

RUNSHAW COLLEGE



RUNSHAW ADULT
EDUCATION COURSES
SEPTEMBER 2026



WELCOME TO RUNSHAW COLLEGE

“I am delighted to introduce you to our exciting range of adult courses. Whether you’re looking to strengthen your English or Maths skills, gain access to higher education, or take a step up in your personal and professional development, Runshaw College offers expert teaching, wraparound care, and further opportunities to help you succeed.”

Robert Jones
Assistant Principal
Adult & Apprenticeship Programmes



FUNCTIONAL SKILLS

ENGLISH



Our Functional Skills English course is designed for adults who want practical skills that make everyday life and work easier. Learners will develop skills in reading, writing, speaking, and listening. A Level 2 Functional Skills English qualification is recognised as an equivalent to a GCSE Grade 4 (C).

Start: September 2026

Duration: 17 weeks

When: Thursday daytime or Tuesday evening

Price: FREE - Subject to conditions



FUNCTIONAL SKILLS

MATHS



Unlock opportunities with stronger maths skills. Whether it's for work, study, or personal growth, this course opens doors in 17 weeks. A Level 2 Functional Skills maths qualification is recognised as an equivalent to a GCSE Grade 4 (C).

Start: September 2026

Duration: 17 weeks

When: Thursday daytime or Tuesday evening

Price: FREE - Subject to conditions



HUMAN RESOURCES (HR) PEOPLE PRACTICE

Want to turn your passion for developing others into a recognised qualification? This CIPD accredited qualification could take your career further. You will study the following units through a blended approach, combining on campus classes with an online learning platform.

- Business, culture and change in context
- Principles of analytics
- Core behaviours for people professionals
- Essentials of people practice

LEVEL 3 CERTIFICATE IN PEOPLE PRACTICE



Start: September 2026

Duration: 34 weeks

When: Tuesday evening

Price: £1750

LEVEL 5 DIPLOMA IN PEOPLE MANAGEMENT CIPD



Start: September 2026

Duration: 34 weeks

When: Tuesday evening

Price: £2500 – Advanced Learner Loan available

ACCOUNTING AAT

Thinking about a career in finance but not sure where to start? We have an accounting pathway that takes you from a beginner to a successful AAT professional. All levels are taught through a blended model of in-person and online learning.

LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA IN ACCOUNTING



Start: September 2026

Duration: 34 weeks

When: Wednesday daytime in-person/online

Price: This course may be free, see the website for more details

LEVEL 2 CERTIFICATE IN ACCOUNTING



Start: September 2026

Duration: 35 weeks

When: Tuesday daytime in-person/online

Price: This course may be free, see the website for more details

LEVEL 4 DIPLOMA IN PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTING



Start: September 2026

Duration: 16 months

When: Wednesday daytime in-person/online

Price: £2573 – Advanced Learner Loan available

TEACHING ASSISTANT SUPPORTING TEACHING AND LEARNING



This course is designed to prepare you to support the teacher and the delivery of curriculum within a school, as well as introduce the skills necessary to help children develop their skills.

Start: September 2026

Duration: 30 weeks

When: Tuesday evening

Price: This course may be free, see the website for more details

“ The NCFE Teaching Assistant course at Runshaw College has supported me in successfully gaining employment by equipping me with the confidence and knowledge necessary to excel in the field. It has fostered a belief in my own abilities, enabling me to surpass my initial expectations and achieve more than I ever thought possible. ”
Paighton Barber



COUNSELLING

Every counsellor starts somewhere. Learn the skills, techniques, and self-awareness needed to progress to higher-level counselling qualifications.

LEVEL 2 CERTIFICATE IN COUNSELLING SKILLS



Start: September 2026

Duration: 34 Weeks / Fast Track - 17 weeks

When: Tuesday evening / Fast Track Tuesday day

Price: This course may be free, see the website for more details

LEVEL 3 CERTIFICATE IN COUNSELLING STUDIES



Start: September 2026

Duration: 34 Weeks / Fast Track - 17 weeks

When: 34 Weeks / February 2027 for Fast Track - 17 weeks

Price: This course may be free, see the website for more details

LEVEL 4 DIPLOMA IN THERAPEUTIC COUNSELLING



This is a 2-year classroom delivered course plus you will need to complete a minimum of 100 hours of formally contracted counselling with at least 5 different clients in an agency setting.

Start: September 2026

Duration: 2 years

When: Wednesday daytime

Price: £4670 – Advanced Learner Loan available

ACCESS COURSES

“GET READY FOR UNIVERSITY IN JUST ONE YEAR”

ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION

This course is designed to prepare students for Higher Education looking at entering careers in health, health sciences and related sectors. Students will acquire key knowledge, subject-specific skills, and transferable skills essential for success in these areas. The precise knowledge and skills will depend on the choice of units.

CHOOSE 1 OF OUR 4 PATHWAYS

HEALTH PROFESSIONS



Ideal for those interested in a career in care, health science and related sectors or wanting a varied experience.

Start: September 2026

Duration: 34 weeks

When: Wednesday and Thursday daytime
Blended - In-person/Online

Price: This course may be free, see the website for more details

MIDWIFERY



Gain knowledge, specific skills, and transferable skills needed to support women during pregnancy, childbirth, and postnatal care.

Start: September 2026

Duration: 34 weeks

When: Wednesday and Thursday daytime
Blended - In-person/Online

Price: This course may be free, see the website for more details

NURSING



This course is tailored to provide students with an understanding of the essential elements required by the nursing profession.

Start: September 2026

Duration: 34 weeks

When: Wednesday and Thursday daytime
Blended - In-person/Online

Price: This course may be free, see the website for more details

PSYCHOLOGY



This course is designed to prepare students for Higher Education leading to careers in psychology, counselling, social work, and related fields.

Start: September 2026

Duration: 34 weeks

When: Wednesday and Thursday daytime
Blended - In-person/Online

Price: This course may be free, see the website for more details

How to Apply

You can apply online through our portal using the QR code below.

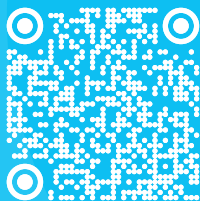
You'll need photographic ID, your national insurance number, a passport-style photo of yourself and previous qualifications ready to complete the application.

After you submit your application, our team will contact you by email or phone with your next steps.

Your application may require a short assessment or interview, but we'll guide you through every step of the way.

Taking the leap back into education can be daunting, but we're here to make the process as stress-free and easy as possible.

If you need help with your application contact us on tel: 01772 642040



**For an informal chat
contact us on
01772 642040**

**or e-mail us at
adulteducation@runshaw.ac.uk**

Frequently asked Questions

Am I too old to go back to education?

You are never too old to return to education, and many adult learners choose to re-engage with learning to develop new skills, change career direction, or achieve personal goals.

Can I get a loan to cover course costs?

Advanced Learner Loans are available to cover the cost of level 3 and above courses. Depending on your circumstances, other financial support may be available

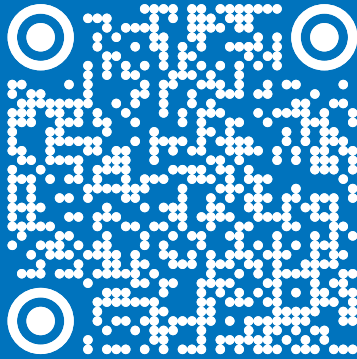
Why does the cost of each course vary, and how can I find out which ones are free?

Course costs vary based on your location, personal circumstances and prior qualifications. The best way to find out your exact cost is to contact our Adult Education Team or check our website for details. Many of our courses are available for free, so it's always best to get in touch and explore your options.

Is there a deadline for applying?

Applications close once courses are full or have started, many courses are oversubscribed, so please apply early to be assured of a place on your chosen course.

APPLY NOW



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