

# Adult Education

## Qualification Courses



ESOL



COUNSELLING



EDUCATION

# Welcome to Adult Education at Varndean College

## How to Enrol

Online [varndean.ac.uk/adulted](http://varndean.ac.uk/adulted)

Call 01273 546 604

Email [study@varndean.ac.uk](mailto:study@varndean.ac.uk)

## Financial Support and Payment Options

### Concessionary Fees

If you are studying an accredited course at Entry Level, Level 1 or Level 2 you may be eligible for a concessionary fee. If you fall into one of the following categories you will need to complete a self-declaration funding form and provide evidence of your means tested benefit. All evidence must be dated within three months of the course start date.

- Claiming Job Seekers Allowance/Employment Support Allowance or Universal Credit.
- Receiving Universal Credit (UC) and your take home pay as recorded on your UC statement (disregarding UC payments and other benefits) is less than £617 per month (learner is sole adult in the benefit claim) or £988 per month (learner has a joint benefit claim with their partner).
- Earning less than £25,000 annual gross salary. You must provide evidence of your salary.

Go to [www.varndean.ac.uk/adulted](http://www.varndean.ac.uk/adulted) for further information, terms and conditions and refund details. Fees and concessionary rates are correct at the time of publication and are subject to change.

# English for Speakers of Other Languages

Study our sought-after ESOL courses at Varndean College Adult Education if English is your second language. Gain skills for everyday life, education and employment. We offer Pre-Entry (beginners) to Level 2.

- Accredited courses covering Speaking & Listening, Reading and Writing from Entry 1
- New courses start each term
- Employability classes with additional language support
- Additional courses added throughout the year
- Qualifications for adults 19yrs+



Assessments are held throughout the year, register your interest online today.

For more information visit  
[varndean.ac.uk/adulted](http://varndean.ac.uk/adulted)



# Education

## Introduction to Teaching

If you are looking to explore the world of teaching, this course is a great starting point. Previously known as PTLLs, this qualification aims to meet the needs of trainee teachers such as;

- Currently not teaching or training and seeking a new career path
- New trainee teachers who are looking to understand roles, responsibilities and relationships in education and training
- Assessors who wish to achieve a qualification that provides an introduction to teaching

NCFE	Day	Date	Time	Fee	Code
Level 3 Award in Education and Training	Wed	18 Sep-11 Dec	5.30-8.30pm	£400	X784
Level 3 Award in Education and Training	Wed	8 Jan-2 Apr	5.30-8.30pm	£400	Y739

## Train to be a Teaching Assistant

Develop the knowledge and skills to support children and young people in a school or college environment. Over the year you will explore the importance of communication, safeguarding, inclusion and developing professional relationships. An additional school-based placement for 100 hours will provide opportunities for reflective class discussions about supporting children and young people's positive behaviour, teamwork and contributing to an effective learning environment.

NCFE	Day	Date	Time	Fee	Code
Level 2 Certificate Support Teaching & Learning	Wed	18 Sep-25 Jun	9.25-2.25pm	* FREE or £599	X780

# Skills for Employment

## Working with Children and Young People

The NCFE Level 1 Award in Working with Children focuses on developing basic knowledge and understanding of the needs of children aged from birth to five years. The qualification is designed as an introduction to further training within the education sector.

NCFE	Day	Date	Time	Fee	Code
Level 1 Award in Preparing for Work in Schools	Mon	16 Sep-16 Dec	9.25-1.25pm	* FREE or £229	X781
Level 1 Award in Preparing for Work in Schools	Mon	20 Jan-12 May	9.25-1.25pm	* FREE or £229	Y738
Level 1 Award in Preparing for Work in Schools	Tue	18 Mar-1 Jul	9.25-1.25pm	* FREE or £229	Y739
Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Specific Learning Difficulties	Thu	19 Sep-12 Dec	9.25-1.25pm	* FREE or £229	X783
Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Children and Young Peoples Mental Health	Thu	16 Jan-22 May	9.25-1.25pm	* FREE or £229	Y740

## GCSEs

Studying for a GCSE in Maths or English is a great way to improve your job prospects, gain personal satisfaction or access further education. Courses are delivered in the daytime or evening to give learners the opportunity to flex around their life, work and social commitments.

Go to [varndean.ac.uk/adulted/courses](http://varndean.ac.uk/adulted/courses) for up to date GCSE courses.

## Courses for Jobseekers

We are looking to support our local community back into work. So, if you are unemployed or on a low income and fancy a career change, courses for jobseekers offer a variety of industry-based qualifications and employability support. These short courses are designed to help you on your pathway to employment and with new opportunities.

We work closely with the Job Centre Plus to ensure we are trying to meet the needs of the local job market.

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# Counselling

## Retrain as a Counsellor

Study an accredited CPCAB counselling course part-time within our specialist Adult Education Counselling Department. We offer an accessible and professional route to become a counsellor. Most of our counselling tutors are practicing counsellors who share their expertise and learning experiences to enrich a structured and sequenced curriculum. This has helped Varndean College adult learners achieve a **97% pass rate** for our Level 2 Certificate in Counselling courses.

CPCAB	Day	Date	Time	Fee	Code
Level 2 Award in Introduction to Counselling Skills **	Wed	18 Sep-27 Nov	10-1pm	<b>*FREE or £289</b>	X778
Level 2 Award in Introduction to Counselling Skills	Tue	17 Sep-26 Nov	6-9pm	<b>*FREE or £289</b>	X667
Level 2 Award in Introduction to Counselling Skills	Wed	18 Sep-27 Nov	6-9pm	<b>*FREE or £289</b>	X668
Level 2 Award in Introduction to Counselling Skills	Thu	19 Sep-21 Nov	6-9pm	<b>*FREE or £289</b>	X666
Level 2 Award in Introduction to Counselling Skills	Thu	16 Jan-27 Mar	6-9pm	<b>*FREE or £289</b>	Y734
Level 2 Award in Introduction to Counselling Skills **	Mon	13 Jan-24 Mar	10-1pm	<b>*FREE or £289</b>	Y733
Level 2 Award in Introduction to Counselling Skills	Tue	14 Jan-25 Mar	6-9pm	<b>*FREE or £289</b>	Y736
Level 2 Award in Introduction to Counselling Skills	Tue	14 Jan-25 Mar	6-9pm	<b>*FREE or £289</b>	Y735
Level 2 Award in Introduction to Counselling Skills	Wed	15 Jan-26 Mar	6-9pm	<b>*FREE or £289</b>	Y737
Level 2 Award in Introduction to Counselling Skills	Thu	24 Apr-3 Jul	6-9pm	<b>*FREE or £289</b>	Z801
Level 2 Award in Introduction to Counselling Skills	Tue	22 Apr-1 Jul	6-9pm	<b>*FREE or £289</b>	Z802
Level 2 Award in Introduction to Counselling Skills	Wed	23 Apr-2 Jul	6-9pm	<b>*FREE or £289</b>	Z803
Level 2 Award in Introduction to Counselling Skills **	Mon	28 Apr-7 Jul	10-1pm	<b>*FREE or £289</b>	Z800

\*See p2 for concessionary information and the website for instalment plans.

\*\*Course is delivered at one of our community venues, see website for further information.

CPCAB	Day	Date	Time	Fee	Code
Level 2 Certificate in Counselling Skills	Tue	17 Sep-20 May	6-9pm	* Free or £669	X770
Level 2 Certificate in Counselling Skills	Wed	18 Sep-21 May	6-9pm	* Free or £669	X771
Level 2 Certificate in Counselling Skills	Thu	19 Sep-22 May	6-9pm	* Free or £669	X669
Level 2 Certificate in Counselling Skills (includes Sat 22 Mar & 10 May)	Wed	4 Dec-9 Jul	10-1pm	* Free or £669	X773
Level 2 Certificate in Counselling Skills (includes Sat 22 Mar & 10 May)	Thu	5 Dec-10 Jul	6-9pm	* Free or £669	X772

The Level 3 course has increased from 90 to 150 hours for the academic year 2024/25 to meet the new CPCAB framework. The additional 60 hours will be spent on employability to support career pathways. Subsequently, we have increased our fee by £240 (£4 fee per hour for 60 hours of additional learning).

You may be eligible for an Advanced Learner Loan on Level 3 and 4 courses.

CPCAB	Day	Date	Time	Fee	Code
Level 3 Certificate in Applied Counselling Studies (includes Sat 28 Jun & 5 Jul)	Tue	17 Sep-1 Jul	5-9pm	£1,119	X775
Level 3 Certificate in Applied Counselling Studies (includes Sat 28 Jun & 5 Jul)	Wed	18 Sep-2 Jul	5-9pm	£1,119	X776
Level 3 Certificate in Applied Counselling Studies (includes Sat 28 Jun & 5 Jul)	Thu	19 Sep-3 Jul	5-9pm	£1,119	X774

Level 4 Diploma in Therapeutic Counselling; our core model is 'integrative humanistic'. On this 2 year course, students will practice in an organisation and complete 100 hours as a student counsellor alongside learning theoretical approaches to counselling.

CPCAB	Day	Date	Time	Fee	Code
Level 4 Diploma in Therapeutic Counselling Skills Year 1	Tue	17 Sep-10 Jun	2.20-8.50pm	£3,042	X779

Exam fees are included in all of our pricing.

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