



## Course choice checklist

When you are looking at what your local colleges and universities have to offer use this checklist to make sure that you've covered everything and help you to narrow your options down. You can also use it to compare courses.

Don't forget to consult our other information sheets on topics like finance and managing time. If you still have questions, you can contact us at: [info@learning-opportunities.org.uk](mailto:info@learning-opportunities.org.uk)

1. Which institutions offer the course you are interested in? When are their next Open Days?
2. Where are these courses delivered? How easily can you get there from work or home? (Many institutions have more than one campus so make sure you have checked this.)
3. Have you read the course descriptions and checked the entry requirements to make sure you have the right qualifications or experience?
4. When is it taught? (Few courses require full-time university or college attendance but attendance differs enormously depending on what you've chosen. It might be easier than you think to fit study around work.)
5. Will studying affect any childcare arrangements you have?
6. What elements of work based learning does the course have? (Perhaps some of the course can be done at work.)
7. Will you need to do some study at home in your own time? If so, think about how you will manage your time and where you will be able to study..
8. How much will it cost? Is there any help with finance?
9. Are there any questions you want to ask the course provider(s) before you make your application? Ask to speak to an admissions tutor. Having your questions ready will be helpful for both of you.