

Not ready for level 3 yet?



Not a problem...what are your options?

Entry Requirements and levels guide

Entry Level No qualifications required

Level 1 Usually 3 GCSEs (any grade) required

Level 2 (GCSE or equivalent) – Usually requires 3/4 GCSEs at Grade 3 or above

Level 3 (A level or equivalent) – Usually requires 5 GCSEs at Grade 4 or above (including maths and English)

Leeds City College

What entry level, level 1 and level 2 courses do Leeds City College offer?

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business • Computer science • Practical small animal care • Hospitality and catering 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business • Performing arts • Digital media • Art and design • Computer games skills • Computer science • Engineering technology • Introduction to engineering • Vehicle accident repair multi-skills • Mechanical maintenance – light vehicle • Community arts projects • Personal and social development • Hairdressing and beauty therapy • Hair and beauty skills • Practical small animal care • Caring for children • Health and social care • Public services • Introduction to sport • Hospitality and catering • Travel and tourism 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applied science • Business • Acting extended • Dance extended • Musical theatre performance • Music diploma • Music industry skills • Theatre production • Digital media • Art and design • Computer games • Graphic design and photography • Digital and IT • Engineering academic route • Electrical instillation (building and structures) • Engineering • Fabrication and welding engineering technology • Accident repair paint principles • Light vehicle fitting principles • Light vehicle maintenance and repair principles • Employability and enterprise • Events assistant • Community arts projects • Hairdressing (women) • Barbering studies • Hairdressing (ladies) • Beauty therapy studies • Hair and beauty skills • Beauty therapy • Hair and media makeup • Practical animal care • Supporting teaching and learning (Teaching Assistant) • Early years practitioner

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and social care • Preparing to work in adult social care • Public services • Sport coaching (football) • Fitness instructing (gym) • Supporting learning in physical education and school sport • Professional patisserie and confectionary • Professional cookery • Professional bakery • Professional food and beverage service • Travel and tourism • Air cabin crew
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What else do Leeds City College offer?

Progression Studies

If you're unsure of what's next in your future, our supportive Progression Studies programme will help you make career decisions and set you on the path to success. This full-time course will explore different education and career options, allowing you to solidify your next steps. You will also improve your social, personal, and professional skills, ready for your future. As you progress through the programme, you will build your confidence and explore multiple career routes. You will start to identify an area of interest that may be suitable to chase a career in. You will also undertake a work placement, gaining practical experience that can be applied in employment. You'll also follow a personalised programme that meets your needs.

Study length: 1 year full-time

Entry requirements: No formal entry requirements.

What's next? Progression may include further education, an apprenticeship, or employment.

Princes Trust Team Programme

If you're looking to develop employment, education, and training skills, The Prince's Trust TEAM programme will develop you personally and professionally. You will experience fantastic opportunities, and gain lots of valuable skills and work experience. You'll also achieve an Entry Level 3, Level 1, or Level 3 in Employment, Teamwork, and Community Skills. Within 12 weeks, you will experience an exciting residential trip, complete a work placement, and undertake a community project, building your confidence and skills. You will also create personal goals, acquire useful interview techniques, learn to write a CV, and understand how to deliver a group presentation.

Study length: 12 weeks full-time

Entry requirements: No formal entry requirements.

What next? Progression may include English and maths qualifications, further education, an apprenticeship, or employment.

Princes Trust Achieve Programme

Explore your abilities and fulfil your potential with our practical programme. The Prince's Trust Achieve programme provides an opportunity for you to try out exciting new activities, boost your confidence, and gain a recognised Prince's Trust qualification. You'll explore the world outside the classroom as you obtain experience and soft skills. The one-year programme will develop you personally and professionally. You will gain transferable skills such as communication, problem solving, and teamwork. You'll also raise your life skills, learning how to manage money and stay healthy and safe. Prepare for the working world with your CV, and conduct an exciting Dragons' Den style business project

Study length: 1 year full-time

Entry requirements: No formal entry requirements.

What next? Progression may include further education, an apprenticeship, or employment

Supported Internships

Created for students with learning difficulties and disabilities, or who need support with managing emotions and behaviour, this work-focused course involves students gaining an introduction to the working world backed by valuable experience. Students will be supported by expert job coaches, and encouraged to progress. As you work through our programme and work placements, you will develop the skills that can be applied to any role within the working world. You will have the opportunity to gain highly sought-after work experience while also keeping a portfolio of your work and achievements, this is to support you with the end goal of gaining paid employment.

Study length: 1 year full-time

Entry requirements: No formal entry requirements

Pre Internships

Created for students with learning difficulties and disabilities , or who need support with managing emotions and behaviour, this work-focused course involves students gaining an introduction to the working world backed by valuable experience. Students will be supported by expert job coaches, and encouraged to progress. As you work through our programme and work placements, you will develop the skills that can be applied to any role within the working world. You will have the opportunity to gain highly sought-after work experience while also keeping a portfolio of your work and achievements, this is to support you with the end goal of gaining paid employment.

Study length: 1 year full-time

Entry requirements: No formal entry requirements

Personal Progression

Designed for students with learning difficulties and disabilities, this course focuses on students making decisions and developing their learning. This helps students to explore and make choices and therefore start to prepare for adulthood. While studying this course, you will focus on your own personal development and will acquire the transferable skills that will aid you with preparing for independent living. You will experience the world of work, community exploration, and lots of exciting sports and enrichment activities. You will also improve your communication skills and will gain support with your English and maths.

Study length: 1 year full-time

Entry requirements: No formal entry requirements

Supported Employment and Preparation for Work

Aimed at students with learning difficulties and disabilities, this course aims to increase life and independence skills while also developing skills for work. The pathway includes aspects of independent living and developing skills for work. Students will work with local businesses to gain work experience. While progressing through this programme, you will develop your English and maths as well as your computer skills. The knowledge and experience gained from this course will prepare you for later in life. You will also keep a portfolio of your work and achievements and will be able to complete a certification where appropriate.

Study length: 1 year full-time

Entry requirements: No formal entry requirements

VINE

Known as Vine, Queenswood Education Centre is our Headingley hub for learners with severe and complex learning difficulties. It ensures that students' needs are catered for, allowing them to reach their potential. Vine has multiple classrooms and care facilities incorporating tracking hoists. Individual medical regimes are taken care of, in conjunction with NHS services. Learning programmes are created around your individual EHC* outcomes alongside the development of life skills, communication, and independence. We understand all learners' needs vary and Vine learners will need a high level of support. We support each of you to be as independent as you can be as you prepare for adulthood. *Education Health and Care (EHC) plan. An education, health and care (EHC) plan is for children and young people aged up to 25 who need more support than is available through special educational needs support. EHC plans identify educational, health, and social needs and set out the additional support to meet those needs. Your local authority can carry out these assessments if they are not already in place, search EHC at gov.uk for more information.

Study length: 1 year full-time

Entry requirements: No formal entry requirements

Independent and Lifeskills

Designed for students with learning difficulties and disabilities, this course develops individual living skills. With a strong focus on independent living, the programme is based at our Joseph Priestley Centre where students can learn in our flat kitchen facilities as well as using the college-run house in the community. As you work through the course, you will improve your English and maths skills as well as your computer knowledge. You will also improve your personal and social skills ready for later life. You will be encouraged to keep a portfolio of your work and achievements which can lead to certification where appropriate.

Full time

Entry requirements: No formal entry requirements

Where else can you study?

Aspire-igen

Based in Leeds City Centre the Aspire-igen centre offers a range of L1 and L2 courses in:

- Business and enterprise
- Childcare
- Construction
- ESOL
- Health and social care
- IT
- Sport and fitness

Find out more and apply at <https://youngpeople.aspire-igen.com/centre/leeds/>

Leeds College of Building

Leeds College of Building has a wide range of L1 and L2 courses for 16-18 year olds such as:

- Brick laying
- Bridge builder programme
- Carpentry and joinery courses
- Construction and built environment BTEC
- Electrical course
- BTEC level 2 football academy
- Football academy multi-skills
- Multi-skills construction course
- Painting and decorating course
- Plastering course
- Plumbing course
- Wall and floor tiling course

Leeds City of Building also offer a range of apprenticeships.

To find out more and apply directly please go to their website: <https://www.lcb.ac.uk/>

UK Progressions

Progressions UK study programmes are post 16 education and training programmes to help you get the training, support and skills and confidence you need to progress into the world of work. You could study:

- Business Administration
- Construction
- Customer Service
- Employability
- Health and Social Care
- Motor Mechanic
- Music Practitioner
- Nail and Beauty

Progressions UK also offer a range of traineeships

A traineeship is a programme that combines education and training with work experience. Get the skills employers are looking for and progress into employment or onto an apprenticeship. Just look at some of the exciting areas where you might be able to take a traineeship.

- Business traineeship
- Childcare traineeship
- Customer Service traineeship
- Health and Beauty traineeship

Find out more and apply at <https://learnaliving.co.uk/>

LLS

LLS focus on training the next generation of sports industry leaders. If you're a young person hoping to become a coach, personal trainer, physiotherapist or elite athlete they may have courses designed specifically for you.

- L2 Professional Coaching
- Sport Industry
- Football Industry

For more information and to register an interest please see their website <https://www.llsonline.uk/sixth-form-courses/>

YMCA

We offer courses for 16-19 year olds through our Study Programmes and Traineeships in:

- Business Admin
- Childcare
- Customer Service
- Fitness
- Health and Social Care
- Horticulture
- Public Services

As well as Apprenticeships across eight subject areas, from retail and customer service to health and social care.

We partner with employers from all across the North East to give you access to the best training opportunities after you leave school. From large multi-site employers (like Regent Hotels or Dixel Tyres & Auto Centres) to local Leeds-based businesses, we're connected.

Find out more and apply at <https://www.ymca.co.uk/centres/leeds>

Narcos

Many of the young people who attend have had problems at school, or can't or don't want to attend their local college. We get them on the path to success.

Our personalised Study Programmes and vocational courses provide young people and adults with the skills they need to move in to further education, training or employment. We partner with employers to ensure our students are enthusiastic, work-ready and reliable.

What courses are available to 16+ year olds:

- Animal care
- Building and construction
- Business skills and customer service
- Childcare
- Employment skills
- English and maths
- ESOL
- GCSE maths and English
- Hair and beauty
- Health and social care
- Hospitality and catering
- Mechanics and engineering
- Retail
- Sports

Find out more and apply at <https://www.nacro.org.uk/education/courses/>