

School of Health and Social Care

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Riverside College is an outstanding (Ofsted 2020), highly popular and successful further education college conveniently located in Widnes and at the hub of the Mersey Gateway, within easy reach of Liverpool, Manchester and Chester. We currently cater for over 3,000 16-18 students, 600 full time adults, 700 apprentices, and deliver a range of Higher Education and part time adult courses.

The Health and Social Care department offers a simulated hospital ward on both sites, which will inform and support the students by using a realistic working environment. This provides the opportunity to understand the requirements of the sector and prepares them for work placement.

The School of Health and Social Care offers the following programmes:

- Apprenticeships at all levels
- Health and Social Care Level 1
- Health and Social Care Level 2 NQF
- Health and Social Care Level 3 Extended (Health and Social Care Pathway)
- Health and Social Care Level 3 Extended
- Diploma (Health Studies Pathway)
- Counselling Level 2 & 3
- Counselling Foundation Degree
- Various Health related short courses



We have a prestigious Nursing Cadet Programme in partnership with Warrington and Halton NHS Trust and Chester University. This is a bespoke course offering practical rotation placements within the Trust, alongside academic and clinical training with the College, Trust and University and have recently secured a contract to deliver 150 Apprenticeships with a regional healthcare provider.

Last year our students achieved exceptional results, putting our college amongst the top in the country. We achieved a 100% pass rate, 93% high grades and 43% Distinction Star grades resulting in a record number of our students progressing to university.

Following an Ofsted inspection in early March 2020, the College has been given the highest possible rating by Ofsted who have judged the college to be **OUTSTANDING.** After a meticulous review of the College, inspectors made the following judgements:

OVERALL EFFECTIVENESS	OUTSTANDING
The quality of education	Outstanding
Behaviour and attitudes	Outstanding
Personal development	Outstanding
Leadership and management	Outstanding
Education programmes for young people	Outstanding
Provision for learners with high needs	Good
Adult learning programmes	Outstanding
Apprenticeships	Outstanding

Over recent years, significant investments have been made in teaching and learning and support for students, which we believe are key to our success.

Riverside College is committed to:

- Providing learning experiences of outstanding quality
- Investing in teaching, learning and assessment



- Offering students distinctive and valuable opportunities to develop personally and professionally and academically
- Supporting every individual student to reach their full potential

Thank you for your interest in Riverside College. If you would like further information or an informal discussion please contact Jo Burton, Head of Health and Social Care on joanne.burton@riversidecollege.ac.uk