



Abertay University offers guaranteed progression to students coming from partner colleges

Every year, over a third of Abertay's new undergraduate students join in year two or three of a degree programme. This recruitment pattern comes from its decision to move to a model of automatic progression for students on articulating programmes at its local partner colleges. This partnership has been developed between the University and three local partner colleges, Dundee and Angus, Fife, and Al-Maktoum. All partner institutions have invested the time and energy into aligning the curriculum and programme between HN and degree from the outset, which means that if the college students successfully complete their HN programme, the University has the confidence to know that they can progress directly into year two or three of the relevant degree programme with no loss of time or additional entry requirements or conditions. This approach has enabled all institutions to grow the number of opportunities for full credit articulation.

It is possible to offer automatic progression because of the close partnerships at academic and professional level between the University and colleges. There are regular meetings between senior staff. On the academic side, colleagues work together to discuss portfolio developments and put a range of subject-specific support mechanisms in place to assist students before the transition. This can be anything from making the University's facilities for civil engineering available to students whilst doing their HN, to offering C++ online to computing HN students who will move into the University's computing division. The University's CyberSecurity division sends all new students a 'hack pack' with key information to help students prepare.

This partnership extends into a joint approach to communication and recruitment with students. They host an annual clearing advice fair on campus with the shared objective that every prospective student leaves the event with a route to an Abertay degree either directly or through a partner.