

Provider's name: Havant and South Downs College

Provider's UKPRN: 10005979

Access and Participation Statement

Havant and South Downs College is committed to widening participation in Higher Education and to providing high quality courses for those students who chose to study HE at the college.

The College's Vision as part of our Drive to 25 is to be a 'learning provider for professional and technical excellence'. We will be the first-choice college for students, staff, and employers in Hampshire - fully equipping our communities for work and life. We will ensure our students progress to an ambitious life beyond college that fulfils their dreams - through outstanding teaching, learning, support, challenge, and assessment. We will be recognised as the learning heart of our communities, meeting the needs of all our students whilst ensuring ethical practices and recognising our environmental responsibility.

Meeting Skills Needs of the Solent region

Hampshire is an affluent region of the country and its population is educated to a higher level than the national average. However, there are areas of deprivation in the county, particularly in the cities of Southampton and Portsmouth. There are employment opportunities for young people in lower-skilled jobs in service industries, and participation in HE is lower than the national average for the local population from the urban areas south of the M27.

The college reviews its curriculum offer annually and prioritises expansion of the curriculum offer, and development of new courses based on skills requirement of the region as determined by the Local Enterprise Partnership. In these priority areas, development of HE courses run by the College, or of facilitating courses to allow progression to HE. As part of the South Coast IoT the college has set out to develop curriculum in the areas of Engineering, Automotive and Digital Technology. These sit alongside our successful provisions in Business, Health & Care and Early Years Education,

Widening Participation to HE

The college undertakes several activities to encourage students from underrepresented groups to participate in HE. All students have access to advice and guidance regarding progression opportunities, including to HE, and are supported through the application process. There are a range of Higher Education courses available at the college to provide a natural progression for vocational students who want or need to remain in the local area.

The college participates in a number of regional initiatives to encourage participation in HE. The college also works with employers to support development of their employees to achieve higher level and professional qualifications, either through an apprenticeship programme, or through specific part-time & full-time courses

The college runs a range of Access to HE programmes for adult learners seeking to progress to HE, in vocational specific areas (Nursing, Social Care, Teaching, Humanities)

Support for Students

The College's Student Services department offers a range of services to support HE learners and learners seeking to progress to HE, including:

- Course information
- Health and wellbeing support
- Support for childcare and travel
- Hardship support
- Careers advice
- Learning support and other support for students with specific needs