

10 steps to help you choose the right HE course in the South East

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### Which subject?

- Do I need a particular qualification/degree for my chosen career? Have I got the required level 3 qualifications - BTEC? NVQ? A Level? Do I have relevant work/industry experience?

For more information visit: [www.learning-opportunities.org.uk/career-matters](http://www.learning-opportunities.org.uk/career-matters)



### What type of course?

- How long is the course, is it full time or part time, is it modular, are there work placements? How will I be assessed – how much coursework, are there exams? What is the difference between a Fd, an HND, a DipHE, a BA and a BSc?

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### Which university or college?

- What are the entry requirements? What student support facilities are there?

For links to all vocational HE courses in the SE visit:

[www.foundation-degrees-in-the-southeast.org.uk](http://www.foundation-degrees-in-the-southeast.org.uk)

For special admissions arrangements for studying in the South East visit:

[www.learning-opportunities.org.uk/southeast-routes](http://www.learning-opportunities.org.uk/southeast-routes)



### How will I find the time to study?

- How much extra time will I need to find each week? What assignments and deadlines will I have? How long will it take me to get to college?

For more information visit:

[www.learning-opportunities.org.uk/resources/LO-Time.pdf](http://www.learning-opportunities.org.uk/resources/LO-Time.pdf)



### How will I finance my study?

- How much are the tuition fees? What other costs will I have - equipment, books, travel, childcare? What financial help is there? Would I be eligible for any additional scholarships, grants or bursaries offered by the college?

For more information visit: [www.learning-opportunities.org.uk/financial-help](http://www.learning-opportunities.org.uk/financial-help)



### Will my employer support me?

- Have I spoken to my employer? Can my employer help me? Could I study at work?

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### How could studying improve my career?

- Do I want a new career or do I want to progress in my existing career? What are the employability prospects for my chosen career? What difference will more qualifications make?

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[www.learning-opportunities.org.uk/finding-employment](http://www.learning-opportunities.org.uk/finding-employment)



### What other factors should I consider?

- Have I the support of my friends and family for the extra commitment studying will involve. Will I have access to a computer and the internet for doing work at home?

For downloadable information sheets on all aspects of HE study visit:

[www.learning-opportunities.org.uk/info-sheets](http://www.learning-opportunities.org.uk/info-sheets)

- Have I any special requirements?

For information on disability help visit:

[www.learning-opportunities.org.uk/disability-information](http://www.learning-opportunities.org.uk/disability-information)



### How do I find out more about HE?



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