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## HND Computing for England (Top-Up)

### COURSE OVERVIEW

Seamlessly elevate your HNC to a full-fledged HND qualification with our industry focused top-up qualification. Master advanced techniques in industry-focused skills.

Develop the ability to tackle complex computing challenges with confidence and creativity, selecting one of two specialist pathways focusing either on advanced programming languages and techniques, or modern networking techniques.

Master the skills highly demanded by local employers and become a sought-after professional in fields like software development, network engineering, cybersecurity, and more.

Earn a globally recognized HND qualification, opening doors to exciting job opportunities and career advancement prospects.

### MODULES

- Computing Research Project
- Business Process Support
- Application Program Interfaces
- Application Development
- Transport Network Design
- Network Security
- Applied Cryptography in the Cloud
- Client/Server Computing Systems
- Emerging Technologies

### LOCATION

**WORCESTER**  
WCOM-HD5

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2 YEARS FULL-TIME  
4 YEARS PART-TIME

### COURSE FEE

£8,500 per year  
full-time

£4,250 per year  
part-time

### ADDITIONAL COSTS

Additional costs may be incurred for the costs of consumables and trips/excursions.

### HOW TO APPLY

Full-time applications:  
[www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)

Part-time applications:  
[www.howcollege.ac.uk](http://www.howcollege.ac.uk)

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### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

UCAS Points: 72

Successful completion of the HNC in Computing or equivalent Level 4 qualification in IT, Computing or Technology related subjects.

Learners are expected to be able to demonstrate English language comprehension at a level equivalent to IELTS 5.5 to be able to study BTEC Higher Nationals.

Heart of Worcestershire College is not a licensed student sponsor for UK student visas. We are therefore unable to issue student visas for study in the UK under the Tier 4 UK immigration points-based system.

### DELIVERY INFORMATION

Units will be taught using a variety of teaching and learning styles: formal taught sessions, directed learning, tutor-led discussion and seminars, practical workshops with students working individually and/ or in groups according to need and their learning preference.

Class sessions will be complemented by independent, self-directed learning using a Virtual Learning Environment (Moodle).

Full-time study is sixteen hours per week, over two semesters, including tutorial time. Part-time study is eight hours per week, over two semesters, including tutorial time. It is expected that for every hour spent in the classroom, the equivalent is dedicated to independent, self-directed learning outside contact hours.

### METHODS OF ASSESSMENT

Units will be assessed using a variety of methods, including from a selection of reports, seminars, presentations, practical workshops, academic essays, screencasts and portfolios of evidence. Alternative assessment methods may be used where appropriate.

### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AND PROGRESSION

After successful completion of the HND you could carry on to complete one more year at university to gain a BSc Honours degree in Computing. Local providers are The University of Worcester and Birmingham City University. The course also provides you with the relevant vocational and technical skills to start work in software development, web development, network engineering or systems administration and we work with many local employers to help students gain employment after finishing the course.