

Course Qualifications

Many part-time courses lead to a degree, further study and/or employment. The following qualifications are offered at RACC:

AS and A2

AS and Advanced A2 are higher level qualifications which take up to two years. It is usually necessary to have a recent GCSE or equivalent qualification in the subject you intend to study at AS level. You may be asked to do an additional test if you do not have an appropriate qualification or recent GCSE with a high grade A/A* in the relevant subject. Both AS and A2 are assessed by a written exam at the end of the course.

Access to Higher Education Diplomas

These are suitable for those aged 19 or above (on 31st Aug 2010) returning to study who wish to gain entry to university or advanced vocational training. They are especially useful for students without traditional qualifications such as GCSEs.

BTEC

Short award, certificates and diploma courses usually include work related projects and provide a useful vocational route into higher education or advanced vocational training.

City & Guilds

City & Guilds qualifications assess skills that are of practical value in the workplace. They cover a wide range of subjects and levels and can help students who are starting a career, climbing the job ladder or want to get the most from their leisure course.

Certificate in Education/PGCE

The Cert.Ed /PGCE programme is validated by University of Westminster and is the recognised qualification for teachers in post-compulsory education and training. The College also offers a range of other teacher training approved qualifications for the learning and skills sector such as PTLLS and AD-DTLLS.

Foundation Degree

A Foundation Degree is an employment related, higher education qualification designed to equip students with the specialist knowledge and higher level critical skills valued by employers. Students who successfully complete their Foundation Degree have the opportunity to move on to a full honours degree. The College offers a Foundation Degree in IT for E-Business which is validated by Kingston University and is equivalent to the first two years of a University Degree.

GCSE

The General Certificate of Secondary Education is a one year course assessed by means of a written exam in combination with course work.

ITEC

ITEC qualifications cover programmes in beauty therapy and complementary therapy. They are supported by the professional therapy industry and are recognised both nationally and internationally.

Literacy, Numeracy and English for Speakers of Other Languages

National qualifications for reading and writing, English Language (ESOL) and Maths can help you succeed in your personal goals and in a range of academic and vocational areas and go on to further education and vocational opportunities. Some courses may be eligible for a 100% fee remission for those meeting the eligibility requirements.

NVQs

National Vocational Qualifications are work related and are offered across all levels of learning. They reflect the skills and knowledge needed to do a job effectively.

Open College

The National Open College Network (NOCN) provides national qualifications and programmes in a wide range of subject areas and levels. They offer an accreditation service that provides recognition of achievement through awarding credits. NOCN provides flexible routes to gaining full qualifications and enables qualifications to be achieved in small steps over a manageable period of time.

What Level?

Courses are graded according to level of difficulty as follows:

Level 1

These courses provide essential skills that are necessary to find employment and progress into further qualifications as part of the national framework.

Level 2

These courses are suitable if you have some prior qualifications or relevant work experience.

Level 3

These courses are suitable for more demanding levels of work or for entry into higher education. You can gain a range of academic qualifications and undertake vocational skills training whilst working.

Level 4 / 5

These courses are classified as higher education programmes. These are delivered flexibly and are equivalent to the programmes that Universities and other Higher Education Institutions offer.

Entry Entry Level 1, 2 & 3/
Skills for Life/ESOL

Level 1 GCSE D-G/NVQ Level 1/
BTEC/Introductory Diploma/
Certificate Award/
National Literacy &
Numeracy Test Level 1

Level 2 5 GCSE A*-C/NVQ Level 2/
BTEC First Diploma/
Pre-Access/
Certificate Award/
National Literacy &
Numeracy Test Level 2

Level 3 AS and A2 Levels/
NVQ Level 3/
BTEC National Diploma/
Certificate Award/
Access to H.E.

Level 4 Foundation Degree/
NVQ Level 4/PTLLS/
Additional Diploma in
Teaching (AD-DTLLS)/Cert Ed

Level 5 Foundation Degree/
NVQ Level 5

Our Course Enquiry
team can help you
make the right choice.
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