

Higher Education Employability Statement

Riverside College has a tradition of working with local employers to meet the needs of local employers and students. This was highlighted as one of our areas of good practice in our recent Integrated Quality and Enhancement Review which took place in December 2010 “Employer engagement on engineering programmes is particularly effective in enhancing work related learning”.

Links with employers

All courses have a work-based learning element, whereby you are assessed in an appropriate work placement. Consequently you can gain ‘first hand’ experience in the work place, which will enhance your employability skills. Students are able to engage in the design of their work related activities with support from their tutors and work place mentors. Projects completed whilst on their work placements have benefited both the students and also the employer.

The college has developed its higher education courses with leading higher education Institutions and local industry to ensure that employability skills are embedded in the programme

Earn and Learn at the same time

On our part-time courses you have the opportunity of working whilst upskilling your employability skills at the same time. You have the opportunity of ‘topping up’ your Foundation Degree to an honours degree part time at a local university.

Career advice

You have the opportunity of accessing career advice both at the college and at the partner university. Advice can be accessed on-line at both institutions as well as at dedicated career centres.

Personal Development Planning (PDP) is embedded in all programmes and you can develop a PDP portfolio which plans your learning and describes your skills to employers. It allows you to take an active role in your own personal and professional development with specific and structured support.

We have worked closely with employers to give you the best chance of getting a job when you graduate by working closely with employers to design our courses and to equip you with the skills you need.

Many of our courses are sector endorsed. FdSc Mechanical Technology and FdSc Manufacturing Technology are accredited by the Institute of Mechanical Engineers. FD Integrated Practice (Early Years and Young People) and Diploma in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector are sector endorsed.

Support for development of employability within courses. You will be taught within small groups of up to 20, and will benefit from individual attention and support from our teaching staff many of whom bring professional expertise to their vocational subject area. College staff work with work place mentors to ensure that you have a valuable and relevant experience in the work place. You will have access to effective on-site academic and pastoral support system and there is an open door policy in operation by staff