

# Vocational, academic and Higher Education full-time courses



**for International students**  
at Central Bedfordshire College  
Dunstable, Bedfordshire, UK

Highly Trusted Sponsor with the UK Border Agency

The college offers a wide range of academic and vocational full time courses leading to qualifications at level 3. Academic qualifications open the way to university, vocational qualifications are directly relevant to the world of work and also can allow an entry to university.

## **English Language courses – Preparation for IELTS**

The course is to improve proficiency in English to study or work in the UK. The course aims to prepare students for the Upper-intermediate / Advanced result (band 5.5/6.5). When you achieve 5.5 – 6.5 IELTS result, you can apply for courses at colleges and universities where the upper-intermediate or advanced level of proficiency is required.

## **Vocational qualifications at Level 3 QCF**

### **BTEC Extended Diploma in**

Art & Design, Creative Media (Production), Fashion and Clothing, Graphic Design, Performing Arts (Performance), Photography for New Media

Business, Engineering, Health and Social Care, IT, Public Services, Sport, Coaching, Fitness and massage, Travel & Tourism

**City & Guilds Diploma in** Electrical & Electronic Engineering Tech

**VTCT Diploma in** Beauty Therapies, Hair & Media Make-Up, Holistic Therapies, Hairdressing, Sports Massage and Injuries

**CACHE Diploma in** Childcare

Vocational qualifications at Level 4-5 in Business are also available

## **Awarding bodies**

**BTEC** is the world's most successful and best-loved applied learning brand, and has been engaging learners in practical, interpersonal and thinking skills for over 25 years. BTEC Level 3 qualifications are equivalent to other qualifications such as the A Level (level 3).

**VTCT** is the specialist awarding organisation for the hairdressing and beauty sector, and also sport and active leisure. VTCT has been in existence for over 50 years.

**CACHE** is the UK's only specialist awarding organisation for the children, adult and health care sectors, and from 1945 provides high quality vocational qualifications.

**City & Guilds** is a world leading vocational education organisation founded in 1878, and delivers qualifications that are widely recognised and respected by employers

## **Higher Education**

The college offers a wide range of foundation degrees in association with the University of Bedfordshire. These qualifications are directly relevant to the world of work, and also may lead to further studies at university.

### Foundation Degrees (Level 4/ 5)

FdA Contemporary Fine Art Practice  
FdA Creative and Editorial Photography  
FdA Fashion and Surface Pattern Design  
FdA Graphic Design & Advertising  
Foundation Diploma in Art and Design  
Certificate in Education (PCE) and  
Professional Graduate Certificate in  
Education (PGCE: PCE)

Diploma in Mentoring in Education  
FdA Educational Practice  
FdA Disability Studies  
FdA Child and Family Studies  
BA (Hons) Graphic Design for Print & New  
Media (top-up Level 6)

### Higher National Certificate (HNC Level 4) and Higher National Diploma (HND Level 5)

HNC & HND Computing and Systems Development  
HNC Business  
HNC in Creative Media Production  
HNC Performing Arts

Further details about all our courses can be found on our website: [www.centralbeds.ac.uk](http://www.centralbeds.ac.uk)

### Levels explained

Level	Academic Qualifications	Specialist Edexcel Vocational Qualifications	Work-Related Vocational Qualifications
8	Doctorates		
7	Masters Degrees, Post Graduate Certificates and Diplomas		
6	Bachelors Degrees, Graduates Certificates and Diplomas		
5	Diploma of Higher Education Foundation Degrees		NVQ Level 5
4	Certificates of Higher Education		NVQ Level 4
3	A2/AS Levels	BTEC National Diplomas and Certificates and Awards BTEC National Diploma in Foundation Studies (Art and Design)	NVQ Level 3

### English Language Requirements

The College's English Language requirements for courses are:  
Level 3: Vocational – IELTS score minimum of 4.5 (or equivalent)  
Level 3: Academic – IELTS score minimum of 5.5 (or equivalent)  
Level 4/5 IELTS score minimum of 6 (or equivalent)

### How to apply

Further information about English language proficiency and a list of approved tests is available on the UK Border Agency website along with further information about visa eligibility, requirements and application process: <http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/studyingintheuk/>  
Information and guidance about the visa application process is available on:  
<http://www.ukvisas.gov.uk/en/howtoapply/>

To apply for a course fill in the International Students Application Form and email it to [international@centralbeds.ac.uk](mailto:international@centralbeds.ac.uk)

**Fee** for overseas students: £6000 per year of study

Please email [international@centralbeds.ac.uk](mailto:international@centralbeds.ac.uk) if you require any further information.