



A New Approach to Learning.

A Journey to Unleash Potential.

**Foundation Courses
at Accrington &
Rossendale College**



Sometimes, the path to success isn't a straight line — and not everyone achieves their goals at the first attempt.

If you didn't quite reach the necessary grades to progress onto a **Level 1, 2 or 3 course**, Accrington and Rossendale College's Foundation Courses offer a fresh start filled with hope and possibility.

These courses are designed around people who truly care, creating a **supportive community** where you'll regain confidence, **build vital skills**, and open the door to new opportunities. Setbacks don't define the future of any student. With the right support, your journey to success is just beginning.

Every student's path is different — and that includes students who've been home educated. Whether you've followed a set curriculum or taken a more relaxed approach to learning, you'll be welcomed here with open arms. Our Foundation courses are built to **support people from all kinds of educational backgrounds**, so no matter how or where you got your GCSEs, we're here to help you take your next step with confidence.



We're not **school**.
We're the **next step**.

At Accrington and Rossendale College,
Foundation courses are about **respect, support,**
and **progressing in a way that best suits you.**

Life at Accrington and Rossendale College is very different from school. Students experience a learning environment built on **mutual respect**, where teachers and support staff work closely with learners as individuals, recognising their unique strengths and challenges. The relationship between staff and students is one of **collaboration and understanding**, fostering a positive atmosphere where everyone is motivated to succeed.

With smaller class sizes and tailored support, students receive personalised guidance that helps build **confidence and essential skills** at a pace suited to their needs. The college's modern facilities and resources offer an **open and flexible setting**, encouraging independence and personal growth. This freedom allows learners to take ownership of their education, preparing them effectively for further study or employment.

Accrington and Rossendale College's Foundation Courses are not about repeating school, but about providing a **supportive, career-focused pathway** that equips you with the skills and qualifications needed to move forward with confidence.



Amy Lucas

— Head of Division
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Programmes



Friendly faces, every step of the way.

From the moment you arrive, you'll feel part of a **friendly community** where staff and classmates really get what it's like to not hit the grades you were hoping for. You'll quickly realise you're not alone, and that support makes it so much easier to **stay motivated and confident**.

The college's support team, including tutors and wellbeing staff, are here to help you with whatever you need. Whether you're feeling unsure about your next steps, struggling with confidence, or dealing with personal challenges, there's always someone to talk to who can give you **advice and guidance**. They'll help you tackle challenges, stay on track, and focus on your goals.

Foundation courses are built on respect. Your voice matters here. The staff listen to you, and the **relaxed atmosphere** encourages you to take charge of your own learning and growth. Lessons aren't just about studying. They're about sharing ideas, having open conversations, and building skills that make learning more interesting and useful.

You'll also meet other students who've faced similar struggles, and together you'll form **friendships** and **support each other**. These connections often go beyond just the course, as you celebrate progress together and inspire each other to succeed.



Meet Leslie

Curriculum Lead for Foundation Programmes at Accrington and Rossendale College.

Our Learners

At Accrington and Rossendale College, students have gone from facing challenges to earning qualifications, landing great jobs, or moving on to higher-level courses. It shows how life-changing these programmes can be.

By hearing directly from past students about how the **college supported** them every step of the way, you'll see what's possible with determination and the right help. These stories don't just celebrate their **success**. They show how the college is here to help every learner succeed and create a **brighter future**. It could be you next!





Meet Lewis

Lewis started on a Level 1 Digital and IT course. He has now progressed onto **Level 2 Art and Design** and aspires to be an independent writer and **illustrator**. The continuous development and progression Lewis made throughout his Foundation course enabled him to win the **Level 1 Student of the Year Award** at the NCCG Student Awards 2024. The confidence Lewis built empowered him to participate in the **Lancashire Skills Competition** and compete against colleges across the area.



Meet Hassina

Hassina is currently studying **Level 1 Health and Social Care** at Accrington and Rossendale College, and her experience has been transformative. With her passion for helping people, her aspiration is to become a **pharmacist**, and our staff have supported her throughout her journey. Hassina also had the incredible opportunity to showcase the skills she learned by participating in the **Lancashire Skills Competition**.

We're **always** career-focused

As long as you have the motivation to succeed, the college provides the tools, guidance, and encouragement to help you get there.

The Foundation programme at Accrington and Rossendale College is all about helping you build the **skills and confidence** you need to succeed.

Our Entry Level courses are designed for young people like you. They include **work experience and placements** to help you get ready for the workplace. You'll learn the basics of your chosen subject, improve your **English and Maths**, and build **personal skills** like teamwork, communication, and problem-solving. Plus, you'll gain real-world experience to help you stand out.



We also team up with **The King's Trust**, an organisation that helps young people overcome challenges and build skills for the future. They **offer loads of opportunities**, like courses, enterprise programmes, and mentoring, to **support you** in reaching your goals.

Want to know more about how Accrington and Rossendale College can help you? Contact our Foundations Team today!

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Our **Foundation Courses** are the first step
toward the future every student deserves.

Unlock potential.
Ignite confidence.
Transform lives.



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