

ADDED VALUE

KEYFACTS 2008

COLLEGES CONTRIBUTE TO GROWING THE SCOTTISH ECONOMY BY

COLLEGES WORK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

- Developing core and basic skills,
 - Providing vocational skills training,
 - Delivering staff training for employers,
 - Retraining people looking to change careers,
 - Working with young people not in education, employment, or training,
 - Offering flexible learning in communities, and
 - Contributing to work ready skills including literacy, numeracy, communication, and IT.
- Schools,
 - Universities,
 - Employers,
 - Communities,
 - Local Enterprise Companies,
 - Community Learning and Development groups, and
 - The voluntary sector.

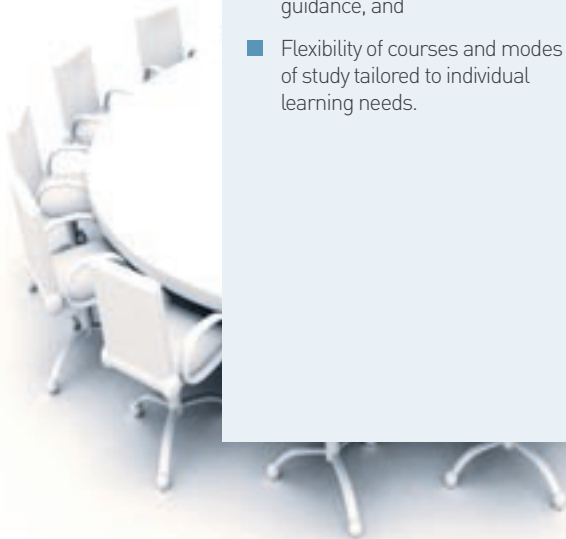


COLLEGES PROVIDE FLEXIBLE LEARNING THROUGH

- Over 4,000 sites for ease of local access,
- Modern approaches to teaching and learning,
- Distance learning,
- Extended learning support and guidance, and
- Flexibility of courses and modes of study tailored to individual learning needs.

COLLEGE STAFF, MANAGEMENT, AND BOARDS

- Staff are well qualified, committed, and actively engaged in Continuing Professional Development.
- College management is strong and capable, and governance is robust.
- College boards attract highly competent individuals from all sectors of Scottish society.



WHAT STUDENTS SAY

“My training... has more than equipped me for the profession, my creative growth was expertly nurtured.” – Laura (now a professional dancer)



“The learning centre has provided me with physical access to computers and the education in how to use them. My future employment prospects, in a short space of time, have been transformed, as has my potential to contribute and participate in a wider sphere of society. The knowledge, communication skills and support received at the centre have been essential to me. At the end of this month I shall begin a Postgraduate Certificate in Education.”

WHAT OTHERS SAY

“Scotland’s colleges provide learners with opportunities to develop personal skills and skills for employment, enabling them to contribute to the economy and the wider social and cultural environment.”

HMIE 2006

“The HNC students have integrated really well with the third year students and this was most evident in the group work of the first semester where it was very apparent that the HNC students’ clinical experience was greatly valued by the less experienced third year students.”

Helen Sheard, Napier University Nursing Programme

“Colleges have been successful in encouraging lifelong learning through a wide range of flexible arrangements which have led to learners achieving well and developing core skills, personal skills, vocational skills and other skills for employability.”

HMIE



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ASC Chair

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SCOTLAND'S 43 COLLEGES OF FURTHER AND HIGHER EDUCATION ARE AT THE FOREFRONT OF LIFELONG LEARNING, EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND SKILLS. COLLEGES SUPPORT INDIVIDUALS, COMMUNITIES, AND BUSINESSES TO MAXIMISE THEIR POTENTIAL, DEVELOPMENT, AND GROWTH.



FOR PEOPLE
FOR BUSINESS
FOR COMMUNITIES
FOR THE ECONOMY



SCOTLAND'S COLLEGES

- Provide flexible learning to people throughout Scotland at all stages of their lives,
- Offer high quality courses to a wide variety of students,
- Run courses at every level, up to and including higher education, in a vast range of subjects,
- Promote active citizenship and address social exclusion,
- Offer a return to the economy of well over £3.20 for every £1 they receive in funding, and
- Work with large numbers of partners to meet students' demands, employers' requirements, and society's needs.



FACTS

- **43** colleges are located across Scotland.
- **23%** of college activity is higher education and **77%** is further education.
- More than **30%** of young Scots entering Higher Education for the first time do so in a college.
- Colleges will receive **£555 million** grant support (programme funding) and **£89 million** estates funding from the Scottish Funding Council for 2008/09.
- **99%** of Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education (HMIE) subject reviews in Scotland's Colleges awarded a good or very good grade for the teaching and learning process.
- **21,000** staff are employed in Scotland's Colleges.



COURSES

- Colleges offer a wide range of further and higher education qualifications.
- Popular subjects include **IT** (74,000 enrolments), **Health** (67,000 enrolments), and **Family and Personal Care and Development** (66,000 enrolments).
- **Health, Engineering,** and **Family and Personal Care and Development** have been the areas of highest growth over recent years.
- Courses range from introductory courses promoting basic skills to advanced courses in highly skilled trades at levels comparable to postgraduate degrees.
- Courses are offered full-time, part-time, at evenings and weekends, in short blocks, and through flexible and distance learning.



STUDENTS

- There were **468,000** student enrolments in 2006/07.
- **Part-time** study accounts for **85%** of enrolments and **41%** of student hours.
- **Full-time** study accounts for **15%** of enrolments and **59%** of student hours.
- **26%** of teaching is for students from Scotland's most deprived 20% of postcode areas.
- **4,300** international students come from **116** countries, with more than **2,100** of these coming from outside the EU.
- **52%** of students are aged 25 or over and the average age of students in Scotland's Colleges is **31**.
- Over **half** (57%) of students are women.
- **1 in 10** of the working age population is enrolled in Scotland's Colleges.

COLLEGES PROVIDE

- Vocational and occupational learning supported by employers,
- Training for today's jobs,
- Responses to local and national skills needs,
- Help for students from disadvantaged areas and backgrounds, and
- Personal development and fulfillment.

COLLEGES SERVE

- Students' demands - for choice and progression,
- Employers' requirements - for skills and enterprise, and
- Society's needs - for employability and social inclusion.

STUDENTS' DEMANDS (for choice and progression)



**EMPLOYERS'
REQUIREMENTS**
(for skills and enterprise)

**SOCIETY'S
NEEDS**
(for employability and
social inclusion)

The Association of Scotland's Colleges (ASC) is the policy and representative voice of Scotland's Colleges. If you would like to know more about the work of colleges, we can provide information and briefings or put you in touch with a college in your area. Please contact ASC at:

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