BUXTON & LEEK COLLEGE

Part of UNIVERSITY OF DERBY

SKILLS FOR LIFE

ADULT LEARNING

19+



Ofsted Good rating

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WHY STUDY AT BLC?

EVERYONE DESERVES THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN. THAT'S WHY AT BLC, WE OFFER ADULT COURSES TOO.
WHETHER YOU'D LIKE TO RETRAIN IN A NEW FIELD, UPSKILL IN YOUR CAREER OR DISCOVER A WHOLE NEW PASSION, IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO ENHANCE YOUR FUTURE POTENTIAL.

Whatever stage you're at in life, there are always opportunities to gain new qualifications, update your skills or set yourself a new challenge.

Buxton & Leek College offers courses for adult learners (19+) in subjects that will help you develop the necessary skills to succeed in life or advance your career.

Our courses are for anyone 19+. They're available in a variety of subjects and are open to a range of abilities.

Ranging from courses to help you get back into work to Degrees, there is sure to be a course for you, and because the College understands it can be difficult to return to learning, there is lots of support available to help you succeed.

FRIENDLY, NURTURING CULTURE:

With smaller class sizes, we're able to spend more time focussing on you and your progression.

INDUSTRY PARTNERS:

We have excellent links with local employers and organisations.

GREAT FACILITIES:

Our campuses are home to the latest tech and industry standard equipment.

A UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY:

As part of the University of Derby, you'll enjoy a larger support system, lots of opportunities to progress, plus the best equipment and facilities.

VIRTUAL CAMPUS TOUR:

Take a personal tour of our campuses from the comfort of your own home. Try our 360 virtual tour at www.blc.ac.uk/about-blc/our-facilities/

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WHY ME?

At Buxton & Leek College we want your learning to be all about your journey to success. Whether you want to find a new passion, encourage staff development, gain new confidence or upskill and advance your career, your college experience will deliver more than education.

FIND A COURSE

At BLC you can study full time, part time, online at one of our campuses or by using a blended learning approach. Regardless of your schedule, there's a course to suit you. After all, learning around work and family life needn't be hard.



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SUPPORTED INTERNSHIPS

A SUPPORTED INTERNSHIP IS FOR STUDENTS WITH EDUCATION, HEALTH AND CARE PLANS (EHCP) UP TO THE AGE OF 24.

Helping you gain a Level 1 qualification, the programme aims to support young people to move into paid employment whenever possible. The Supported Employment Team at BLC will work closely with you, your circle of support and host employer to boost your chances of finding paid work, including self-employment where appropriate.

A TIMETABLE FOR AN INTERN COULD INCLUDE:

- Workplace training with a Job Coach
- Mentoring to start a business
- Maths, English and Digital Skills development
- Personal and social development
- Employability skills
- Job club

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MULTIPLY

GET INVOLVED AND BUILD YOUR CONFIDENCE WITH NUMBERS.

Multiply is a government-funded programme to help adults improve their numeracy skills.
If you're aged 19 and over and live in Staffordshire, you can access free numeracy courses through Multiply to build your confidence with numbers, or just refresh your numeracy skills and gain a qualification.
Good numeracy skills can unlock job opportunities and lead to higher wages or prepare you for further study. They also help in everyday life, such as budgeting with money and helping children with homework.

- Get the number skills you need for the career you want
- Improve your problem solving skills
- Boost your personal finance and budgeting skills
- Support children with their maths homework

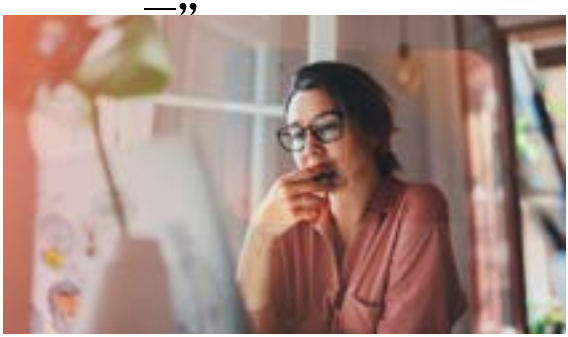
Find out more about the course benefits here: https://www.blc.ac.uk/adults/maths-english/multiply/

ONLINE SHORT COURSES

Buxton & Leek College offers a variety of online/ blended short courses which can be done from the comfort of your own home, offering the same high-quality learning and academic support as you would get from the classroom.
Why not brush up on key skills, learn new ones, or keep up with industry standards all whilst working at your own pace in surroundings that suit your lifestyle.
These courses are often fully or part funded through adult skills, this is dependent on where you live and your residency status, and full information will be given upon enrolment.
You must be aged 19+ to study these courses with Buxton & Leek College.
Find out about these courses here:
www.blc.ac.uk/subject-areas/online-short-courses or scan the QR code

> "E- learning turned my kitchen into a classroom so I could cook the children's tea and listen to classes at the same time."





APPRENTICESHIPS

If you think Apprenticeships are for school leavers then think again. Apprenticeships are ideal for developing the skills that are specific to your current job role or developing competence for a new role. You'll attend College or University one day a week and usually be in work for the other four days. The University of Derby and Buxton & Leek College are offering, and continuing to develop, a range of Higher and Degree Apprenticeships that meet employer expectations and local skills requirements.

We currently offer Apprenticeships in:

- Accounting
- Business, Customer Service & Management
- Early Years & Education
- Hair & Beauty
- Hospitality & Catering
- Engineering
- Carpentry & Joinery

worldskills

A number of our apprentices reached the finals of Worldskills UK, showcasing their work to a wider audience and allowing them to network with other employers and students across the globe.

If you would like more information or to discuss apprenticeships in more details please contact our apprenticeships team by calling 0800 0740099 or email feapprenticeships@blc.ac.uk.

Apprenticeships

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Apprentice teaching assistant Hannah Wood, was promoted to class form tutor upon completion of her apprenticeship.

> "I have really enjoyed seeing the impact I have on a child's education, wellbeing and general outlook on life. I would really recommend it as a study route, it's been great to learn through research and being hands-on."







TRAINEESHIPS

Our traineeships prepare you for an apprenticeship and your future career. They also help you to get work-ready and apply for jobs. Traineeships are available for students aged 16-24 who are not in a current job and have little work experience.

WHAT DOES A TRAINEESHIP INVOLVE?

- work Preparation training - this includes CV writing, interview preparation, job searching and interpersonal skills.
- Work placement - you'll gain valuable skills and meaningful work experience with a local employer
- Maths and English - we'll support your skills development if you haven't achieved GCSE Grades 9/A* - 4/C or a level 2 Functional skills qualification.
- Further qualification - work towards a Level 2 Award qualification in employment skills.

FULL OR PART-TIME STUDY

We have a range of courses that you can study at different levels to help you get back into education to build on your experience, knowledge, learn new skills, and achieve valuable qualifications.

Many of our courses are fully funded for adult learners, depending on your circumstances and the qualifications you already hold.

These courses include Carpentry & Joinery, Holistic Well-being, Accounting, Barbering, Hospitality & Catering, Maths & English, Art & Design.

You can find out more about these here: https://www.blc.ac.uk/subject-areas/adult-short-courses/

ACCESS TO HE

If you've been away from education for some time or didn't quite achieve your College qualifications, an Access to Higher Education programme will give you the confidence and skills to take that next step to start a degree or equivalent University level course.

Buxton & Leek College is proud to be part of the University of Derby, which is particularly beneficial for our Access to Higher Education programmes. You can study an Access to Higher Education Diploma at the University of Derby's Kedleston Road Campus in Derby. These programmes are between 2 and 3 days a week classroom-based, with additional personal study time required.

COURSES INCLUDE:

- Access to HE areas: Business, Education, Health & Medical Science, Social Work
- Foundation Pathways Programme

Find out about the courses on offer here: https://www.derby.ac.uk/undergraduate/access-courses/

MONEY MATTERS



Together with the variety of courses, we also offer a wide range of funding support, including the Adult Education Budget which could see those eligible with access to FULLY funded courses up to Level 2.

If you have a query regarding Course Fees, Advanced Learner Loans or Paying Tuition Fees, please contact:
E: fe-financeandfees@blc.ac.uk

If you have a query regarding Bursaries, Free College Meals, Childcare Funding or Other sources of Funding, please contact:
E: Studentmoneyadviceblc@derby.ac.uk

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HOW TO APPLY

There are just four simple steps to building your future at BLC.

1. Apply online
2. Your interview
3. Your offer
4. Enrolment & Induction

Our emails may get diverted to your spam or junk folders, so please check for us in there and save us to your contacts.

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ADULT LEARNING

CAMPUS – BUXTON, LEEK OR DERBY

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OPEN EVENTS

Tuesday 10th December	5pm - 7pm
Thursday 13th February	5pm - 7pm
Saturday 29th March	10am - 1pm
Saturday 21st June	10am - 1pm

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