

What is the course about?

On this HND (Higher National Diploma) Creative Media course, you will be advancing your skills and knowledge in a wide range of topics such as multi camera production, documentary production, and collaborative projects, in order to develop the skills needed to become a media professional. Upon successful completion, you can progress on to university to complete a top-up course or go straight into industry and employment. Creativity, innovation, and imagination will be encouraged throughout the course.

Why should I choose the course?

You will develop and perfect your skills in film production through a range of pre-production, production, and postproduction roles including scriptwriting, editing, directing, production management, and camerawork.

As a student at Warrington & Vale Royal College, you will study in our Advanced Creative & Digital Skills Academy, where you'll have access to industry-standard facilities, including a TV studio, green screen studio, editing suites, and more. You'll also be able to use top-tier equipment such as DSLR cameras, iMacs with professional editing software, and vision mixing tools — giving you hands-on experience that mirrors real industry standards.

You'll be taught by highly qualified tutors with extensive industry experience. Our teaching staff hold advanced qualifications and bring with them specialist technical knowledge and real-world insights.

What will I learn?

The HND consists of the following units:

- Unit 36: Collaborative project
- Unit 37: Professional practice
- Unit 56: Documentary
- Unit 65: Promotion and marketing
- Unit 68: Narrative
- Unit 88: Advanced editing.

Please note that modules listed are indicative and may be subject to change. We do not guarantee that a non-mandatory unit will always run in any given academic year as options may be dependent on student numbers, sector requirements, and staff expertise.



What will the course lead on to?

Students on this HND course will have the opportunity to progress on to university to complete a top up to a BA honours degree or enter employment within the media industry.

Are there any links with industry and university?

Professionals from the media industry may deliver talks and guest workshops throughout the course. Working practices and production methods are in line with industry and this will be articulated throughout the programme.

You will be encouraged to make your own links within the media industry and attend regular conventions, screenings, or exhibitions in order to broaden your understanding of film conventions and professional practice. All students will have opportunities to exhibit their work throughout the year in order to aid you in your professional practice.

Why should I choose to study the course at Warrington & Vale Royal College?

The college offers a very high-quality education for HE students. HE student feedback is strong, and students are highly complimentary of their learning experience. HE students have access to specialist facilities and resources to support their programme of study as well as designated HE learning spaces to support independent study.

Here at Warrington & Vale Royal College we have a team of dedicated, experienced staff who can share their extensive knowledge and skills with you. Learning in a friendly and inclusive environment, you will be fully supported to achieve your goals.

What are the entry requirements?

You must have the following:

- A HNC in Creative Media, as the HND one year programme is a direct follow on from the HNC

AND

- A* to C grade and/or 9 to 4 in GCSE English (language or literature)
- A* to C grade and/or 9 to 4 in GCSE maths is also recommended.

Non-native English speakers who have not undertaken their final two years of schooling in English need to demonstrate capability in English at a standard equivalent to the levels identified below. This is necessary before being recruited to the programme, as the programme is both taught and assessed in English:

- Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) level B2
- IELTS 5.5; reading and writing must be 5.5.

All HNC/HND programmes require the completion of a personal statement and curriculum-set task prior to an admissions interview being offered. Further information on this will be provided to you upon receipt of your application. You will also be required to provide a reference from one of the following options:

- A previous course leader/teacher (if progressing from a recently attended further or higher education course)
- A recent or current employer



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- An appropriate professional who can provide a character reference (if you have not been in recent education or employment).

What are my funding options?

Students applying to study on a Higher Education course can apply for a HE student loan at www.gov.uk/student-finance

For further finance support and enquiries please visit <https://wvr.ac.uk/adults/higher-education> or contact our friendly Learner Services Team on 01925 494 400 or learner.services@wvr.ac.uk

Are there any additional costs associated with the course?

Professional industry standard postproduction software is provided, along with high standard filming equipment. The programme leader will make you aware of any additional requirements during induction and at the beginning of each new project, such as books that you may wish to purchase. Some students opt to purchase their own laptops and software in order to aid studies, however this is not mandatory. You will also be required to pay for trips plus photocopying and printing costs, dependent on personal requirements.



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