



A. Walford and North Shropshire College

- ✦ Project Management
- ✦ Teaching Assistants

T: 01691 688000

B. Shrewsbury College of Arts & Technology

- ✦ Computing
- ✦ Teaching Assistants

T: 01743 342342

C. Ludlow College

- ✦ Foundation degree in Health and Social Care

T: 01584 872846

D. Telford College of Arts & Technology

- ✦ Project Management
- ✦ Health and Social Care

T: 01952 642237

E. Harper Adams College

- ✦ Full range of full time courses available

T: 01952 820280

F. University of Wolverhampton

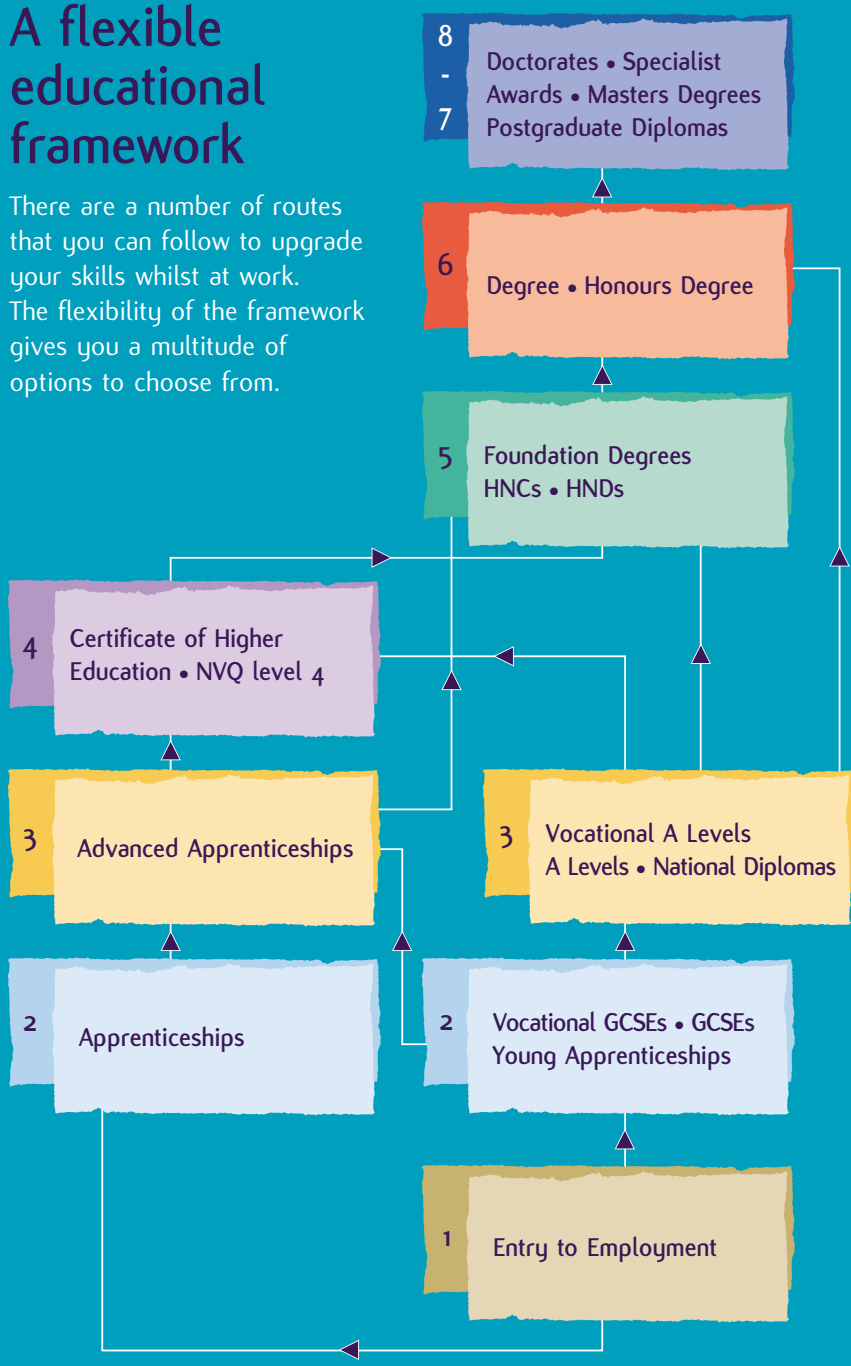
- ✦ Business Management
- ✦ Project Management

T: 01902 321789

(Undergraduate Recruitment Office)

A flexible educational framework

There are a number of routes that you can follow to upgrade your skills whilst at work. The flexibility of the framework gives you a multitude of options to choose from.



Further Information

The subjects available as foundation degrees are continually expanding – check with your local college or university for up-to-date information.

For a complete list of Foundation Degrees available in all areas, visit the Foundation Degree Forward website at www.fdf.ac.uk.

Support with funding the course

Funding may be available for full-time and part-time study depending upon your circumstances. For advice on finance, visit the following websites or contact the appropriate university or college listed overleaf.

www.studentfinancedirect.co.uk

www.dfes.gov.uk/studentsupport

www.aimhigher.ac.uk

www.studentmoney.org

www.connexions-direct.com

www.slc.co.uk

“We think it’s important for staff to have work experience, whilst building on their skills by undertaking training. Businesses need to have employees that can come up with alternatives and think on their feet. These skills can be considerably enhanced by studying for a Higher Education qualification”.

Jon Oliver Communications, Wolverhampton

The benefits of learning at work are endless..
Speak to your local college/university now to get more details.

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