

# What is the Modular Acceleration Programme?

The Modular Acceleration Programme (MAP) is a 2-year pilot to fund tuition fees for learners to study modules of <u>higher technical qualifications (HTQ)</u>, such as a Higher National Certificate (HNC) or Higher National Diploma (HND) which are <u>levels 4 and 5</u> respectively.

Telford College were awarded funding to deliver modules in Digital, Business and Health in 24/25. The programme and the learning must be completed by August 2025.

## What do you mean by Levels, Credits and Units?

You can earn higher education credits at levels 4, 5, and 6 by completing units, each typically worth 15 credits. To be awarded a full BA/BSc Honours degree, you need to accumulate 360 credits across these three levels. However, you don't need to complete all of these credits at once or at the same College or University. Many employers also value the achievement of individual modules, as well as qualifications such as HNCs, HNDs, and Foundation Degrees.

- **Levels** refer to the different stages or years of study (Level 4 is typically the first year of a degree, Level 5 is the second year, and Level 6 is the final year).
- **Credits** are a way to measure the amount of learning or work completed (e.g., one unit or module is typically worth 15 credits).
- **Units** are the individual modules or courses that contribute to your overall qualification. Each unit generally corresponds to a specific area of study and carries a set number of credits (e.g., 15 credits per unit).

Our modules are worth 30 credits - two 15 credit Units at Levels four and five.



## Who can apply?

Anyone looking to retrain in a new career or upskill to enhance their existing career can apply if they:

- are aged between 19 and 60
- Live in England, or live outside of England but work in England

### What are the benefits of undertaking a Module?

Some of the benefits of the programme for learners include:

- the ability to build credits towards a full degree
- flexible delivery shorter, more flexible courses which fit around work, childcare or caring responsibilities

### When are the programmes being delivered?

The programmes are offered in various formats, including:

- Two evenings a week
- One day a week
- Afternoon into evening sessions

You will undertake approximately 6 hours of study each week, with an expectation of completing a similar amount of independent study.

### How will I be assessed?

Assessments will take place in various forms, including assignments, presentations, and Viva (oral exams). There are no traditional exams.

## I have additional learning support needs, how will I be supported?

Our College has an additional learning support team to assist with a variety of needs, such as dyslexia support and guidance on digital technologies.

## What is the cost of the programme?

The programmes are fully funded by the Department for Education, meaning learners do not need to pay any tuition fees. However, the funding accessed for the Module will reduce the amount available in a learner's future <u>Lifelong Learning Entitlement</u> (LLE) account.

## What is the Lifelong Learning Entitlement (LLE)?

The LLE allows learners who have not previously received government support for tuition fees to access a full entitlement equivalent to 4 years of full-time tuition, currently valued at £37,000 (based on today's maximum tuition fee of £9,250 per year).

If you undertake a fully funded module, your LLE entitlement will be reduced by £1,474.

### How can I find out more?

On our website <u>University Level Short Courses – Telford College</u>

We are hosting an online event at lunchtime on the 11<sup>th</sup> of December at 12.30pm, email <u>heinfo@telfordcollege.ac.uk</u> to register.

## I am ready to apply, how do I do this?

Click on the programme you are interested in on our website and click the REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

Button. On receipt of your application, we will invite you to our induction and enrolment event on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January. Here, you will meet teaching staff, receive more information on your chosen studies and discover helpful resources to prepare for studies. We will also issue a campus pass, so you are all set to start your programme the following week.

#### What next after I achieve a Module?

Once you complete a module, you can use it as a stepping stone to enrol in a full HNC or HND programme. You will already have 30 credits, meaning your first year may require less learning. If you choose to study at Telford College, you will receive a £1,474 fee reduction in your first year.