



Writtle  
University  
College

2024

## College Course Guide

Putting Science into Practice since 1893

**Fresh air and  
thinking  
since 1893.**

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# Welcome to our world

**We are delighted that you are considering joining our thriving community for your next step!**

**We can help you get to your dream career!**

- **Get relevant work experience.**
- **Learn from experts.**
- **Use great facilities for practical work.**
- **Gain the skills for your future.**

**Be part of this – join WUC.**

An aerial photograph of a rural landscape. In the foreground, there is a large, irregularly shaped pond with blue water. To the left of the pond, there is a cluster of buildings, including a large red-brick house and several smaller structures. The landscape is divided into various fields, some of which are golden-brown, suggesting they are ripe for harvest. There are also green fields and areas with trees. The overall scene is a typical rural setting.

# Welcome

# Experience the difference at WUC



1 A small and supportive institution that creates big futures



2 In 2023, we invested £5.8 million into our Lordship Campus, enhancing our science laboratories and creating a dedicated 'Lordship Canine Centre'.



3 Soon to be part of the ARU family



4 Courses designed to prepare you for the world of work



5 Great range of sport and social activities available



6 Opportunities to progress on to a university course at WUC or elsewhere



7  
Ideal blend  
of theory and  
practical learning



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Beautiful campus  
just two miles  
from the city  
of Chelmsford



9  
Free shuttle bus  
service to and from  
Chelmsford train and  
bus stations



10  
Improve your  
English and Maths



11  
Around 1100 College  
course learners



12  
90% of our Further  
Education Students  
progress to further or  
higher education or  
employment

(Source - Further Education  
Destination Survey 2021/22)

# Making a difference

You can help shape the future.

Our courses are focused on:

- **Helping our animal kingdom.**
- **The planet and food for the future.**
- **The health and wellbeing of society.**



## You can be part of it.

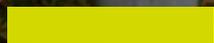




# Land Animal Sport



# Feel the freedom



**To be you**  
Explore our countryside campus and discover who you want to be.

**To focus**  
Shape your future with courses that have been created with careers in mind.

**To grow**  
Develop your independence and flourish in a friendly college community where big things happen.





**Here for you**

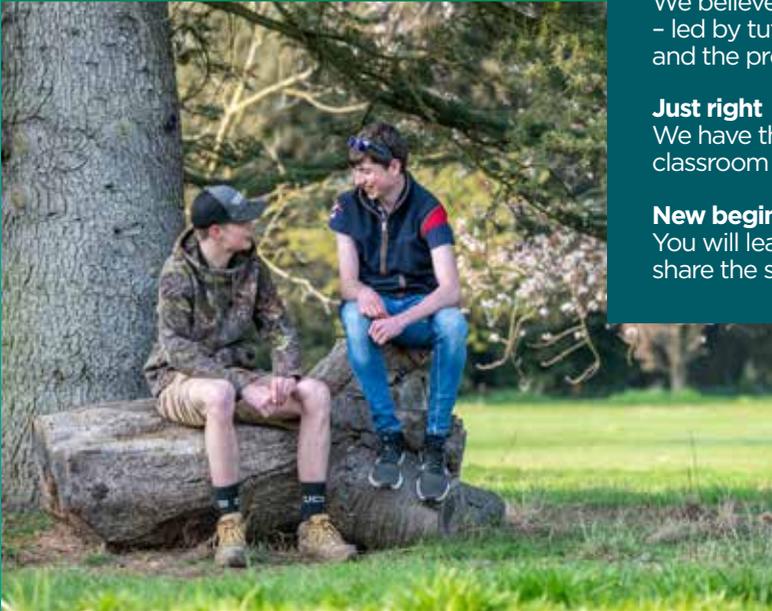
We believe learning should be fun – led by tutors who care about you and the progress you're making.

**Just right**

We have the right balance of classroom and practical learning.

**New beginnings**

You will learn with new friends who share the same passions as you.





# Laugh Learn Be You!



**What's inside**

- Around 150 hectares
- Around 200 animal species
- Modern science laboratories\*
- Lordship Canine Centre\*
- Dog Grooming Parlour
- Reservoir
- Equine Campus
- Therapy barns
- Stables
- Halls of residence (18 years +)
- Restaurant
- Bar
- Convenience store
- Glasshouses
- Gardens
- Research laboratories
- Study hub
- Library
- Conference suite
- Lecture theaters
- Starbucks Cafe
- Students' Union
- Centre of Sport and Health
- Sports grounds

**...and more**

\*under redevelopment in 2023



In 2023, we invested £5.8 million into our Lordship Campus, enhancing our science laboratories and creating a dedicated new 'Lordship Canine Centre'.





### **On the go**

Pick up lunch or a snack from one of our outlets or a drink from our onsite Starbucks.

### **Take time out**

Join friends, relax and get all the support you need in our new learning and social hub.



### **Be Part Of The Fun**

Our Students' Union organises events on campus, including summer and winter balls, fundraising weeks, DJ nights at the Baa, our own on-site bar, and many more.

### **Supporting you at Writtle**

The Students' Union supports you and is your representation and voice to the college's leadership team. Pop along to the Students' Union office for a chat.

### **Our Societies**

We understand that community and friendships are important; therefore, Writtle has many societies to join, including Yoga, LGBTQ+ Society, Horticulture Society, Clay Pigeon Society, Equine Society and many more.

More information on our Students' Union can be found at [www.wucstudentsunion.com](http://www.wucstudentsunion.com)



# Mind & body

Many opportunities for sport, fitness and fun whilst you learn.



# We ♥ Sport

## Right here, right now

- Sports pitches and pavilion for netball, rugby and football.
- Reservoir on campus.
- Dedicated 3X3 basketball courts – the UK's first bespoke facility.
- Indoor sports hall.
- Gym with exercise classes, exercise machines and free weights.
- Numerous sporting clubs and societies.
- Centre of Sport and Health.

### Writtle GO

- Our new Writtle GO card gives students 10% off any paid classes such as yoga and water sports. It will also keep you up-to-date on all of the fun activities and events we have going on around campus.

**Keep up to date:**  
[www.sport.writtle.ac.uk/  
student-experience](http://www.sport.writtle.ac.uk/student-experience)



# Making your journey easier

Getting to and from our campus should be the least of your worries! Thankfully, there are plenty of transport options to make your journey to WUC as easy as possible.

## Shuttle bus

We run a shuttle bus to and from Chelmsford train and bus stations. There's no fee and no need to book – seats are on a first come, first served basis.

## Travel assistance

If you are a student between the ages of 16 and 19 and live in Essex, you can apply for assistance with travel fees to WUC through Essex County Council, as part of their Post 16 Transport Scheme. Each local council operates their own travel scheme and policy. Please contact the council in the area you live in for specific information. Students at WUC can get discounted fares with Greater Anglia Railway and First Essex Buses.

For further information please contact us and we will be happy to help:

**01245 424262**

**[transport@writtle.ac.uk](mailto:transport@writtle.ac.uk)**

**[writtle.ac.uk/transport](http://writtle.ac.uk/transport)**





# Travel

Visit our website for more information on discounted bus and rail tickets.



# A bright Future

**Studying at WUC is just the beginning - all of our courses are designed and delivered to enable you to take the first step towards your dream career or to continue your education at a higher level.**

## **What is right for you?**

Our friendly and supportive careers adviser is on the CDI professional register and can give you impartial guidance and advice, in group or individual sessions.

## **We are here to help you:**

- Decide about your future career and education options through individual support, various group sessions and careers events.
- Find work, provide help with CVs, mock interviews and applications.
- Find out more about being self-employed or running your own business.
- Progress to Higher Education with supportive sessions designed to prepare you for university life and to help you complete your UCAS application.

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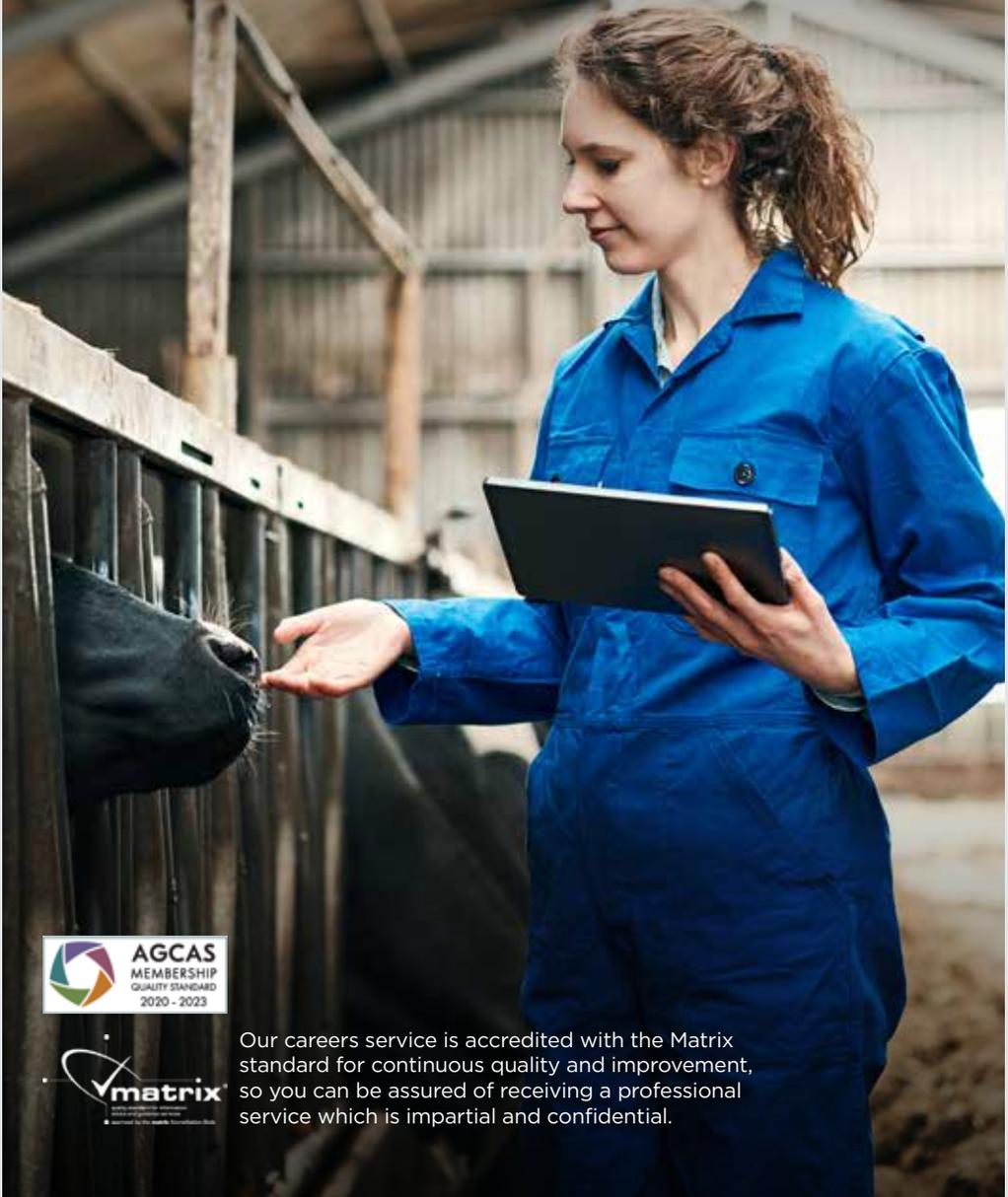
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# 90%

90% of our Further Education Students progress to further or higher education or employment

(Source - Further Education Destination Survey 2021/22)



Our careers service is accredited with the Matrix standard for continuous quality and improvement, so you can be assured of receiving a professional service which is impartial and confidential.

# Exploring your options

You may be looking to join us after completing your GCSEs, either before employment or for taking your next step to university. Alternatively, you might be an adult learner looking to get back into education, either to make a career change or develop your skills or interests.

We know it can be confusing choosing which study level is right for you.

Whatever subject and course you choose, you will leave WUC with a substantial vocational qualification recognised by employers and universities, meaning you can find a skilled job or continue studying.

## Want to earn whilst you learn?

If you would prefer to gain a qualification whilst working in a paid job, you will find everything you need to know about apprenticeships at WUC on page 58.

To help, here's a quick guide of the qualifications available at WUC:

### Levels 2/3 Work-Based Qualifications

These highly practical qualifications mean you will learn from work-related tasks designed to help you develop the skills and knowledge to do a job effectively.

### Level 2 Technical Qualifications

Your studies will be focused on enabling you to specialise in a technical job or area. You could go straight into employment, an apprenticeship or continue studying at a higher level.

### Level 2 Firsts - Certificates/Diplomas

Your studies will combine theory and practical learning in your chosen subject area. You could go straight into employment or continue studying at a higher level.

### Level 3 Nationals - Certificates/Diplomas/Technical Diplomas

An excellent alternative to A Levels, these courses are designed to give you the theoretical and technical skills needed to work in a particular sector.



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### **Your future**

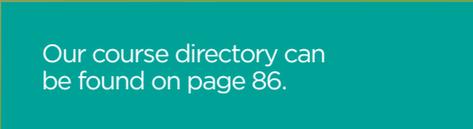
**Our college courses provide an excellent mix of both practical and classroom based learning, setting you up for a rewarding career or progression to university.**

### **A course for you**

**Our college courses are ideal for those who have just completed their GCSEs, as well as mature learners who are looking to get back into education.**

### **Our support**

**People are more likely to find employment, earn more and progress in education and at work with a good level of English and Maths. At Writtle, we will help you improve your grades.**



Our course directory can be found on page 86.



# Courses



# Your natural choice

A close-up photograph of a green lizard's head, focusing on its eye and the intricate patterns of its scales. The scales are a vibrant green with darker green and brownish tones, creating a textured, mosaic-like appearance. The eye is large and dark, with a prominent pupil and a surrounding iris that has a mottled green and brown pattern. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting a natural habitat.

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**Take your love of animals to the next level and turn your passion into a career.**

The health and management of animals is a major area of interest at Writtle University College.

This passion for the animal kingdom is reflected in the expertise of our teaching teams who have extensive experience and love what they teach.

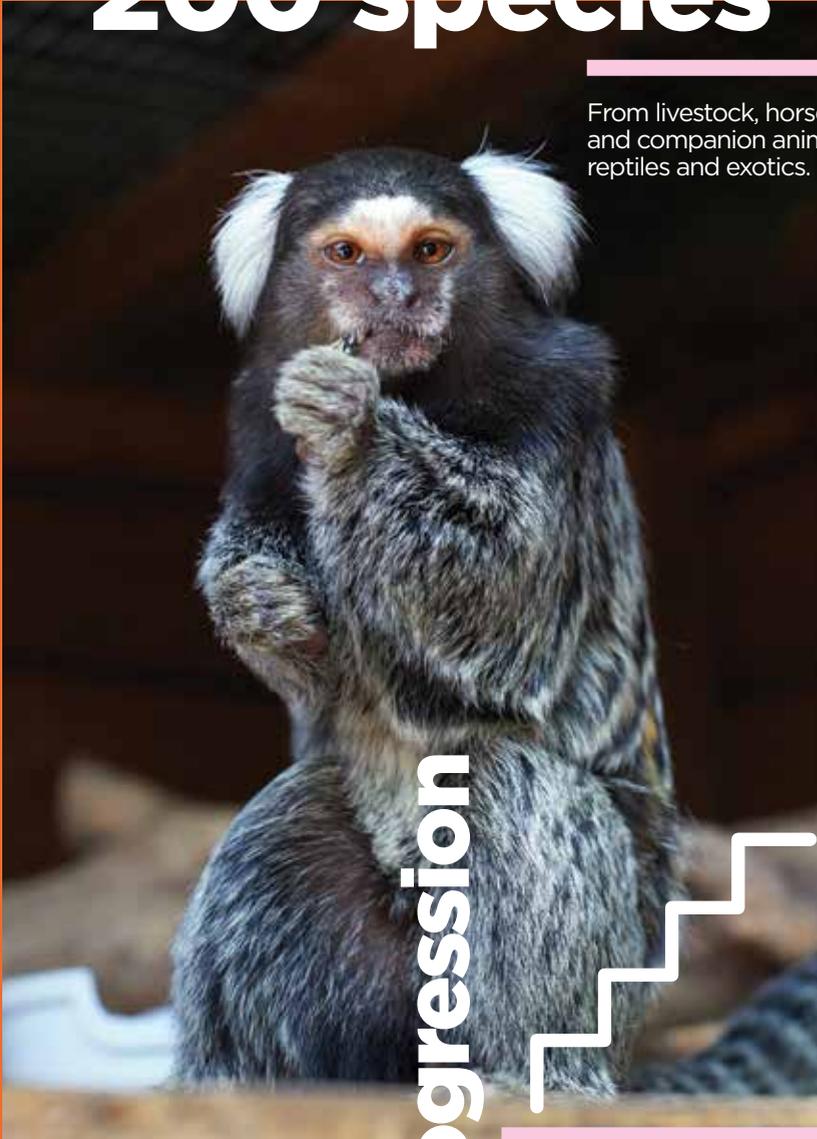
A close-up photograph of a green lizard's scales, showing a detailed pattern of small, rounded, overlapping scales in various shades of green and brown. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green.

# Animal

# 200 species

From livestock, horses and companion animals to reptiles and exotics.

Animal



Progression

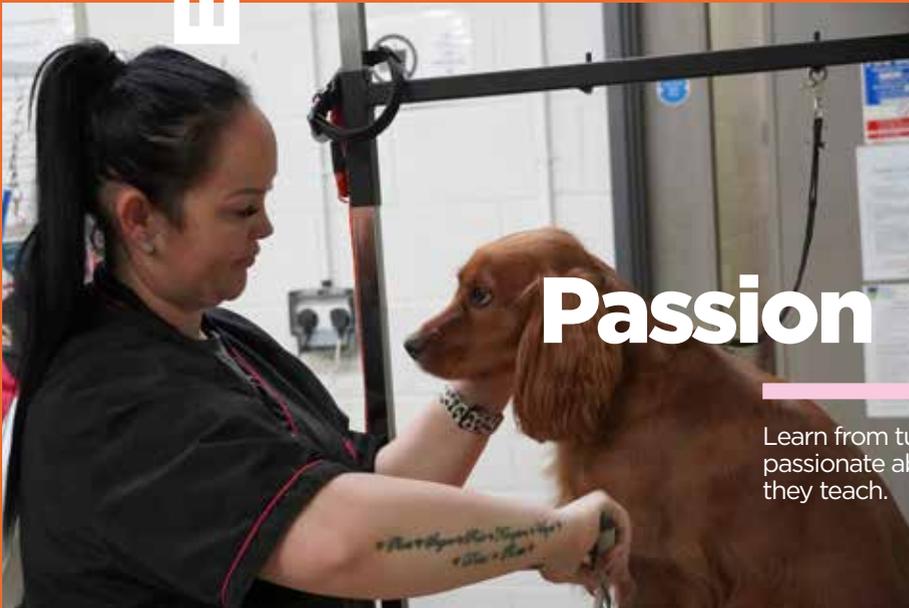
Many of our animal based programmes have natural progression options into Higher Education.

# Experience



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Work experience is programmed into our courses to give you experience in your chosen industry.



# Passion

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Learn from tutors who are passionate about what they teach.

# Animal Management

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## Develop your interest

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Studying Animal Management at WUC is the ideal way to explore the diverse career opportunities available to you in the animal industry.

There is an emphasis on animal science alongside practical learning, covering topics such as husbandry, conservation and wildlife, zoo and exotic animals, and kennel and cattery management.

During your studies, you'll combine theory with hands on learning to understand biology, anatomy, physiology, ecology and behaviour, as well as learning how to look after different species' basic living and nutritional needs.

You will also practice basic veterinary nursing skills such as applying bandages or practicing techniques for safely restraining different animals, in addition to developing vital skills in customer care and business management.





## Courses

- **Level 3 Advanced Technical Certificate in Animal Management**
- **Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Animal Management**
- **Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Animal Management**
- **Level 3 Diploma in Work-Based Animal Care**
- **Level 3 Work-Based Certificate in Practical Animal Care Skills**
- **Level 2 Technical Certificate in Animal Management**
- **Level 2 Certificate in Practical Animal Care Skills**
- **Level 2 Extended Certificate in Work-Based Animal Care**
- **Animal Care (Care and Welfare) Apprenticeship Level 2**

## Good for careers as a...

- Veterinary Nurse
- Veterinary Care Assistant
- Animal Collection Manager
- Rescue Centre worker
- Kennel or Cattery Owner / Worker
- Animal Technician
- Animal Welfare Worker
- Zoo Keeper
- African Conservation Volunteer

## Progression

You could also go onto study a higher education diploma or degree in animal science, management and behaviour, zoology or veterinary nursing.



## At A Glance

### 200 species

- Our campus is home to a diverse range of animals from reptiles and exotic mammals to horses, livestock and companion pets.

### Work experience

- To enhance your learning, you will complete a relevant work experience placement in the animal industry as part of your course.

### Access all areas

- Experience life behind the scenes with trips to places such as Colchester Zoo and animal rescue centres, as well as taking part in conservation work with local wildlife trusts.

### Want to earn whilst you learn?

- We offer apprenticeships in Animal Care! Find out more on page 58.

# Animal Science

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## Develop your interest

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If you are passionate about a career in Animal or Veterinary Science, our pathway in Animal Science will provide you with the necessary skills and experience to allow you to develop a career in this exciting sector.

There is an emphasis on animal science alongside practical learning, covering topics such as husbandry, wildlife and ecology conservation, and exotic animal health and husbandry.

During your studies, you will delve into the fundamentals of biochemistry, microbiology, inheritance, and genetics. You will undertake a science investigation – and apply all the theory you learn to a practical investigation.

You will also learn how to safely handle and care for a wide range of species and to maintain and promote their health by looking after their basic living and nutrition needs. Additionally, you will develop vital skills in customer care and business management.





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#### Courses

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- **Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Animal Management (Science)**
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### Good for careers as a...

- Animal Nutritionist
- Research Assistant (desk based)
- Lab Technician
- Veterinary Practice Lab Assistant
- Veterinary Surgeon
- Veterinary Nurse
- Veterinary Scientist
- Animal Nutritionist
- Zoologist

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### What will I learn?

- You will study a range of modules including animal health and husbandry, animal behaviour and communication, biological systems of animals, animal welfare and breeding, biochemistry and microbiology.

### Where will this take me?

- This programme is equivalent to 3 A-Levels in Science subjects and allows you to progress on to university to study Veterinary Medicine, Veterinary Physiotherapy, Bioveterinary Science or Animal Science.

# Dog Grooming

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## Are you ready?

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Study Dog Grooming at WUC to learn about all aspects of the dog grooming industry such as Kennel Club breed groups, how to care for different coat types, how to recognise and care for skin conditions, parasites and infectious diseases and essential first aid for dogs.

Our professional facilities feature our commercially run on-site dog grooming parlour, where you will benefit from real life casework during your practical lessons.

You will practise the techniques needed for bathing, drying, caring for ears, eyes, skin and nails, using and looking after equipment including combs, scissors, and clippers.

You will also learn how to plan and design a grooming parlour and study basic business and management skills, as well as key legislation.





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#### Courses

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- **Level 3 Diploma in Dog Grooming (Part-time)**
  - **Level 3 Diploma in Dog Grooming (Under 19 study programme)**
  - **Level 2 Certificate for Dog Grooming Assistants (Part-time)**
  - **Level 2 Certificate for Dog Grooming Assistants (Under 19 study programme)**
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#### Good for careers as a...

- Senior Dog Groomer
- Assistant Dog Groomer
- Manager of a Dog-grooming Salon
- Kennel Worker

#### Work Experience

For Level 2, to enhance your studies, we recommend you find work experience in a grooming parlour (for under 19's this is a requirement). Additionally, by Level 3, all students are expected to have a work placement in a grooming parlour.

## At A Glance

#### Accredited

- Our courses are accredited by City and Guilds. The RSPCA advises pet owners to look for dog groomers with these qualifications.

#### Commercial

- We have our own commercially run dog grooming parlour on-site. This treats approximately 60 dogs every month, giving you hands on experience.

#### Knowledge base

- You will benefit from expert demonstrations in different dog grooming techniques for specific breeds or shows.

#### Your future

- Students have gone on to manage their own parlours after studying a course with us.

# Equine

## **Are you ready to pursue your dreams?**

If you have some experience with horses and want a career in the equine industry, we have the resources and expertise to prepare you with the practical skills, knowledge and academic understanding you need to achieve your goals.

By studying at WUC, you will spend most of your time on our dedicated equine campus, which is home to around 50 horses, including those for riding.

In the core modules of the courses you will learn about equine health, stable routines and tack fitting.

You will also study diverse and innovative units such as equine behaviour and therapy, horse training techniques, the biological systems of a horse, and event management.

Courses will allow you to develop practical skills such as grooming, clipping, riding and lunging, as well as equine first aid. Yard duties are also a key part of every course.

Riding is not a compulsory component and will be offered subject to a successful initial riding assessment.





### Courses

- **Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Equine Management**
- **Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Equine Management**
- **Level 3 Advanced Technical Certificate in Equine Management**
- **Level 2 Technical Certificate in Equine Care**
- **Equine Groom Apprenticeship Level 2**
- **Senior Equine Groom Apprenticeship Level 3**

### Good for careers as a...

- Riding Instructor
- Nutritionist
- Equine Insurance Worker
- Competition Groom
- Yard Manager
- Stud Groom
- British Racing Groom/Work Rider
- Polo Groom

### Progression

After your course, there are also opportunities to study at a higher level. Students can choose to stay on with us as we teach a variety of university courses in Equine.



## At A Glance

### On campus

- Our campus boasts extensive equine facilities including indoor riding arenas, floodlit menage, therapy barns, large outdoor arena, a horse walker, an aqua treadmill, laboratories and young horse centre.

### Links

- We have extensive links with organisations such as the British Horse Racing Authority (BHRA) and a variety of British Horse Society (BHS) approved riding schools.

### Access all areas

- As part of your studies, we aim to organise a range of trips. Students in past years have visited the British racing school, local competition venues, Dalham Hall, Tattersalls stud and sales and the Kings Troop Royal Horse Artillery.

### Enrich your knowledge

- Choose from a range of courses in preparation for British Horse Society (BHS) exams including the BHS - Ride Safe Award (this is not part of the course but is an opportunity to expand equestrian knowledge with industry recognised qualifications).

### Want to earn whilst you learn?

- We offer Apprenticeships in Equine Studies! Find out more on page 58.

# Veterinary Nursing

## Are you ready for the challenge?

If you are interested in animals, biological sciences, anatomy and physiology, studying Veterinary Nursing at WUC could be for you. You should be good at problem-solving and be prepared to uphold a position of responsibility in a complex and high-pressured environment.

This course is a work-based qualification; to apply you must already be employed as a student veterinary nurse in an approved training practice. There, you'll complete 1,800 practical hours and will attend WUC one day a week.

On this work-based course, you will learn important practical skills including administering medication, taking radiographs, monitoring anaesthetics, minor surgical procedures such as suturing, in-patient care, applying bandages and dressings, taking observations and maintaining records of treatment.

You will also gain experience in a laboratory, taking blood and other samples for bacteria and viruses.





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### Courses

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- **Veterinary Nursing Apprenticeship (To include Level 3 Diploma)**
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### Good for careers as a...

- Head Nurse/Practice Manager
- Veterinary Nurse
- Animal Nutritionist
- Pharmaceutical
- Researcher

## At A Glance

### Excellence

- Students studying Veterinary Nursing at WUC achieve above average in final exams when compared to VetSkill national average.

### Practical Experience

- You will gain unique practical experience handling and caring for animals, including exotic animals.

### Partnerships

- WUC has established partnerships with veterinary practices within Essex and surrounding borders.

### Earn whilst you learn

- As you will be employed as a student veterinary nurse in an approved training practice, you will earn a wage whilst gaining your qualification.

### After the course

- You will become a registered professional with the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS) and be licensed to practice as a qualified Veterinary Nurse.

# Make a real difference

There's never been a greater need for professional expertise in agriculture, horticulture, land & wildlife and floristry.

Modern society depends on affordable, healthy food that's sustainably produced. It also depends on the preservation of the green spaces we rely on for relaxation to maintain our sense of wellbeing and good mental health. Yet so much of this is under pressure. Science can identify the problems and offer solutions. What's needed next are the modern skills to bring about real change.

Or perhaps your passions lie in the creative industry? The art of floristry is said to be one of the happiest professions. This industry is worth over £2.2 billion in the UK and, with over 8,400 independent businesses in the country, it's where creative and artistic people like you can really bloom.

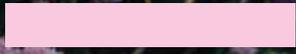
Join us today!

## Did you know?

**You don't need to have a farming background to be a success in the agricultural industry. What matters is a passion for the land, its use and sustainability. If you've got that, you've got a great future.**



# Land



# Agriculture



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Our farm manages arable and livestock enterprises, operating alongside machinery supplier Crawfords and Case New Holland.

# Horticulture



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We're an open laboratory where you will gain in-depth knowledge and hands-on experience of planting, growing and caring for plants, shrubs and trees - including fruits and vegetables - in our temperature-controlled glasshouse.

Could you be the  
difference?



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The world is facing a global food crisis. We need to produce at least 50% more food to feed a rapidly growing population of 9 billion people by 2050. To do that, the agricultural industry needs people like you to help tackle the issues with fresh thinking and new approaches.

## Environment & Conservation



## Floristry & Creative Crafts

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Passionate about sustaining and protecting our natural environment? You could become a part of the group of people driven by a passion to ensure our planet.

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Learn to develop your creativity with our diverse range of courses in floristry and creative crafts – setting you up for a successful career.

# Agriculture

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## Our future world

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WUC is one of the leading land-based institutions in the UK and we welcome people of all levels of agricultural experience.

You will learn theory in the classroom and apply it to practical experiences, giving you a greater understanding of the industry. You will also get hands-on experience on WUC's farm and work extensively with our own livestock and machinery on our estate throughout your studies.

You will also gain specialist knowledge in relevant issues such as animal welfare and sustainability, whilst improving your understanding of arable and livestock studies, and business management.

Study Agriculture at WUC and you will become highly employable in the industry.





#### Courses

- **Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Agriculture**
- **Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Agriculture**
- **Level 2 Technical Certificate in Agriculture**

### Good for careers as a...

- Agronomist
- Agricultural Engineer
- Farm Manager
- Assistant Farm Manager
- Livestock Welfare Inspector
- Tractor Driver
- Breeding Advisor
- Crop Agronomist
- Sprayer Operator
- Herd Manager
- Assistant Shepherd

### Progression

Your course will also prepare you to continue your education at a higher level by studying towards a diploma or degree, which includes continuing your studies with us at WUC.



## At A Glance

### Sturgeons Farm

- Study on our 138-hectare working farm, with a flock of 150 New Zealand Romney breeding ewes, an 80-sow intensive pig unit and a herd of beef cattle.

### Be part of it

- There are over 30 million sheep, 10 million cattle and 4.5 million pigs in the UK that need skilled farmers to breed and rear them.

### Work Experience

- You will complete a work placement as part of your studies.

### Access all areas

- You will go on a variety of field trips throughout your studies, visiting farms, producers and manufacturers to help develop your understanding within a real-life, commercial context.

### Want to earn whilst you learn?

- We offer Apprenticeships in Agriculture! Find out more on page 58.

# Floristry and Creative Crafts

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## Feeling Inspired?

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By studying at WUC, you will learn about the theories and practices of art and design in floristry from engaging industry experts.

You will gain extensive practise in creating hand-tied designs and floral arrangements for a range of briefs including weddings, funerals and sympathy tributes, as well as styling in floristry and decorating venues. You will study and respond to emerging and in-vogue trends and colour palettes, and learn how to care for a diverse collection of plants and flowers.

Learn from our experienced tutors and have access to our floristry building on campus, giving you exclusive use of our workshops throughout your studies.

Our creative craft courses offer an introduction to the specialist creative subjects of drawing, textiles or interior design with sustainable practice at the heart of each programme. You will study the fundamental theory and skills of the pathway, creating practical work inspired by our unique campus.



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## Courses

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- **Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Floristry**
  - **Level 3 Certificate in Creative Craft (Floristry) - 16 to 18 Study Programme**
  - **Level 3 Certificate in Creative Craft (Floristry) - Adult (Over 19)**
  - **Level 2 Technical Certificate in Floristry**
  - **Level 2 Certificate in Floristry**
  - **Level 2 Diploma In Floristry**
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## Hobbyist courses

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- **Level 2 Award in Creative Craft (Floristry)**
  - **Level 2 Award in Creative Craft (Interiors)**
  - **Level 2 Award in Creative Craft (Textiles)**
  - **Level 1 Award in Creative Craft (Floristry)**
  - **Introduction to Floristry - Award in Creative Craft**
  - **Introduction to Interior Design - Award in Creative Craft**
  - **Introduction to Textile Crafts - Award in Creative Craft**
  - **Introduction to Eco Textiles - Award in Creative Craft**
  - **Introduction to Botanical Drawing - Award in Creative Craft**
  - **Floristry Design Hobby Course**
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## Good for careers as a...

- Florist
- Wedding Florist
- Assistant Florist
- Floral Designer
- Flower Arranger
- Florist Manager/Supervisor
- Flower Wholesaler Salesperson
- Interior Designer
- Freelance Textile Artist/Designer
- Artist



## At A Glance

### Get involved

- WUC has a track record for success and you could be involved with creating designs at Chelsea Flower Show, Hampton Court Palace Flower Show and Hylands National Flower Show.

### Access all areas

- You will have the opportunity to travel to local and international flower markets, visit wholesalers and professional florists. Interior design students will visit local suppliers and Chelsea Harbour. On all courses you will gain valuable input from industry experts and participate in current competitions.

### Work experience

- For some of our courses you will be required to find a work placement to get hands-on experience. You will do all of this alongside learning fundamental and relevant knowledge of the industry and business skills such as the buying of cut flowers.

### Feel inspired

- Previous students have gained employment with prestigious floristry businesses including Jane Packer, Claridges, Neill Strain, Jamie Aston and McQueens, as well as jobs overseas and setting up their own businesses as freelance designers.

# Horticulture: Gardening and Landscaping

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## Grow your potential

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Feeding the world's growing population and managing sustainability, whilst the maintaining the landscapes we rely on for relaxation and wellbeing, such as amenity gardens or public greenspaces, are the challenges addressed by our horticulture courses.

By choosing a Horticulture course at WUC, you will learn about historic heritage, garden design, hard and soft landscape application, plant and soil science, plant production, species identification, estate management, and construction.

You will gain in-depth knowledge and hands-on experience to help you understand the application of seed sowing, planting, propagation, and dividing flora species for the principles of ornamental, medicinal and sustenance. You will also learn the principles and practices of garden and landscape design using a range of modern landscape techniques and materials in our amenity building. All focusing on the pressing issue of sustainability within horticulture.

You will also learn skills including masonry construction of vertical and horizontal design. You will study industry health and safety application, operate estate machinery from pedestrian and ride on cultivation machinery, and the safe use of small hand-held engines including petrol and battery-operated trimmers, brush/hedge cutters.



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## Courses

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- **Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Horticulture**
  - **Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Horticulture**
  - **RHS Level 3 Certificate in Practical Horticulture\***
  - **RHS Level 2 Certificate in Practical Horticulture**
  - **RHS Level 2 Certificate in Practical Horticulture - King's College Cambridge**
  - **RHS Level 2 Certificate in the Principles of Plant Growth and Development**
  - **Horticulture and Landscape Operative Level 2 Apprenticeship**
  - **Arborist Apprenticeship**
  - **Horticulture and Landscape Supervisor Apprenticeship Level 3**
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\* Subject to approval

## Good for careers as a...

- Landscaping Manager
- Garden and/or Parks Maintenance Careers
- Historic/Botanical Garden Careers
- Plant and Garden Centre Manager
- Groundsman/Greenkeeper
- Arboriculturalist/Tree surgeon
- Garden Designer
- Owner of a business in any of the above areas

## Progression

Your course will also prepare you to continue your education at a higher level by studying towards a diploma or degree, with the option of continuing your studies with us at WUC.



## At A Glance

### Endorsements

- Our courses are endorsed by the Chartered Institute of Horticulture.

### Approved centre

- We are an approved Grade 1 RHS Centre for the delivery of Level 2 Practical and Theory programmes.

### Access all areas

- You will have the opportunity to go on field trips to a range of botanical gardens including RHS Wisley, RHS Hyde Hall and Cambridge Botanical Gardens.

### Enrich your knowledge

- Our RHS students will take part in projects at local schools and businesses such as maintaining, planting, and designing gardens - which looks great on your CV.

### Want to earn whilst you learn?

- We offer apprenticeships in Arboriculture and Horticulture! Find out more on page 58.

# Environment and Conservation

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## Feeling inspired?

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Are you ready to make an impact? If you are passionate about sustaining and protecting the natural environment for the future generation, a fascinating world of opportunity is waiting for you.

Our beautiful rural campus will help you gain practical experience, supported by classroom theory taught by supportive and industry knowledgeable academics.

During your studies, you will delve into lentic and lotic ecosystems management, woodland and heathland habitat management systems, and benefit from practical estates maintenance.





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### Courses

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- **Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Land and Wildlife Management (Countryside Conservation)**
  - **Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Land and Wildlife Management (Countryside Conservation)**
  - **Level 2 Technical Certificate in Land and Wildlife (Countryside Conservation)**
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### Good for careers as a...

- Fisheries Worker
- Estates Worker
- Assistant Underkeeper
- Fieldwork Assistant
- Countryside Ranger
- Ecologist
- Conservation Officer/Manager
- Land Management

### Progression

You could go onto study for a higher education diploma or degree in Environmental Science and Environmental Conservation.

You may also wish to consider an Advanced Apprenticeship in Game and Wildlife Management, which will allow you to combine working for a wildlife trust or estate, or a similar job, with your studies.

## At A Glance

### On your doorstep

- Our countryside campus is full of exciting opportunities to survey and investigate native wildlife.

### Work experience

- To enhance your learning, you will complete a relevant work experience placement in the environment and conservation industry, which is a compulsory part of your course.

### On campus

- Our large open campus and historic estate includes extensive wetlands, woodlands, with semi-improved and improved grassland habitats.

### Enrich your knowledge

- Students will be given the opportunity to engage with local conservation activities, with our exclusive links to the local Wildlife trusts, Essex county parks and partaking in WUC conservation development.

### Get involved

- Join our Hedgehog Friendly Campus society, take part in our Love WUC litter pick and estates management groups.

# Exercise your talent

**Sport, health and wellbeing is a popular and expanding industry, with a growing range of job opportunities for people wanting to work with professional athletes, who are passionate about leading an active lifestyle and who want to help others improve their quality of life.**

Whether your ambitions lie in sports coaching, personal training, outdoor activity, football or health and wellbeing, we have modern sports courses focused on the skills you need for success.

Whatever your specialism or vision for your future career, you'll be combining fresh thinking with fresh air. The countryside campus surrounding our Centre of Sport and Health includes a science laboratory and state of the art strength and conditioning suite.



# Sport



# WUC Academies



The Level 3 BTEC National Extended Diploma in Sports Coaching and Development can also be studied alongside our affiliated Male and Female Football Academy. These courses give students the opportunity to get professional coaching and compete in games against other schools and colleges.

## Get active

Get real world experience doing what you love! Use the great on-site facilities through the community and commercial areas of the Centre of Sport and Health, take part in the many classes and sporting activities that operate or join a WUC sports team or club. These include football, basketball, netball, martial arts, water sports, cycling and triathlon.



Go explore



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Get active on our countryside campus with its extensive facilities for sports on land and water.

## Great facilities

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Our Centre of Sport and Health and dedicated 3x3 basketball facility brings together our educational vision 'Our Active Future' to support the development of community health partnerships.



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Our network of sporting and business partnerships includes leading clubs from across Essex.



# Sport

## Grow your potential

Study sport at WUC and you will delve into topics such as anatomy and physiology, health and wellbeing, nutrition and fitness training, as well as undertake an individual research project.

If you choose to specialise in the outdoor course, you will learn the skills to lead both land and water based activities such as navigation, mountain biking, paddleboarding, canoeing and climbing. You will challenge yourself through expedition training.

The coaching enthusiast will get to refine their coaching skills, leading groups and individuals to gain a greater understanding of the coaching process as well as sports injuries, massage and conditioning programming.

Our academies allow you to add bespoke training to your academic journey. With two training sessions per week undertaken with professional coaches, a weekly match and the opportunity to engage in a conditioning programme, you will be able to achieve both on the sporting field and in the classroom.

As a WUC student, you will have access to the very latest equipment, such as Watt bikes, NordBord, SmartSpeed timing gates, GPS, ForceDecks platforms and high-speed video, as well as access to a fully-functioning sport science laboratory.

You will also develop the knowledge and skills to support people to make significant healthy lifestyle changes and perform at the highest sporting levels.

As part of your studies, you will also complete a work experience placement in the industry and have the opportunity to support our community health projects and services with the NHS and local health groups.



## Courses

- Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Sport and Outdoor Activities
- Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Sports Coaching and Development
- Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Sports Coaching and Development with Female Football Academy
- Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Sports Coaching and Development with Male Football Academy
- Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Sport and Outdoor Activities
- Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Sports Coaching and Development
- Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Sports Coaching and Development with Female Football Academy
- Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Sports Coaching and Development with Male Football Academy
- Level 2 First Diploma in Sport

## Good for careers as a...

- Sports Coach
- Teacher
- Sports Therapist
- Expedition Planner or Leader
- Fitness Centre Manager
- Outdoor Activity Instructor
- Sports Development Officer
- Strength and Conditioning Coach
- Nutritionist
- Exercise Physiologist
- Personal Trainer
- Performance Analyst
- Health Coach
- Wellness Coach

## Progression

Your qualification could also prepare you to study a sports-related subject in Sport and Health at a higher level, such as a higher education diploma or degree where you can also work towards your Level 3 Personal Trainer Award and Level 3 GP Referral Instructor Award.



## At A Glance

### On campus

- Our campus has extensive sporting facilities including floodlit netball courts and 3x3 basketball courts, football and rugby pitches, a squash court, cricket square, and a sports hall.

### Access all areas

- As part of your studies, you will go on trips to places such as Thetford Forest, Exmoor and Redbride Cycling Centre.

### On your doorstep

- WUC is located in the heart of Essex with easy access to local outdoor sporting centres such as Danbury Mountain Biking, the Lock Climbing Wall, Chelmsford Canoe Club, Hadleigh Mountain Bike Park, Mersea Outdoor Centre and Bradwell Sailing Centre.

### Additional qualifications

- You will be able to work towards a YMCA Level 2 Certificate in Gym Instructing qualification as part of your course as well as other health and sporting qualifications. Outdoor Activity students will also work towards their NICAS Level 1 Indoor Climbing and a Level 1 BCU Water Based Award.

### A world of knowledge

- By studying Sport at WUC, you will learn from an established team of lecturers who have significant and varied experience in the industry.

# Earn whilst you learn

## What to earn whilst gaining a qualification?

We are excited to offer Apprenticeship Standards, which have been specifically designed by employers to meet the needs of industry and provide you with the skills and knowledge you will need to work in your chosen career.

Each course blends practical hands-on experience with the underpinning knowledge required. As you approach the end of your Apprenticeship you will be assessed and graded by an independent industry expert to demonstrate you are at the required standard to achieve your Apprenticeship.





# Apprenticeships

# Apprenticeships

## What Apprenticeships do we offer?

We provide Level 2 and Level 3 Apprenticeships.

### Our subjects cover:

- Arboriculture
- Animal Care and Welfare Assistant
- CNH Land-Based Service Engineering Technician
- Equine Studies – Equine Groom and Senior Groom
- Horticulture – Horticulture and Landscape Operative or Horticulture and Landscape Supervisor
- Veterinary Nursing

### As an Apprentice at WUC, you will:

- Work in your chosen industry for a minimum of 30 hours per week.
- Get paid at least the Apprenticeship Wage.
- Complete work-related tasks and assessments.
- Study in a flexible way – depending on the subject, students can attend college on a part-time basis or study predominantly in the workplace.
- Continue to study Functional Skills with us, or there is the option to study for Maths and English GCSE for those who have not gained a grade 4 GCSE in English or Maths before starting with us.
- Receive mentoring visits in your workplace from your WUC Training Officer, who will provide support, as well as assessing and reviewing your progress.

## How do I apply?

To apply visit page 66 or visit [writtle.ac.uk/apply-online](http://writtle.ac.uk/apply-online).

An apprentice needs to be in paid employment, so whilst you can apply for the apprenticeship before you find an employer, you will need to be employed before you can start the course. Many of our apprentices already worked or volunteered for the companies who then decided to support them through their apprenticeship.

We are always happy to talk to your employer about what is involved to potentially employ an apprentice, however small or large their businesses may be.



**For further information please contact us and we will be happy to help.**

01245 424255  
[apprenticeships@writtle.ac.uk](mailto:apprenticeships@writtle.ac.uk)  
[writtle.ac.uk/apprenticeships](http://writtle.ac.uk/apprenticeships)

Alternatively, book onto one of College Open Events or Virtual Webinars. See page 90 for details.

If you are interested in becoming an Apprentice, but don't have an employer, please visit our website for tips on how to find an employer and to see a list of our current Apprenticeship vacancies: [writtle.ac.uk/Apprenticeships-Job-Vacancies](http://writtle.ac.uk/Apprenticeships-Job-Vacancies).

### **What could you do next?**

After completing an Apprenticeship at Level 2, you could go on to the Advanced Apprenticeship. After this you could continue studying by progressing on to a Higher Education course or alternatively you could take up full-time employment within the industry.

Please visit:  
[www.gov.uk/national-minimum-wage-rates](http://www.gov.uk/national-minimum-wage-rates)







# Joining Writtle



The talents  
you'll develop  
with us  
will inspire  
employers  
and create  
a lifetime of  
opportunity.

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# Together we can

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A message from  
**Professor Tim Middleton**  
Vice-Chancellor

“We are delighted that you are considering studying with us at Writtle University College. Everything we do is designed to enable our students to reach their full potential and enter their chosen career.

Our courses are created with an industry focus.

- Our staff are experts in the subjects they teach.
- Our facilities provide hands-on experience.

If you want to be part of this – then join us at WUC.”

# How to apply

For further information please contact us and we will be happy to help:

**01245 424200**

**admissions@writtle.ac.uk**

**writtle.ac.uk/Further-Education-Applications**

**Apply  
Online  
Now**



Visit [writtle.ac.uk/FE-application](http://writtle.ac.uk/FE-application)



**We hope you have found a course or apprenticeship you will really enjoy at WUC. The next step? Make an application!**

Applications for most courses can be made at any time leading up to the course start date in the Autumn term, however early application is advised.

We will let you know as soon as we've received your application. For some of our courses, before we issue you an offer, you will be required to come in for an interview or assessment day.

Finally, you will be emailed an offer letter if you have secured a place on your chosen course.

**Good luck!**



### **Availability of courses**

We provide courses that are cost effective. This means that each course must recruit a minimum number of students. Occasionally this does not occur and, as a last resort, it may be necessary to cancel a course. Please be assured that this is a situation we do our utmost to avoid. In the event that we cannot offer you a place on your preferred course, we will, wherever possible, offer you a place on an alternative course.

New courses are continually being introduced and current courses may be updated, so you should contact us or view our website for full and up to date details. We will contact you to offer you an alternative course if the course you have applied for has significantly changed.

# Entry requirements

This information has been created to provide you with general guidance about our entry requirements.

Please note that entry requirements are subject to change and may vary with each individual course. Different qualifications will be considered on an individual basis. You can find the most up-to-date information on our website.



### Level 2 Certificate / Diploma / Foundation Diploma

4 GCSEs A\* to D or 9 to 3

Must include English **or** Maths.  
Satisfactory reference from most recent school, college or employer.

### Level 3 Certificate / Diploma / Extended Diploma / Foundation Diploma\*

5 GCSEs A\* to C or 9 to 4

Must include English Language **and** Maths.  
Satisfactory reference from most recent school, college or employer.

\* For the Level 3 Technical Extended Diploma in Animal Science we also require Science at a minimum of Grade 6, as well as the standard Level 3 entry requirements.

**Not sure what your qualifications are equivalent to now? Check out the table below.**

### GCSE Grade Comparison

Old Grades	New Grades
A*	9
A	8 7
B C	6 5 4
D E F G	3 2 1
U	U



# Here For you

**Starting college should be an exciting, challenging and enjoyable time and we are keen to help you get the most out of your time at WUC.**

Now more than ever our support services are here for you. We encourage you to speak to us if there's a pre-existing condition or issue that you think we should know about and understand.

Some students need a little help, advice and support along the way, and that's where specialist support teams can step in. Here at WUC we take health and well-being seriously, which is why our supportive staff are here whenever you need them.





- **Wellbeing and mental health**

Our Wellbeing Advisers are here to listen and support all our students. They will provide practical help and advice and may sometimes refer individuals to outside agencies for further more specialist intervention and support. We also have a Counsellor and a Student Assistance Programme. Why not check out our new wellbeing hub? Here you will be able to find out more about the services available, access useful self-help resources and be able to quietly sit and reflect, away from some of the busier communal areas of the college.

- **Safeguarding**

WUC has a team of trained of Safeguarding Officers, as well as a number of Sexual Violence Liaison Officers.

- **Spiritual and religious**

We have a multi-faith room on site and a chaplain who can support and advise students pastorally and spiritually.

- **Study success**

Our Learning Support team provides help and advice if you are struggling with your assignments.

- **Online and Phone Support**

As well as face to face support, some of our support services are available remotely. This can work well for students with full timetables, busy lives or that struggle speaking to someone face to face.

We have lots of useful resources available online and promote lots of support that is available to our students 24/7.

- **Just fancy a chat?**

It's always best to reach out for help early. There is a whole range of support services here to help you and our Student Union is there to act as the voice of all WUC students.

**Children's Day Nursery**

As a student, you can benefit from subsidised childcare on campus at the Kiddi Caru Day Nursery, which cares for children from 0 - 5 years old.

**01245 421341**

**writtlecollege@kiddicaruc.com**

**kiddicaruc.com**

**Any questions?**

Email us: [wellbeing@writtle.ac.uk](mailto:wellbeing@writtle.ac.uk)

# Disability support

**We welcome applications from students who have a disability, learning difficulty and/or mental/medical health conditions, and actively encourage early disclosure of support needs. This helps us consider reasonable adjustments and/or allows us to put in place additional support right from the start of your course, if you are likely to need it.**

The Support Team are based in the FE Learning Hub upstairs in the Library for all FE students. Our team of learning support assistants offer general support in class, group work, 1:1 support and booked sessions. We offer transitional/familiarisation visits over the year for new students to get to know us, for a smooth transition into college, and a flexible approach to support as and when needed.

If you are deaf or hearing impaired, we can provide 1:1 support to assist you throughout your course. We have our own specialist team of communicators who can provide British Sign Language (BSL), Sign Supported English (SSE), note-taking or a combination of all three.

Communication support can be available for off-site visits, tutorials, 1:1 sessions, open days and interviews. Our two largest teaching spaces are also fitted with hearing loop systems.





### **Exams and assessments**

We may be able to make special arrangements if you need specific adjustments for examinations and assessments.

Access arrangements vary depending on your needs but could include extra time, use of a computer, readers/scribes and adapted materials.

If you are struggling with your course work, you do not need to have a diagnosed disability or specific learning difficulty to benefit from the support available. You can contact the learning support team at any point to discuss what support you may be able to access.

### **Confidentiality of information**

Any information relating to your disability, specific learning difficulty, mental health or medical condition will be regarded as confidential.

However, Writtle University College's policy is to allow for necessary disclosure to initiate appropriate arrangements/adjustments to be put in place for teaching, assessment, accessibility and/or health and safety purposes.

If you are concerned about confidentiality, you are welcome to discuss these with the Student Support Team.

### **Equality and diversity**

We believe diversity means recognising that everyone is different, respecting and encouraging these differences and valuing the benefits diversity brings.

We are committed to maintaining our excellent record in teaching and learning by ensuring there is equality of opportunity for all, supported by an environment of mutual respect and dignity. To find out more visit: [writtle.ac.uk/equality-and-diversity](http://writtle.ac.uk/equality-and-diversity).

### **Your safety**

You have access to help/support via a team of trained Safeguarding Officers if you are experiencing any type of abuse (whether it's physical, sexual, emotional, financial, psychological or discriminatory) or feel at risk in any way.

Contact us on **07766 255829** or email [safe@writtle.ac.uk](mailto:safe@writtle.ac.uk).

### **Alternative formats**

This prospectus can also be made available in alternative formats on request.

### **Any questions?**

Email us: [LearningSupport@writtle.ac.uk](mailto:LearningSupport@writtle.ac.uk)

# It's all about ME!

**Maths and English (ME) isn't just about words and numbers. A good understanding of both subjects will be valuable throughout your life, and means you are more likely to progress in education, find a job and grow in your future career.**



At WUC, you will continue to develop your skills in Maths and English throughout your studies, whatever your ability.

### **You are not alone!**

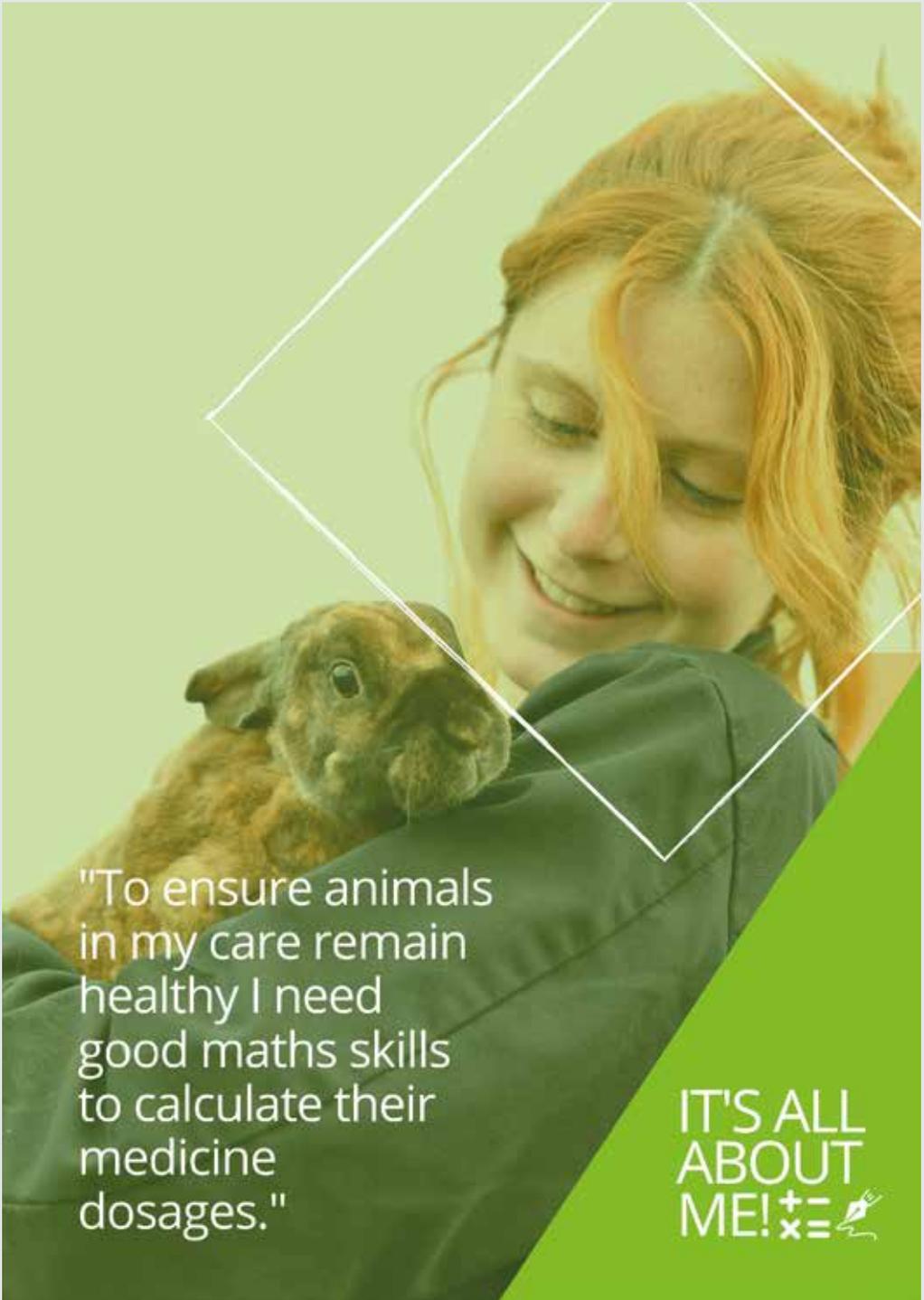
Around four out of ten teenagers leave school without a GCSE at Grade 4 in Maths and English.

A fresh start at college studying something you enjoy, can really help. If you are 16 to 19 years old and don't have a GCSE at Grade 4 in Maths and English, you will study your English and Maths GCSE qualifications alongside your course.

If you are over the age of 19, you will be encouraged to do the same.

If you already have a grade 4, or above in GCSE English and Maths, you will continue to develop your skills during your classroom sessions and assessments.

Don't worry! We will support you along the way and help you to be the best you can be.



"To ensure animals in my care remain healthy I need good maths skills to calculate their medicine dosages."

IT'S ALL ABOUT ME! 

# Money Matters & Support

## Tuition fees

The latest information on fees can be found at: [writtle.ac.uk/Tuition-Fees-For-Further-Education-Courses](http://writtle.ac.uk/Tuition-Fees-For-Further-Education-Courses)

### Need some advice?

For further information please contact our student finance team:  
**01245 424200**  
**[bursaries@writtle.ac.uk](mailto:bursaries@writtle.ac.uk)**  
**[writtle.ac.uk/moneymatters](http://writtle.ac.uk/moneymatters)**

## Course costs

If you are attending a fundable full-time course and are under 19 years of age on 31 August in the year the course commences, then no course costs are payable.

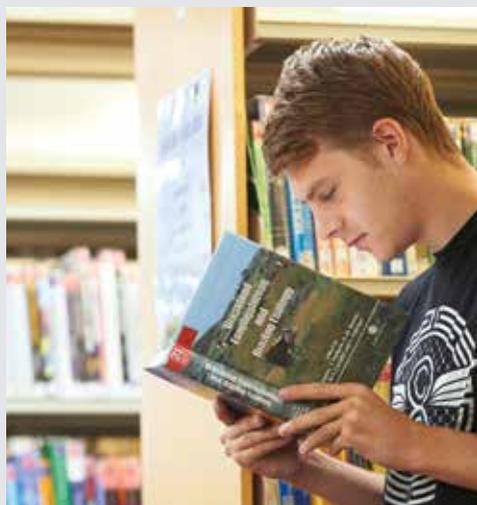
Most students aged 19 or over on 31 August in the year commencing the course are required to pay course costs; however, some learners may be entitled to 100% reduction on tuition fees. The reduction does not extend to full cost courses.

Full details on eligibility for fee reduction can be found on the Skills Funding Agency website: [www.gov.uk/browse/education/student-finance](http://www.gov.uk/browse/education/student-finance)

Some courses may require a contribution towards the cost of equipment, study tours and visits. For further information, please contact the relevant department.

Students aged over 19 at the start of their course and studying Level 3 qualifications may qualify for an Advanced Learning Loan to help pay the fees charged. For further information, visit: [www.gov.uk/advanced-learning-loans/overview](http://www.gov.uk/advanced-learning-loans/overview)

For further information about course costs and loans please contact us and we will be happy to help: **01245 424200**  
**[admissions@writtle.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@writtle.ac.uk)**



### **Money worries?**

Students who find themselves experiencing financial difficulties can apply to our Further Education Bursary fund, once they have commenced studies. Depending on your situation, we may be able to provide financial support to assist with travel, course related costs, meals and childcare.

If you live in halls of residence and are aged over 18 years we may also be able to help with the cost of hall fees or private lodgings (not with parents/guardians/carers).

### **16-19 Free Meal Award:**

Free meals can be awarded to students who were in receipt of a free school meal. Evidence is required.

### **16-19 Discretionary Bursary:**

The bursary is awarded to those students with low household incomes. Evidence is required.

### **16-19 Vulnerable Student Bursary:**

This bursary is for students within one of the following groups:

- Aged 16-17 and in care of the local authority (living with foster carer(s))
- Aged 16-18 and leaving care
- Aged 16-18 and in receipt of Income Support, Universal Credit, ESA, DLA or PIP

### **16-19 Residential Bursary Fund:**

WUC will only accept students of 18 years and above in halls of residence. A contribution of up to £4,000 can be made towards hall fees or private lodgings. Household income evidence is required.

### **Care to Learn**

Care to Learn is for students aged under 20 years who require assistance with childcare fees and associated travel costs in order to study at college. The young parent must be the main carer and in receipt of Child Benefit for the child(ren).

Applications should be made via email to [C2L@studentbursarysupport.co.uk](mailto:C2L@studentbursarysupport.co.uk) or via phone on 0800 121 8989.

This information is correct as at the date of printing. However, please note it is subject to national guidelines and funding availability.



# Make a change

As an adult learner we know that getting back into education or changing career isn't always easy - especially when studying needs to fit in around your existing lifestyle, family, or job.

If you're fed up of the City and are looking for a new start, want to study to enhance your existing skills and business, or you simply want to pursue your passion, you're welcome at WUC.

Many of the full-time courses we offer can be studied on a part-time basis, for example, over two years instead of one. We also run a number of other part-time courses, which typically take place one day or evening per week over a number of weeks or months, including:

- Dog Grooming
- Floristry or Design Crafts
- Horticulture



For further information please contact us and we will be happy to help:

**01245 424200**

**[admissions@writtle.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@writtle.ac.uk)**

**[writtle.ac.uk/admissions](http://writtle.ac.uk/admissions)**

**Are you ready to make a change?**

**Find out more at:  
[writtle.ac.uk/change](http://writtle.ac.uk/change)**



# Short Courses

For up to date information and to make a booking please visit [www.writtle.ac.uk/shortcourses](http://www.writtle.ac.uk/shortcourses)

Alternatively please call our booking line on **01245 424286/7**



Writtle University College offers a variety of short courses. From professionally accredited Certificates of Competence, machinery operations complying with PUWER regulations, to experience days and leisure courses. The training is available all year round with our more professional courses generally available during the working week and leisure courses running in the evenings and weekends.

## **What is your goal?**

Short courses are a great way of enhancing your career prospects by improving key skills, contributing towards Continued Professional Development (CPD) or even as a very unique gift!



Whatever your reason, you can choose from a wide range of subjects, including:

**Animal Care**

Courses in everything from Beekeeping to Sheep Husbandry, as well as a range of programmes aimed at dog owners which includes Canine Behaviour and Canine First Aid.

**Arboriculture**

We provide essential City & Guilds/NPTC qualifications and testing solutions for skills including Chainsaw Maintenance and Cross-cutting, Felling and Processing Trees, Climbing and Aerial Tree Rescue and many more.

**Equine**

Choose from a range of courses in preparation for British Horse Society (BHS) exams including the BHS - Ride Safe Award. Additional workshops include Equine First Aid, Horse Clipping and more.

**Horticulture, Gardening and Landscaping**

From Garden Design to Allotment Keeping, our practical short courses are ideal for beginners, green-fingered gardeners and professionals looking to expand their skills. Also included are our very popular Paving and Brickwork courses.

**Machinery Use and Maintenance**

These training programmes are vital for anyone requiring certification on how to safely operate machinery such as tractors, ride-on mowers, hedge trimmers and abrasive wheels.

Pesticide application training and testing is available throughout the year.

We also offer fun activity days in tractor driving and operation for those who want to experience working on the land!

**Only the best**

All of our short courses are delivered to the highest standards, developed in collaboration with business and leading awarding organisations.

We continue to update our course titles in line with current curriculum and customer demand.

If you cannot find what you are looking for, speak to our Short Course Training Team, as many programmes can be adapted to suit your needs.

# How to Find us

Writtle University College is 50km/30 miles north-east of Central London. We are situated 3km/2 miles west of Chelmsford, the county city of Essex, on an attractive 150-hectare estate.

**Sat nav**  
**CM1 3RR**

## **By Car**

Writtle University College has ample on-site parking for students and visitors. We are clearly signposted from the A414 Writtle bypass. If approaching from the east, take the A1060 Sawbridgeworth Road from Chelmsford, as far as Lordship Road, and follow the signposts to Writtle University College.

## **By Rail**

Chelmsford station is only a 10 minutes' drive from Writtle University College. There are frequent direct train connections to Stratford and London Liverpool Street and good connections to East Anglia and beyond.

## **By Shuttle Bus**

There is a free shuttle bus from Chelmsford Railway/Bus Station area on a first come, first served basis during term time, during peak times.

## **By Bus**

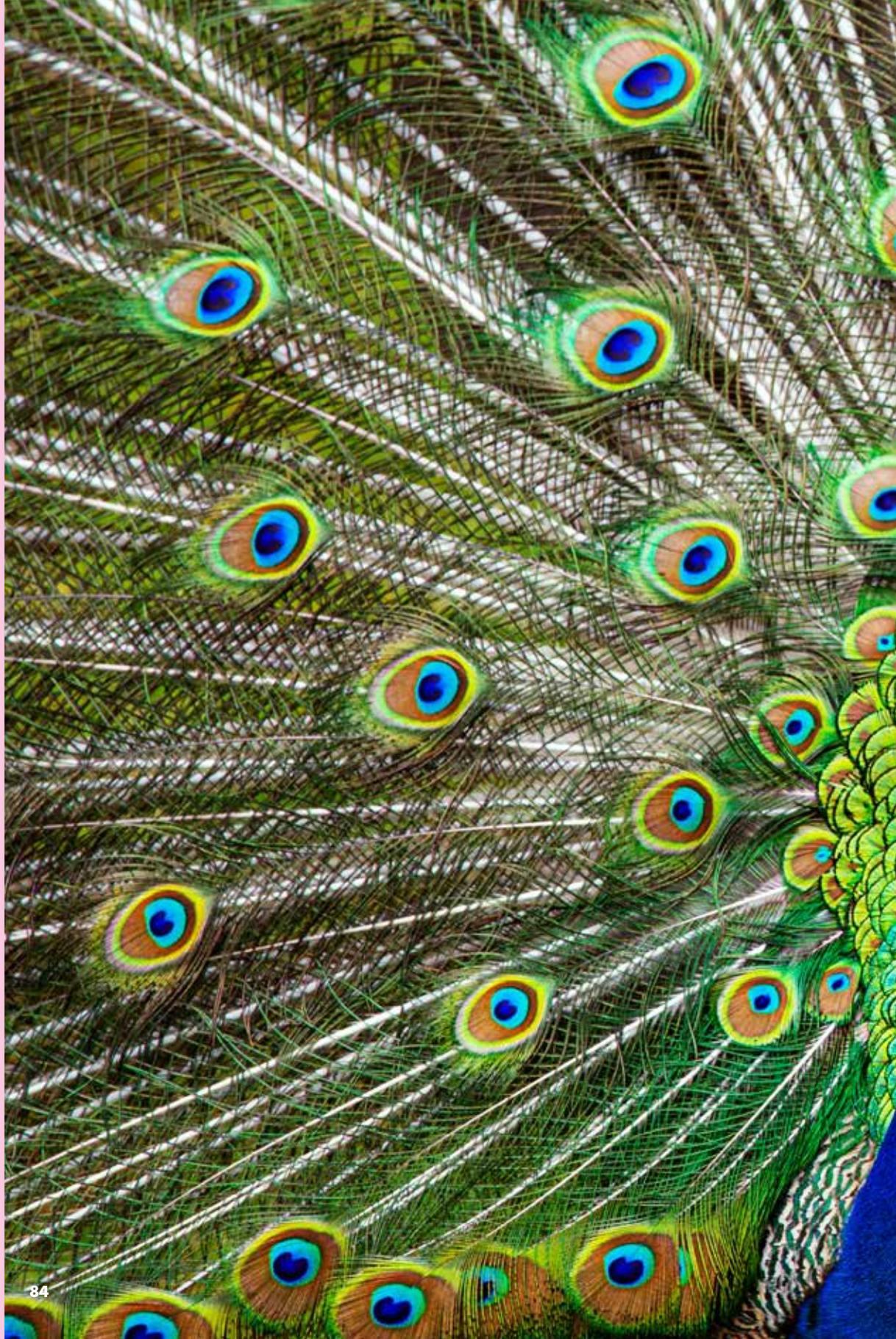
A regular bus service runs between Chelmsford and Writtle Village Green.

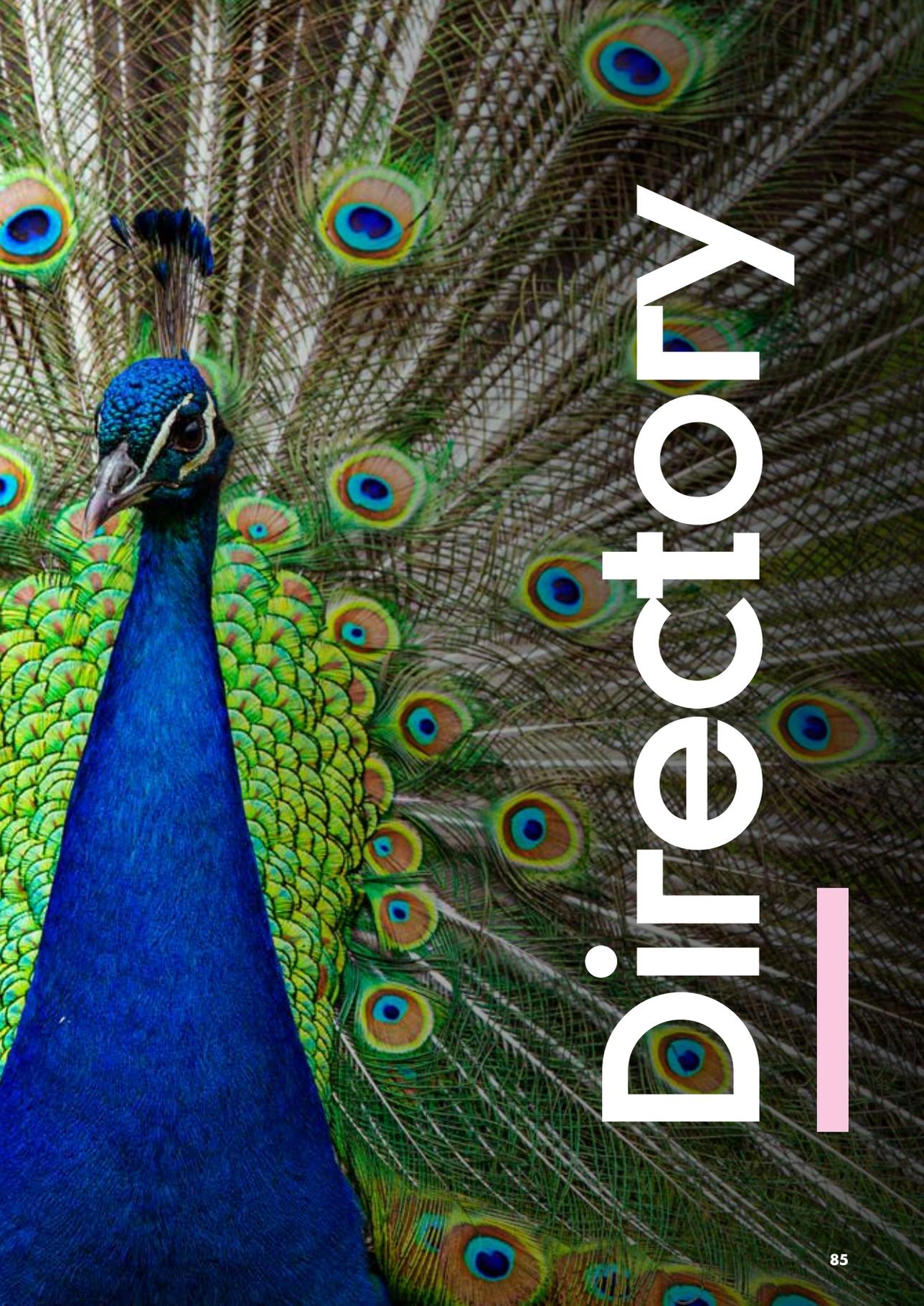
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## Agriculture

Course	Awarding Body	Duration
Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Agriculture (1080) *This is equivalent to studying 3 A-Levels	City & Guilds	2 Years
Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Agriculture (540) *This is equivalent to studying 1.5 A-Levels	City & Guilds	1 Year
Level 2 Technical Certificate in Agriculture	City & Guilds	1 Year

## Animal Studies

Course	Awarding Body	Duration
Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Animal Management (Science) (1080) *This is equivalent to studying 3 A-Levels	City & Guilds	2 Years
Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Animal Management (1080) *This is equivalent to studying 3 A-Levels	City & Guilds	2 Years
Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Animal Management (720) *This is equivalent to studying 2 A-Levels	City & Guilds	2 Years
Level 3 Advanced Technical Certificate in Animal Management (360) *This is equivalent to studying 1 A-Level	City & Guilds	1 Year
Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Animal Management (540) *This is equivalent to studying 1.5 A-Levels	City & Guilds	1 Year
Level 3 Diploma in Dog Grooming (19+)	City & Guilds	Daytime course - 36 Weeks Evening course - 54 Weeks
Level 3 Diploma in Dog Grooming (16-18 Study Programme)	City & Guilds	1 Year
Level 3 Diploma in Work-Based Animal Care	City & Guilds	2 Years
Level 3 Work-Based Certificate in Practical Animal Care Skills	Skills and Education Group Awards (SEG)	1 Year
Level 2 Technical Certificate in Animal Management	City & Guilds	1 Year
Level 2 Extended Certificate in Work-Based Animal Care	City & Guilds	1 Year
Level 2 Certificate in Practical Animal Care Skills	Skills and Education Group Awards (SEG)	1 Year
Level 2 Certificate in Dog Grooming Assistants (16-18 Study Programme)	City & Guilds	1 Year
Level 2 Certificate in Dog Grooming Assistants (19+)	City & Guilds	Daytime course - 18 Weeks Evening course - 31 weeks

## Environment and Conservation

Course	Awarding Body	Duration
Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma Land and Wildlife Management (Countryside Conservation) (1080) *This is equivalent to studying 3 A-Levels	City & Guilds	2 Years
Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma Land and Wildlife Management (540) *This is equivalent to studying 1.5 A-Levels	City & Guilds	1 Year
Level 2 Technical Certificate in Land and Wildlife (Countryside Conservation)	City & Guilds	1 Year

## Equine

Course	Awarding Body	Duration
Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Equine Management (1080) *This is equivalent to studying 3 A-Levels	City & Guilds	2 Years
Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Equine Management (540) *This is equivalent to studying 1.5 A-Levels	City & Guilds	1 Year
Level 3 Advanced Technical Certificate in Equine Management	City & Guilds	1 Year
Level 2 Technical Certificate in Equine Care	City & Guilds	1 Year

## Floristry and Creative Crafts

Course	Awarding Body	Duration
Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Floristry *This is equivalent to studying 1.5 A-Levels	City & Guilds	1 Year
Level 3 Certificate in Creative Craft (Floristry) - 16 to 18 study Programme	NCFE	1 Year
Level 3 Certificate in Creative Craft (Floristry) - adult (over 19)	NCFE	1 Year
Level 2 Technical Certificate in Floristry	City & Guilds	1 Year
Level 2 Diploma in Floristry	City & Guilds	1 Year
Level 2 Certificate in Floristry	City & Guilds	1 Year
Level 2 Award in Creative Craft (Floristry)	NCFE	30 Weeks
Level 2 Award in Creative Craft (Interiors)	NCFE	12 Weeks
Level 2 Award in Creative Craft (Textiles)	NCFE	12 Weeks
Level 1 Award in Creative Craft (Floristry)	NCFE	30 Weeks
Introduction to Floristry - Award in Creative Craft	NCFE	7 Weeks
Introduction to Interior Design - Award in Creative Craft	NCFE	7 Weeks
Introduction to Textile Crafts - Award in Creative Craft	NCFE	7 Weeks
Introduction to Eco Textiles - Award in Creative Craft	NCFE	7 Weeks
Introduction to Botanical Drawing - Award in Creative Craft	NCFE	7 Weeks
Floristry Design Hobby Course	N/A	4 Weeks

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## Horticulture

Course	Awarding Body	Duration
Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Horticulture (1080) *This is equivalent to studying 3 A-Levels	City & Guilds	2 Years
Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Horticulture (540) *This is equivalent to studying 1.5 A-Levels	City & Guilds	1 Year
RHS Level 2 Certificate in Practical Horticulture	RHS - Royal Horticultural Society	1 Year
RHS Level 2 Certificate in Practical Horticulture - King's College Cambridge	RHS - Royal Horticultural Society	1 Year
RHS Level 2 Certificate in the Principles of Plant Growth and Development	RHS - Royal Horticultural Society	1 Year

## Sport

Course	Awarding Body	Duration
Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Sport and Outdoor Activities (1080) *This is equivalent to studying 3 A-Levels	Pearson (formerly EDEXCEL)	2 Years
Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Sports Coaching and Development (1080) *This is equivalent to studying 3 A-Levels	Pearson (formerly EDEXCEL)	2 Years
Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Sports Coaching and Development with Female Football Academy (1080) *This is equivalent to studying 3 A-Levels	Pearson (formerly EDEXCEL)	2 Years
Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Sports Coaching and Development with Male Football Academy (1080) *This is equivalent to studying 3 A-Levels	Pearson (formerly EDEXCEL)	2 Years
Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Sports and Outdoor Activities (540) *This is equivalent to studying 1.5 A-Levels	Pearson (formerly EDEXCEL)	1 Year
Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Sports Coaching and Development (540) *This is equivalent to studying 1.5 A-Levels	Pearson (formerly EDEXCEL)	1 Year
Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Sports Coaching and Development with Female Football Academy (540) *This is equivalent to studying 1.5 A-Levels	Pearson (formerly EDEXCEL)	1 Year
Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Sports Coaching and Development with Male Football Academy (540) *This is equivalent to studying 1.5 A-Levels	Pearson (formerly EDEXCEL)	1 Year
Level 2 Diploma in Sport	Pearson (formerly EDEXCEL)	1 Year

## Apprenticeships

Course	Awarding Body	Duration
Animal Care & Welfare Assistant - Level 2 Apprenticeship	N/A	Around 18 Months
Arborist - Level 2 Apprenticeship	N/A	Around 24 Months
Senior Groom - Level 3 Apprenticeship	N/A	Around 18 - 24 Months
Equine Groom - Level 2 Apprenticeship	N/A	Around 12 Months
Horticulture & Landscape Supervisor - Level 3 Apprenticeship	N/A	Around 30 - 36 Months
Horticulture & Landscape Operative - Level 2 Apprenticeship	N/A	Around 20 - 24 Months
Land-Based Service Engineering Technician - Level 3 apprenticeship	N/A	Around 40 Months
Veterinary Nursing - Level 3 Apprenticeship	N/A	Around 30 - 36 Months

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