Apply online

► Go to lesoco.ac.uk and click on the red button at the top ‘FIND YOUR COURSE’

► Find the right course for you, and then ‘ADD TO BASKET’. The basket is found on the right hand side, called ‘YOUR COURSES’

► When ready, click ‘APPLY’ and then go through the application form (you don’t need to fill in every cell, just those with an * next to them)

► ‘SUBMIT’ your application

You’ll receive an email letting you know that your application has been received /
(You may need to check your spam filter if you don’t see it in your inbox).

We will then write to you via post inviting you to an interview.

Once you’ve had your interview, we will write to let you know if you’ve been accepted, and invite you to enrol.

If you’d like to talk to someone regarding applying, or prefer a paper copy, please call +44 (0)20 3757 3000
Lewisham Southwark College is a further education college, with three campuses across central and south east London.

We welcome thousands of teenage and adult students through our doors each year, and our expert teaching staff are here to help strengthen your practical, technical and professional skills across a range of different courses.

Having successfully completed your qualification at a sufficient level, you should leave us with a well-rounded and applied understanding of your subject, which is just what employers are looking for.

Our programmes have the potential to lead to further study and careers in areas such as accounting, art, beauty, business, computing, construction, dance, drama, early years, English, fashion, floristry, food, health, information technology, law, mathematics, media, music, science, social care, sport, teaching, tourism, travel and many others.

Read on to discover the courses we currently offer.

We aim to provide you with top quality vocational and skills based courses, and passionately believe in encouraging talent in a friendly and supportive environment.

“Lewisham Southwark College prides itself on delivering varied work skills courses, and the College benefits from links with a wide range of business partners. Our commitment to delivering courses to help students improve their employability is evidenced by the numerous students who move into jobs following successful completion of their studies with us. We look forward to welcoming you to our community of learners.”

Carole Kitching,
Principal and CEO
Facilities

We have a range of facilities at each of our campuses, helping you make the most of your time at college – in and outside the classroom.

At our campuses we have areas available for all students* including:

- Open computer rooms
- Eating and social spaces
- Student wifi access
- Student intranet called eME
- Learning Support and Resource Centres
- Open areas for team working
- A range of clubs, societies and volunteer opportunities
- GP service
- Student gym (Deptford Bridge)

We think it’s important that you build up your knowledge using industry-level equipment. That way, when you go out to work, you’re prepared because you’re familiar with the equipment you need to do your job. We have a range of dedicated facilities for our different subjects – making sure that you ‘learn-by-doing’.

*Please note, if you study at one campus, you may be using the facilities at that campus but not always at others – this depends on your course.
Lewisham Southwark College is located in London, across three campuses: Lewisham Way, Waterloo (The Cut) and Deptford Bridge. Our sites are easy to get to with excellent transport links.

- A three-minute walk from Waterloo Station, and a one-minute walk from Southwark tube station
- A five-minute walk from St Johns Station
- Less than a one-minute walk from Deptford Bridge DLR station

A five-minute walk from St Johns Station
Waterloo campus

The Cut, London,
SE1 8LE

**Buses:** 1, 4, 26, 45, 63, 100, 109, 155, 168, 171, 172, 176, 188, 381

**Tube:** Southwark or Waterloo

**Rail:** Waterloo or Waterloo East

Deptford Bridge campus

2 Deptford Church Street, London,
SE8 4RZ

**Buses:** 47, 453, 177, 225

**DLR:** Deptford Bridge

**Rail:** Deptford or Greenwich

Lewisham Way campus

Lewisham Way, London,
SE4 1UT

**Buses:** 21, 136, 321, 436

**DLR:** Deptford Bridge, Elverson Road or Lewisham

**Rail:** Brockley, Lewisham, New Cross or St Johns

Key: ten-minute walk between campuses
Our new campus

We deliver vocational and work skills courses in the world’s most creative and innovative city – and Lewisham Southwark College has a newly built Waterloo campus to offer even more students a thorough and rewarding learning experience.

Located in central London on The Cut, we’re just a short walk from Waterloo train station and Southwark tube station.

Centres of learning excellence will deliver courses in:

► Business, finance and information technology
► Fashion
► Media
► Music
► Performing arts
► Travel and tourism

Our classrooms are equipped with the latest technology, and we want to give our learners the feel of a modern workplace. You’ll learn on iPads and modern technology alongside desktops and other traditional ways. We’ll be opening up vibrant, communal areas to all of our students for group work and continued learning. Further facilities include an on-site coffee shop and canteen.
We want to give learners the feel of a modern workplace
Here’s a handy step-by-step guide to our application process. Just follow the arrows to learn about the various stages involved.

Apply online at lesoco.ac.uk

You will be invited to an interview and assessment session.

At our interview and assessment session, you will be asked to complete an English and maths screening. Where required you will have an audition taster or skills based assessment.

You’ll also have an interview with a tutor, giving you the opportunity to ask questions about the course.
Please let us know about any support you need to complete these assessments - we’re here to help!

At the end of the interview and assessment session, you will be told if we’re able to offer you a place at Lewisham Southwark College.

If we’re unable to offer you a place on a course, we can arrange for you to meet with a careers guidance professional who will look at other courses and options that you may be interested in.

You’ll then receive an invitation to enrol at the end of August.

Any questions?
If you want to find out more about the application process, just get in touch by calling us on +44 (0)20 3757 3000
Levels, qualifications and entry requirements

**Pre Entry/Entry Level**
- Pre Entry courses
- Entry Level certificates
- Vocational qualifications
- Literacy/numeracy qualifications
- English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

An initial assessment will determine which programmes are available to you.

**Level 1**
- BTEC Level 1
- Level 1 vocational qualifications

You will have an interview and a maths and English assessment so we can make sure you’re put on a course at the right level. Four or more GCSEs graded E-G or equivalent.

**Level 2**
- Apprenticeship
- NVQ/VRQ Level 2
- BTEC Level 2 Certificate and Diploma
- GCSE English and maths

You will have an interview and a maths and English assessment so we can make sure you’re put on a course at the right level. Four or more GCSEs graded C, D or E.

**Course options:**
- Pre Entry courses
- Entry Level certificates
- Vocational qualifications
- Literacy/numeracy qualifications
- English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

**Entry requirements:**
- BTEC Introductory Diploma
- GCSEs
- NVQ/VRQ Level 1
- Level 1 vocational qualifications

Can lead to:
- Advanced (Level 2)
- NVQ/VRQ Level 2
- BTEC First Diploma
- Level 2 vocational qualifications

- Advanced Apprenticeship
- NVQ/Level 3
- BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma, Subsidiary Diploma and diplomas
- Level 3 vocational qualifications
Level 3

- Level 3 Apprenticeship
- BTEC National Certificate/Diploma
- NVQ/VRQ Level 3
- Level 3 vocational qualifications
- Access Diploma to Higher Education

You will have an interview and a maths and English assessment so we can make sure you're put on a course at the right level. Five or more GCSEs graded A*-C.
Successful completion of Level 2 qualification.

Level 4

- Higher National Certificate (HNC)
- BTEC professional qualifications
- AAT Accounting Qualification

Relevant professional or management experience.
You will require an interview and a maths and English assessment so we can make sure you’re put on a course at the right level.
Successful completion of a qualification at Level 3 with maths or English at Level 2 or above.

Level 5/6

- Foundation degree
- Degrees (and other higher education qualifications)
- Professional qualifications e.g. teacher education
- Higher National Diploma (HND)

Relevant professional or management experience.
You will have an interview and a maths and English assessment so we can make sure you’re put on a course at the right level.
Successful completion of a qualification at Level 4 with appropriate English and maths levels.

- Higher National Certificate (HNC)
- HND
- Foundation degree
- Bachelor's Degree

- Professional qualifications
- Foundation degree
- Degree (and other higher education qualifications)

- Postgraduate study
- Level 7 (master’s degree) or Level 8 (doctorate level study)
- Level 7 Postgraduate Certificate
Our main aim is to ensure you’re best prepared for what’s next, which may be:

- Another course at a higher level
- Higher education
- An apprenticeship
- Employment

Whether your long-term goal is to be an accountant, florist, bricklayer or scientist, your success is extremely important to us. And, this is why our expert teaching staff are on hand to help you develop skills for your future career.

When you join the College, we will teach you theory, and nurture your practical skills in an engaging and inspiring way.

Alongside this, we will help you develop core abilities you’ll need to enter and remain in employment – including teamwork and communication.
An apprenticeship is an ideal way to get out into the world of work and do a job while earning real money.

We are a significant provider of apprenticeships in London with over 800 apprentices in training. We offer a variety of apprenticeships in over 5 main vocational areas. These are:

- Construction and the Building Trades
- Creative Industries
- Hospitality and Catering
- Business Administration and Management
- IT and Computing

Apprenticeships are available to anyone over the age of 16 who is employed. You will need to be committed, motivated and have a willingness to learn new things whilst you study.

As an apprentice, you will:

- Earn real wages
- Gain new qualifications and industry standard training
- Gain new knowledge and skills
- Gain experience that will give you a competitive edge
- Get a start into a new and rewarding career
- Meet new people and develop new opportunities

An apprentice is employed from day one and will learn in the workplace but will also attend College usually one day a week depending on your chosen vocation. Your employer must be willing to support you while you train and we can discuss the requirements with them. Otherwise, new apprentice opportunities are posted and regularly updated at our website. If you’re struggling to find an employer to support you, please contact us and we may be able to help.

Two types of apprenticeships are available, ‘Apprenticeships’ are at level 2 and can run for 12 to 24 months. ‘Advanced Apprenticeships’ are at level 3 and can run for a period of 18 months or more. There are opportunities in some areas for Higher Level Apprenticeships at level 4. Each occupation has its own framework set by industry which will enable you to develop the practical skills and knowledge you need for the workplace.

We focus on what you want to do to find the apprenticeship that suits you best.
Higher education

Lewisham Southwark College is a long-standing provider of higher education, and we offer a range of affordable courses to enable you to realise your career goals.

Why study higher education courses at Lewisham Southwark College?

We will give you a fantastic overall study package. Here are some of the ways we do this:

- **Through affordable fees**
- **We pride ourselves on our quality of provision, having passed our last two inspections for higher education**
- **Our flexibility means you can either gain a shorter higher education qualification then enter employment, or continue to a full degree**
- **Higher education students are taught in smaller groups, facilitating strong rapport between teacher and student, as well as ensuring students receive more support and individualised learning**

Keep reading to uncover the different types of higher education qualifications we currently provide.

If you’re not sure which programme to pick, we can help you identify the progression route most suited to you – just get in contact to discuss this further.

**Higher National Certificates and Higher National Diplomas**

We’re pleased to offer exciting Higher National Certificate (HNC) and Higher National Diploma (HND) options.

HNCs usually take one year on a full-time basis, whereas HNDs take two years full-time (and HNCs and HNDs can sometimes be taken part-time with different durations).

HNCs and HNDs are ideal if you want to enter or progress within the workplace, but don’t require a full degree to do this.

You can study HNDs and HNCs in many areas, including*:

- **Business (marketing/accounting)**
- **Performing Arts**

*Please note, these are subject to change.
Foundation degrees

Are you interested in pursuing a foundation degree?

The higher education level qualification of a foundation degree can enable you to combine academic study with practical experience of the workplace. You might think of a foundation degree as a type of ‘mini degree’, in that it lets you gain the fundamental knowledge and real-world application of the subject matter you’re studying.

A foundation degree typically takes two years to complete full-time (but can also be taken part-time with a longer duration), and is the equivalent of two-thirds of a full honours degree. If you want to get the full honours degree, you can obtain this through further study; however, the foundation degree is a well-respected qualification in its own right.

Lewisham Southwark College currently offer the following Foundation Degrees:

- Music Production (in partnership with the University of East London)
- Early Years (in partnership with the University of Greenwich)
- Business IT (in partnership with the University of Greenwich)

‘Access to higher education’ options

We currently offer ‘access to higher education’ programmes.

These courses will prepare you for, and also provide you with, the necessary qualification required to take up higher education study in the future.

Our access programmes are especially popular with those who have been out of learning for some time.

Further support

If you’re interested in studying a higher education programme, please contact the admissions and student support team on +44 (0)20 3757 3000 as our staff would be happy to talk you through your options.
The power of business engagement and student success

Curriculum Area Leader in Construction, John White, began his career by taking an apprenticeship in bricklaying before spending 20 years within the construction trade.

John is local to the Southwark area and a true believer in business engagement for successful students.

He currently works with a range of companies such as Ardmore, Barwin, Denne Construction Ltd, FM Conway, Keepmoat, Laing O’Rourke, Lend Lease, Mace and RJ Sheen & Company to name a few.

John explained: “Learning is all about progression, and the ultimate goal for our students is gaining sustainable employment. At Lewisham Southwark College, we want the learning process to benefit their working lives and a key aim is to help our students progress so that they are ready to apply for rewarding roles in the industry when they complete their qualification. One of the most enjoyable aspects of my job is, without a doubt, seeing students use invaluable skills in apprenticeships and sustainable careers.”

“Learning is all about progression, and the ultimate goal for our students is gaining sustainable employment”

John White
Help and support

Starting college is exciting, and we want to ensure you have the best experience possible. Whether you’ve already chosen a course, or just need a bit of help deciding, we can help. Our dedicated team is available to assist you to select the right programme, settle in and make the most of your time at Lewisham Southwark College.

Admissions

We want to make enrolling at Lewisham Southwark College as easy as possible for you.

Once you’ve applied, we’ll consider your application and arrange for you to come to the College so you can find out more about where and what you’d like to study. During the admissions process, our staff will talk to you about your chosen programme and give you a taster in your preferred subject area.

You’ll also sit an English and mathematics test, and have an interview with a member of our teaching staff to make sure you’re put on a course at the right level for you.

We then confirm the outcome in writing, and keep in contact with you as you prepare (if successful) to join the College.

Advice and guidance

Our College has a number of friendly and highly experienced staff on hand to deliver advice about courses, careers and any issues you may need assistance with, including fees and finance, housing and relevant personal problems that might prevent you getting the most out of your experience.

Our student advisors are also available to discuss available programmes and provide you with step-by-step support through the admissions process.

Learning support

We understand that there may be times that you need help and support in class.

This is why the College offers one-to-one and small group support for:

- **Learners who have disabilities or additional needs**
- **Students requiring assistance with English and mathematics**
- **Those with dyslexia**

You are also welcome to come to one of our Learning Support and Resource Centres. Our team will be able to help you with topics such as:

- **English and mathematics**
- **Essay writing**
- **Referencing styles**
- **Revision techniques**
- **Study and research skills**
Help and support

Enrichment, clubs and societies

We know that studying can be full-on, and it’s useful to take time out to relax. This is why we deliver a range of enrichment activities to help you unwind.

These include:
- Film club
- Street Dance
- Zumba
- Other sporting activities and events

English and mathematics

We want you to have a fantastic time at our College – and pick up the skills required to move into, enjoy and remain in employment.

These days, most companies require their employees to have a good working knowledge of English and mathematics – and with competition for jobs increasing, it’s crucial you build up your confidence and awareness of these skills if you’re to have a good career.

Our teaching staff will support you through your studies, making lessons fun, to help maximise your achievement of these important qualifications and your prospects when you finish your programme with us. If you need additional help, staff from our learning support and resources team are available to assist.

Work experience

Finding a job in a specific sector is often much easier when you’ve got real industry experience.

That’s why we include work experience as a key part of many of our courses, and support you wherever possible to secure opportunities to make finding a job more straightforward later on.

Many of our students who have undertaken work experience have been offered employment on both a full-time and part-time basis.

College isn’t just about learning – you can also join clubs and societies
Following a successful campaign, Shakira Martin was elected as the new National Union of Students (NUS) Vice President of Further Education and will now call for better further education recognition and representation, fighting against all forms of cuts to further and adult education.

She aims to do this through supporting, encouraging and developing further education students’ union officers to lobby local MPs and decision makers.

Shakira explained: “Lewisham Southwark College has been my foundation to getting me where I am today. I have been privileged enough to access education, developing skills and knowledge which have opened up my eyes to the wider world and with what is really going on in society.

“I have a huge passion for education, teaching and learning. The support and encouragement of all my tutors I have worked with over the last four years has contributed to this great achievement.”

Shakira reflected: “Being part of Lewisham Southwark College’s Students’ Union was one of the best decisions I’ve made. It has given me resilience, decisiveness and even more passion to fight, for all students have equal opportunities to strive and reach their full potential.”

“Lewisham Southwark College has been my foundation to getting me where I am today”
Our courses

The following pages give you a flavour of our courses and subjects. You can find a complete list at lesoco.ac.uk
Combining ideas and skills to develop a visual language which enables you to follow your chosen path
Art, fashion and media training can help you kick-start a really exciting career and if you have the passion, we’ve got the expertise to fine-tune your abilities and nurture your talent. Our dedicated tutors have the know-how to equip you with valuable knowledge as soon as you start your journey with us.

We offer certificates, diplomas, extended diplomas and foundation diplomas in subjects such as fashion, art design and media, art and design (with specialisms like fashion, interactive, photography, digital arts and fine arts), creative media production and technology. Certain qualification types depend on the selected topic. You can find a full list on our website.

Art and design students are given access to a designated space, print room, 3D printers and Mac suites. In fashion, you learn how to use industrial machines, develop craft skills using traditional techniques, have lots of space to experiment, and learn how to use our knitting machine. Media students get to grips with our motion capture suit and permanent green screen along with cameras and audio equipment.

When you successfully complete your course, at a sufficient level, you will be well-suited to junior roles within the creative, media, fashion, arts and design industries. You might like to look for opportunities within creative agencies, clothing companies and photography studios, for instance, or even think about starting up your own independent business, with the right training and support.

**Possible career choices**

- Artist
- Graphic designer
- Pattern cutter
- Website designer
- Fashion designer
- Film producer

Find the full list of all courses at different levels: lesoco.ac.uk/courses/art-fashion-and-media
Learn-by-doing a wide range of treatments
The beauty profession offers up many exciting job opportunities. If you’re looking to polish your skills in the subject or want to create or improve your current employment prospects, we can help.

We currently offer a range of beauty courses including diplomas and NVQ diplomas in subjects such as the hair and beauty sector, and beauty therapy itself (though certain qualification types depend on the selected topic). Our multi-level approach means it doesn’t matter if you’re a relative beginner – there’s something to suit every level of ability.

Students get to learn in our on-site Tien Beauty Salon. The Salon is open to staff and students as well as the public, so you really will ‘learn by doing’. You’ll learn how to complete things like massages, waxing, body and facial treatments, manicures and pedicures and other non-surgical beauty treatments.

When you successfully complete your programme, at a sufficient level, you might like to apply for further study or look to work in fields such as beauty and spa therapy industries, nail work and make-up. You might even be able to specialise for film or television, or look to start up your own beauty company, following appropriate training and preparation.

Possible career choices

- Salon manager
- Nail technician
- Beauty therapist
- Masseuse

Find the full list of all courses at different levels:
[lesoco.ac.uk/courses/beauty]
Needed in every workplace, these subjects are the backbone to any business
Taking courses in business, accounting and law can equip you with the knowledge and skills required to really make a difference to today’s society. If you join us, our dedicated teaching staff will help build up your knowledge and practical awareness of your chosen specialism – so that you can strengthen your understanding and apply it within your own professional work environment.

We currently offer courses at different levels, so there’s something to suit everyone, whether you’re relatively new to the field or looking for further study. Our awards, certificates, diplomas, credit diplomas, first extended diplomas, introduction qualifications, preparation for access/access options, extended diplomas and HNDs cover topics including accounting, business administration, legal studies, bookkeeping, legal administration, equality and diversity, organisation management techniques, business, law, paralegal practice and leadership (though certain qualification types depend on the selected subject).

Students learn through a variety of methods including touchscreen technology, presentation screens and iPads, alongside lectures and workshops.

Once you’ve successfully qualified with us, at a sufficient level, you’ll be in a good position to look for employment opportunities within a business role, accounting post or position within the legal profession (depending on your specialism and knowledge), as well as take up further study. You may even decide to try and start up your own company, with relevant training and support.

Possible career choices

- Sales manager
- Sales analyst
- Customer service manager
- Store manager
- Financial accountant
- PR account manager
- Legal Secretary

Find the full list of all courses at different levels:
lesoco.ac.uk/courses/business-accounting-and-law
It’s about making sure you shape the children in your care to the best they can be.
Working within the early years industry can be really rewarding. As this profession demands essential knowledge and skills, it’s best to build up your understanding and confidence now, before looking at potential employment opportunities or further study pathways.

Our exciting programmes are designed to equip you with these vital skills and our courses are multi-level which means that even if you’re a relative beginner or looking for further study, there are options to choose from.

We offer certificates, preparation programmes, diplomas, national diplomas and subsidiary certificates, extended certificates and foundation degree-level study on subjects such as the children and young people’s workforce; children’s play, learning and development and caring for children (though certain qualification types depend on the selected topic).

Our students not only learn the theory but also have access to specialist equipment for training, before heading out on work experience to put their skills to the test.

Upon successful completion of your course, at a sufficient level, you will be ready to work confidently with children and more than able to enjoy a challenging and interesting job within the early years care industry. Our tier-level offering also means that you can potentially continue on to a higher education level, strengthening the abilities you’ve already gained and improving your chance of securing a senior position within the profession.

Possible career choices

- Early years teacher
- Teaching assistant
- Pre-school teacher
- Play group leader
- Childcare provider

Find the full list of all courses at different levels: lesoco.ac.uk/courses/early-years
Health and social care is a really rewarding profession. Let’s ensure you’re trained up to make a difference in the community.
Are you interested in joining the health and social care profession, but unsure of where to start? We can help. Our qualifications are offered at different levels, so there are options for beginners or those wanting to improve their current career prospects, and students looking to take further study in the area.

We offer an exciting mix of certificates, diplomas, first extended certificates, preparation/preparing for access courses, 90 credit diplomas and access programmes, extended diplomas, subsidiary diplomas on topics such as health and social care, counselling skills, dementia care, midwifery, nursing and social work.

Our students learn about the ideas behind, and practical sides to, the industry – learning the theory before heading out for work experience.

Once you’ve gained enough experience and tuition, at a sufficient level, you might like to seek out exciting roles within the health and social care industry. You may also decide to take up additional learning to build up your suitability for more senior-level positions. Whatever your professional aim, we want to nurture your skill set as much as possible, to help you realise and achieve your ambitions.

Possible career choices

- Social worker
- Community/youth work
- Midwife
- Nursing
- Nursery nurse

Find the full list of all courses at different levels:
lesoco.ac.uk/courses/health-and-social-care
We all need to eat!
Join us and learn
how excellence is achieved
Working within the food business can be full-on and very exciting. Little wonder then, that the profession is so popular. In today’s competitive market, employers are searching for candidates who hold all the necessary skills, demonstrating both technical ability and practical know-how – so it’s never been more important that you pick up and perfect these qualities before applying for roles within the sector.

Lewisham Southwark College’s dedicated staff and programmes nurture a well-rounded skill set – and our multi-level courses span NVQ certificates and NVQ diplomas in subjects such as food preparation and cooking, as well as professional cookery (though certain qualification types depend on the selected topic). A number of teachers have previously worked in five-star restaurants, and some with famous chefs – including Gary Rhodes and Brian Turner – so you’ll be able to benefit from their extensive inside knowledge and understanding.

The environment you’ll be studying within is also important to your learning, and we pride ourselves on the excellent equipment available. Our facilities include professional-standard kitchens as well as dedicated classrooms, modern equipment and a high-class restaurant and bar.

Upon successful completion of one of our courses, at a sufficient level, you might like to continue your training on one of our higher level programmes. When you have gained enough knowledge and experience, you could apply for work within the industry or even look to start up your own business (with adequate training and support).

Possible career choices

- Senior sous chef
- Head chef patisserie
- Catering business owner
- Restaurant chef
- Gastro pub chef
- Cruise ship chef
- Contract catering
- Aircraft catering

Find the full list of all courses at different levels:
lesoco.ac.uk/courses/catering
The building industry can lead to national and international opportunities
The construction industry is a fast-moving and growing sector, providing numerous job opportunities for those with enough experience and training. If you want to join this sector, and build up your knowledge and skill set, our teaching staff have the know-how and inside knowledge to help you perfect your abilities in the field.

We offer a range of programmes at various levels to suit different abilities. Our diplomas and certificates explore subjects such as bricklaying, building maintenance and refurbishment, carpentry, dry lining, electrical installations, multi-trade construction activities, painting and decorating, plastering, plumbing, wall and floor tiling (though certain qualification types depend on the selected topic).

We have industry-accredited and dedicated workshops in plastering, dry lining, brickwork, tiling, plumbing, carpentry, maintenance, painting and decorating as well as a highways and maintenance academy.

Upon successful completion of one of our courses, at a sufficient level, you might decide to apply for niche construction roles in joinery or plumbing, broader and more general positions, or even construction supervision, depending on the level of your training and experience. Our multi-level approach means it’s often possible to supplement your successful programme outcome with further study, should you want to.

Possible career choices

- Tradesperson
- Chargehand
- Site manager
- Main contractor
- Quantity surveyor
- Estimator
- Consultant
- Architect

The full list of all our courses at different levels can be found: lesoco.ac.uk/courses/construction
The arts are full of discipline, but also hugely rewarding with amazing opportunities.
Pursuing a career in the dance or drama sector can be exciting and challenging – but with fierce competition for jobs. It’s never been more important to ensure you hold the necessary skills and practical experience to succeed in the workplace. If you join us, our dedicated teaching staff will provide you with the encouragement and knowledge-base in which to strengthen and nurture your talent for a successful future.

We offer programmes at various levels. Our diplomas, extended diplomas and HNDs span performing and production arts specialising in like performance, set design, stage management and dance, as well as more general performing arts topics (though certain qualification types depend on the selected topic).

Our students get to experience a purpose-built theatre with dedicated rehearsal rooms. Dancers have custom made studios, with access to three floor-to-ceiling mirrored sprung floor studios. Technical theatre students have workshop space and outside courtyard areas to build sets and props.

Upon successful completion of your course, at a sufficient level, you might seek work within the performance track and end up presenting your skills on the stage, or decide that stage management and design is more for you (depending on your speciality). Other students might choose to strengthen their expertise at university or a specialist conservatoire – and our multi-level approach often enables this. Who knows, with the right guidance and training, you may even be able to set up your own dance or drama school!

Possible career choices

- Dancer
- Choreographer
- Actor
- Musical theatre performer
- Stage manager
- Lighting designer

Find the full list of all courses at different levels:
lesoco.ac.uk/courses/dance-and-drama
When was the last day you didn’t go on your laptop or phone? Exactly. Be part of the future
The information technology and computing sector can offer amazing career opportunities, and the business continues to grow with the fast rise of new technologies, capabilities and networks. So it’s important that you build up your technical skills and industry awareness and develop a working knowledge of relevant information, techniques and processes.

We offer up an incredible range of programmes at various levels, to suit relative beginners searching for an introductory course, to those wanting to refresh their expertise. Students explore topics such as information technology users, network and systems support, digital applications, games design, software development, computing, and business information technology (certain qualification types depend on the selected subject).

As well as learning the essentials to the industry, you’ll also benefit from fantastic resources. We’re proud of our impressive hardware development facilities, specialist information technology rooms and laboratories.

Upon successful completion of your programme, to a sufficient level, you might like to look for employment within the information technology and computing business or consider additional study opportunities. Some of our students have undertaken placements at companies including Cisco Systems, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Morgan Stanley and Bloomberg, so there’s no reason that you – with the right guidance and training – couldn’t apply for similar roles.

Possible career choices

- Computer games developer
- Software developer/programmer
- Information systems developer
- Systems analyst
- IT technical support
- IT systems support
- IT network support
- Self-employed

Find the full list of all courses at different levels: lesoco.ac.uk/courses/it-computing
We’re here to show you that English and maths can be enjoyable
Almost every job requires a good standard of English and mathematics, so it’s important that you have adequate expertise in these areas if you want to enter and progress within the employment market.

Taught by expert teaching staff, we offer a range of courses on skills such as English for work (for AAT, adult social care, bookkeeping, childcare, classroom assistants, computing, health and social care, preparation for work, teaching assistants and so on), as well as CELTA, adult English and mathematics qualifications, 16-18 programmes and various GCSE options (though certain course types depend on the selected topic). You can find a full list on our website.

Students learn through a variety of methods including touchscreen technology, presentation screens and iPads, alongside more traditional techniques.

Upon successful completion of your programme, to a sufficient level, we hope to see you gain the confidence to take that next step, whether that be entering employment for the first time, improving your current career or supplementing your learning journey with further study.

Find the full list of all courses at different levels:
lesoco.ac.uk/courses/english-and-maths
Study with us and get creative!
Working within the floristry industry can be fun and challenging, so it’s no wonder employers seek out the very best candidates when it comes to jobs. If you’ve always wanted to enter the floristry business, or if you’re looking for a promotion from your current position, why not learn from our dedicated teaching staff and strengthen your skills so you can discover and follow your career ambitions?

We offer programmes including awards, diplomas, certificates and higher diplomas in floristry crafts (though certain qualification types depend on the selected topic) at various levels, to suit those who are relative beginners through to students already equipped with some experience. Our flexible approach provides you with the potential to progress through different programme difficulties. You can find a full list of courses on our website.

Our dedicated floristry building provides the space students need to experiment and find their creative style, and you will also receive the opportunity to sell your creations and work on commercial work whilst you learn.

The know-how you will have picked up from our College will stand you in good stead for future career choices. Upon successful completion of your course, to a sufficient level, you might want to apply straightaway for jobs or promotions within the floristry field, go on to take further study, or even look at specialist education in business management, for instance, should you want to think about starting up your own floristry company (with the right guidance and support).

Possible career choices
- Florist
- Business owner
- Merchandising illustrator
- Event planner

Find the full list of all courses at different levels: lesoco.ac.uk/courses/floristry
Our dedicated facilities will help unleash your creativity, so you can fine-tune your skills.
A career in music can be exciting and highly rewarding. However, the prospect of choosing the right programme of study can sometimes feel overwhelming. Here at Lewisham Southwark College, we want to make it easy for you, as our dedicated teaching staff, supportive environment and range of fantastic courses enable you to pick up and develop specific music skills you never thought you had.

Our multi-level offering means that you can potentially keep building up your skillset until you feel ready to apply for the type of role that interests you. We offer diplomas, extended diplomas and foundation degrees on topics such as music technology, singing, music performance, music practice and music production (though certain qualification types depend on the selected subject).

Our music students at Lewisham Way use a building which has been created to house specialist studios – dedicated space to allowing creative focus. You will learn industry-standard editing and work as part of an ensemble – working as a team as you will when you go out to work.

Possible career choices
- Live sound engineer
- Session performer
- Studio engineer
- Composer

Find the full list of all courses at different levels:
lesoco.ac.uk/courses/music
Investigate and explore more about our world
Science lets us observe and draw upon our understanding of the physical and natural world, enabling us to make discoveries and apply new knowledge in various ways. If you’re passionate about the subject and want to grasp the basics, or even specialise in scientific study, you’ve come to the right place.

We offer first extended certificates, credit diplomas, access to science and GCSE options across subjects such as science, pharmacy applied science and forensic applied science (though certain qualification types depend on the selected topic), so there are a lot of possibilities to choose from. You can find a full list on our website.

Our dedicated teaching staff will help you uncover the general and more specialised aspects of your chosen subject, and you will receive the chance to learn in fully-equipped laboratories, putting your skills to the test using modern equipment.

Students learn in industry-level laboratories where technicians will be on hand as well as lecturers.

An education in science can lead to a fascinating career. Here at Lewisham Southwark College, we want to take you beyond academic subject knowledge, and give you the skills and practical knowledge to help strengthen your career prospects in the science industry, or improve your suitability for further study.

Successful completion of a course at an appropriate level can also enable you to continue your studies at university.

Find the full list of all courses at different levels:
lesoco.ac.uk/courses/science
Enhance your performance and learn about the business side of sport
Most of us like to watch sport, but there’s a lot more to it than meets the eye. Whether you want to play sport professionally, or work behind the scenes, good training in the industry is essential. Here at Lewisham Southwark College we currently offer a choice of programme options at different levels.

Our dedicated teaching staff provide you with exciting opportunities to study and train for a wide range of sport specialisms through foundation certificates, certificates, diplomas, NVQ certificates and subsidiary diplomas on subjects such as sport, fitness instructing, coaching, football, sport academy, activity leadership, personal training and sports studies (though certain qualification types depend on the selected topic).

We have a wide range of facilities including a gym, basketball court, martial art area, AstroTurf and football spaces. We also have places on offer for one of the most successful football academies in association with Charlton Athletic Football Club.

Upon successful completion of one of our courses, to a sufficient level, you will be in a good position to look for employment in lots of fields including football, fitness instructing, aerobic dance, leisure management, basketball and so on (depending on your speciality). You might also want to continue to higher education to study your subject in further depth, and in time, with the right guidance and training, think about starting up your own business!

Possible career choices

- Personal trainer
- Fitness instructor
- Coach
- Professional sports person
- Sport therapy
- PE teacher
- Leisure management
- Leisure assistant

Find the full list of all courses at different levels: lesoco.ac.uk/courses/sport
Learning can be for life – we offer a wide range of exciting courses
We provide additional learning support to those who need it, and also offer a range of useful supported learning courses. Our programmes have been specifically designed to suit young people aged 16-24 who have learning difficulties or disabilities.

Our great mix of courses can help improve your skills in subjects like art and design, information technology and business, catering, and construction. Other options help build up your independence in fields such as practical skills and performing arts. We also offer vocational tasters and courses aimed at strengthening your abilities across areas like retail and volunteering. You can find a full list on our website.

Upon successful completion of your programme, to a sufficient levels, we hope to see you gain the confidence to take that next step, whether that be entering employment for the first time, improving your current career or continuing your learning journey with further study.

Why not explore some of our options on our website?

**Subjects covered**

- Pathway to independence (19+)
- Vocational taster courses (16-18)
- Vocational skills courses (16-18)
- Pathway to employment (19+)
- Skills for work (16-18, 19+)
- Transition course (19+)

Find the full list of all courses at different levels:  
lesoco.ac.uk/courses/supported-learning
Without teachers, we wouldn’t be the people we are today. You can be that positive influence for the next generation.
This profession can be challenging, varied and rewarding, so it’s no surprise that teaching careers are popular. Strong competition for jobs means it’s vital now, more than ever, to build up your skills and gain thorough practical experience to successfully enter and progress within the field.

If you want to get involved in this dynamic profession, passing on your knowledge to the next generation, why not take a look at our programmes? Our dedicated teaching staff deliver a wide range of exciting preparation for access courses, access options, awards, certificates, diplomas and additional diplomas in fields such as teaching, education and training, supporting teaching and learning in schools and so on (though certain qualification types depend on the selected topic).

Students learn through a variety of methods including touchscreen technology, presentation screens and iPads, alongside more traditional techniques.

Our teaching staff are ready to teach you a variety of relevant techniques and information so that, when you successfully complete your programme, to a sufficient level, you will be able to become an effective professional, whether in a classroom setting or in more vocational work.

Possible career choices

- Primary school teacher
- Secondary school teacher
- Higher education teacher
- Further education teacher
- Teaching assistant

Find the full list of all courses at different levels: lesoco.ac.uk/courses/teaching
Go anywhere in the world or specialise in our amazing home city – you could even potentially work in the sky!
Working in the travel and tourism industry can take you literally anywhere – from sailing across the ocean on a cruise-liner to flying over 30,000 feet in the air. It’s no wonder then, that this sector is so popular and that employers are often looking for highly-trained professionals to assist them on their journey.

If you join us on one of our courses, you’ll benefit from thorough tuition on important and relevant key skills. We offer certificates and diplomas in subjects such as the aviation industry, cabin crew, travel and tourism (though certain qualification types depend on the selected topic) and so on – there are lots of options to consider. You can find a full list on our website.

As well as this, we even have our own training cabin on campus for students to practice in!

We hope that your time with us will be rewarding and fun as we strive to equip you with lots of relevant knowledge for your future career. Upon successful completion of your course, to a sufficient level, you might like to apply for your first position within the travel and tourism industry, progress within the profession or take up additional study to specialise in greater depth.

Possible career choices

- Resort rep
- Cabin crew
- Airport staff
- Travel agent

Find the full list of all courses at different levels: lesoco.ac.uk/courses/travel-and-tourism
David Landers is a musical director and musician from south London, who currently manages up-and-coming group ‘Only the Young’ (finalists on The X Factor in 2014) and artist ‘Chi’.

After successfully completing his two-year course at Lewisham Southwark College (which is the equivalent of today’s UAL Level 3 Diploma in Performing and Production), David went to the University of Westminster but, due to the direction of his rapidly developing career, decided to pursue his career outside of university.

David contacted his Department Head who was able to offer him a trainee teacher role within our College’s Department of Music.

David reflected: “All the teaching staff were great. My former tutor George Wilkins, Lecturer in Music, helped me understand the business and commercial side of music and gain an understanding of the key phrases as well.”

George, David’s former tutor, said: “David was a great student, who I also really enjoyed working on corporate projects with.”

“I learnt about the whole world of music from coming to this College”
Our website is packed full of programme information, details about upcoming events and stories containing our latest news.

We regularly update our pages so you can gain insight into exciting courses, hear about student successes and uncover what it’s like to really learn here - and our easy format makes it possible to browse specific qualifications as well as search for general subjects.

We also provide you with guidance on fees and finance, special educational needs, apprenticeships and information for parents, and much, much more.

So why not explore our website, and discover what we have to offer?
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