

Peterborough Regional College

Access and Participation Statement

Introduction

Peterborough Regional College are committed to widening participation in higher education amongst all under-represented groups. Our Higher Education Strategy 2014-18 sets out our vision, key milestones and our values by which we will achieve all our goals as a local college working for our local communities.

In our Values we commit ourselves to equality, inclusivity and fairness and place our students at the heart of everything we do. The core values of inclusivity and widening participation are an integral part of our culture and our systems and process.

Our Strategy can be accessed online: <https://www.ucp.ac.uk/policies/>

Peterborough Regional College are well positioned to provide our employers and businesses with easy, local access to high quality skills at the right level to meet current and future demand, supporting economic growth and development.

Our Values

Student and Employer Centred

The College aims to deliver a high quality learning and training experience for every customer.

Excellence

The College strives for excellence in everything it does.

Integrity

The College will demonstrate integrity in everything it does, working with respect, openness and trust and celebrating diversity.

Collaboration

The College will collaborate with partners to deliver its mission wherever this benefits learners and employers.

Our strategic objectives and key performance indicators ensure we demonstrate our values and measure progress. We aim to provide an offer that meets the needs of students, employers and the wider community; to deliver innovative and high quality teaching and learning that exceeds the expectations and ambitions of students: to enhance students' employability and ensure a positive destination for all; to achieve University College status and TDAP, to increase and diversify income to enhance the financial and physical resource ; to develop a scholarly and research community to support local stakeholders and partners: and to grow the talent pool of graduates available to employers in Peterborough. To strengthen our commitment to teaching and learning a distinct HE Teaching & Learning Strategy will be a key driver in our 2018-22 strategy.

What our students can expect from us

We are committed to equality of opportunity for all our students and we regard all as being of equal value irrespective of ethnicity, age, disability, religion, gender, sexual orientation or marital status. The college and university centre have a shared ethos that places students at the heart of everything that we do. The delivery of a consistently high quality student experience across all campuses is one overarching strategic aim.

Students will experience a college which places huge emphasis on the needs of students and delivers a programme of study that is focused and relevant and which provides a range of progression pathways. The college will be best placed to deliver employer-focused, vocational, technical and professional programmes for young people and adults.

Recruitment

- We develop programmes to meet the needs of those who study both full-time and part-time.
- We provide Open Days and Applicant Days to ensure potential students make informed decisions and receive comprehensive and impartial information, advice and guidance.
- We regularly review all marketing material and terms and conditions against Competition Markets Authority guidance to ensure student protection measures are in place.
- All applicants can inform us of any learning needs and a Statement of Reasonable Adjustment is completed to share this information with specialist support teams.

Student Support

The college provides information and support to current and prospective students in the following areas:

- Course information, advice and guidance and enrolment
- Reduced bus passes for full-time students (eligibility criteria related to income will apply)
- Health and wellbeing preventative advice and support
- Welfare and financial advice
- Careers information, advice and guidance including progression planning
- Counselling
- Faith/beliefs
- Learning support (subject to assessment)
- Student support services to advise on intermission and extensions
- Employability events
- Extracurricular events
- Study excellence sessions
- English as an Additional Language support
- Student Voice opportunities and opportunities for student engagement

The college will review and revise this Access and Participation Statement annually to reflect the current students and address specific minority groups as applicable. The college will continue to value and respect equality, diversity and inclusion and be committed to encouraging applications from prospective students from our diverse communities.