

# ROUTES INTO HIGHER EDUCATION



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# MAIN TOPICS

What are they?

Who are they for?

What subjects are available?

What are the requirements?

Further education

**Level 1**

NVQ1

BTEC INTRODUCTORY DIPLOMA

14-19 FOUNDATION DIPLOMA

GCSE GRADES D-G



**Level 2**

NVQ2

BTEC FIRST DIPLOMA

14-19 HIGHER DIPLOMA

APPRENTICESHIP

5 GCSE GRADES A-C



**Level 3**

NVQ3

BTEC NATIONAL AWARD CERTIFICATE/ DIPLOMA

14-19 ADVANCED DIPLOMA

ADVANCED APPRENTICESHIP

ACCESS COURSES

A/AS LEVELS



**Level 4**

NVQ4

YEAR 1 FOUNDATION DEGREE

HIGHER APPRENTICESHIP

YEAR 1 OF BA OR BSC DEGREE

HIGHER NATIONAL CERTIFICATE



**Level 5**

YEAR 2 FOUNDATION DEGREE (GRADUATE)

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YEAR 2 OF BA OR BSC DEGREE

HIGHER NATIONAL DIPLOMA



**Level 6**

YEAR 3 OF BA OR BSC DEGREE (GRADUATE)

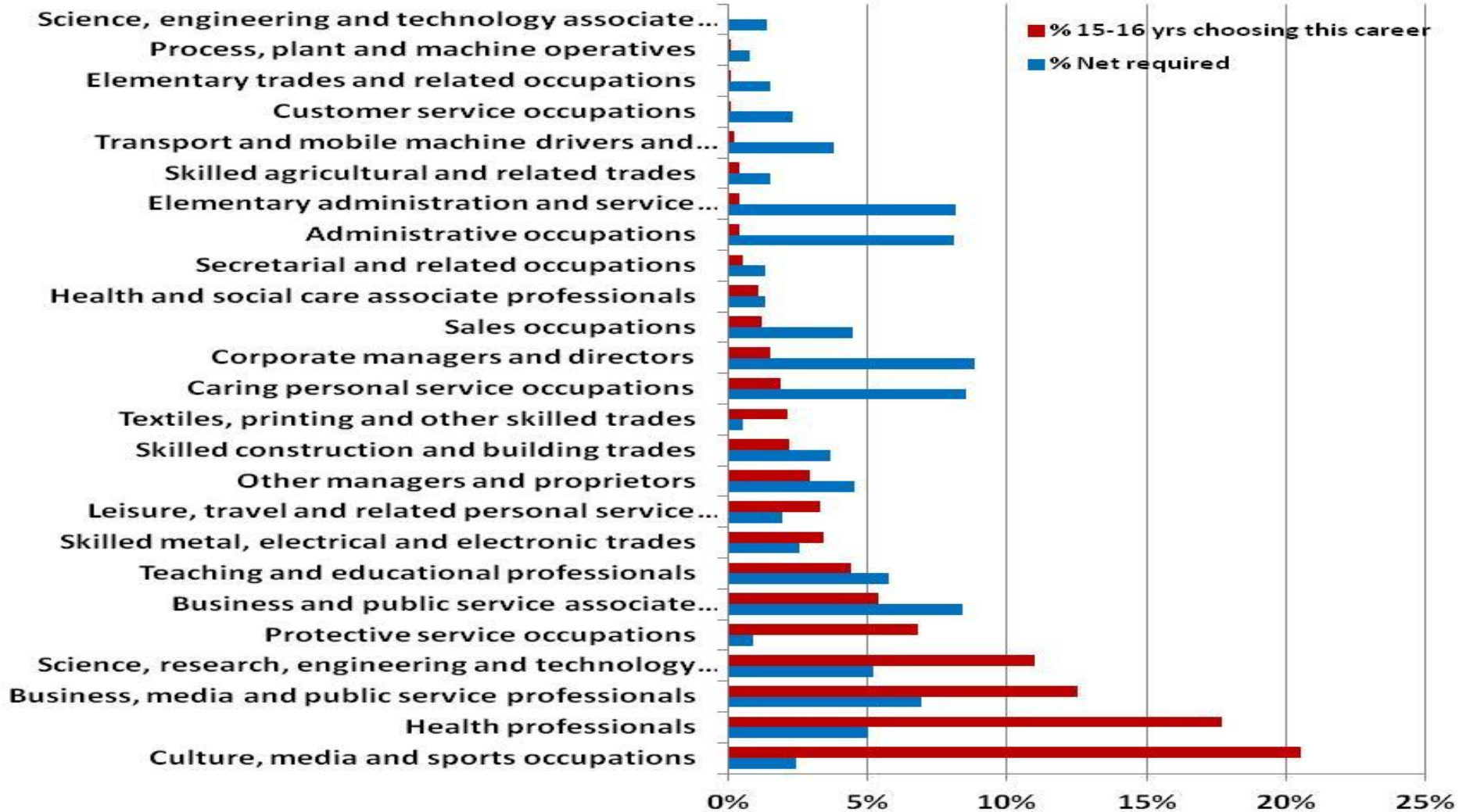
Higher education

**Level 7**

MASTERS

POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATES (EG. EDUCATION)

# THE SKILLS GAPS AND MISMATCH



## Foundation courses on offer at Brookes:

Animal Behaviour and Welfare  
Business and Enterprise  
Business, Management and Communications  
Computing  
Creative Arts and Design Practice  
Early Years (Sector-Endorsed)  
Electrical and Electronic Engineering  
Equine Science and Management  
Health and Social Care  
Mechanical Engineering  
Ministry  
Motorsport Engineering  
Motorsports – Performance and Automotive Technology  
Paramedic Emergency Care  
Policing  
Support for Learning

# TAUGHT



- 2 year course (full-time)
- Non-traditional requirements
- Option to progress onto a bachelors degree
- Qualification in its own right
- Delivered by colleges
- Accredited by universities

# VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS

## Applicants aged under 21 should normally have:

- one subject at A-level or 6-unit Vocational A-level
  - three or four at GCSE (grade C or above)
- or
- a National Certificate or Diploma
- or
- GNVQ/NVQ or other Level 3 vocational qualifications.

## Applicants aged over 21 should normally have:

A minimum of two years' relevant work experience and be in appropriate employment.

Applicants must satisfy the foundation degree interview requirements.

# THE STORY SO FAR

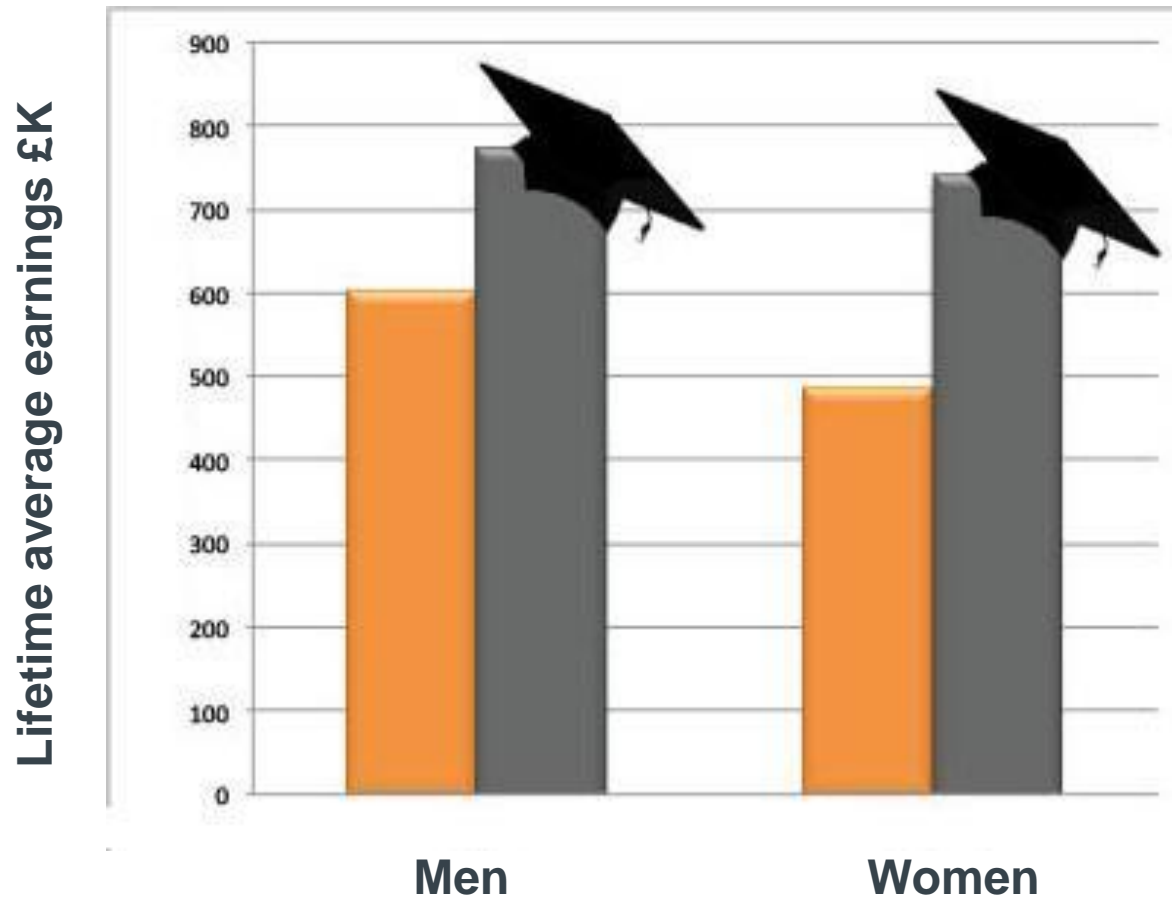
- 2009 - Higher Apprenticeships introduced in engineering and IT
- 2011 - Government 'Plan for Growth' & launch of £25m Higher Apprenticeship Fund
- 2013 – Over 40 Higher Apprenticeship frameworks available
- 2014 - Launch of apprenticeships in space engineering and nursing
- 2015 - 20,000 apprenticeships pledged by employers in National Apprenticeship Week



# WHAT ARE HIGHER APPRENTICESHIPS?

- A nationally accredited work-based programme for 18+ year olds that leads to recognised qualifications at level 4 or above
- HA frameworks can include FE, HE and professional qualifications or a combination of both
- Combines on and off-the-job training in a real life work environment
- Designed to meet employers needs at higher skill levels with many being endorsed by professional industry bodies.
- A practical and paid alternative to gaining a degree-level education

# AVERAGE LIFETIME EARNINGS FOR GRADUATES



Source: Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, Aug 2013

# WHAT ARE THE COSTS?

## Two main costs:

- **Tuition Fees**
- **Living Costs**



## TUITION FEES

**£6,000 - £9,000 per year 2016 entry**

*(Check individual universities and courses for details)*

**Oxford Brookes University**



**£9,000 per year**

***Undergraduate degrees taught at Oxford Brookes***

# NHS AND SOCIAL CARE COURSES



- Tuition paid in full  
*(Nursing, Midwifery, Occupational Therapy, Operating Department Practice and Physiotherapy)*
- Grant and Loan (non-means tested)
- Bursary (means tested)

## Social Care

<http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/Students/825.aspx>

# LIVING COSTS



# MAINTENANCE GRANT

**Payment up to £3,387 per year  
(means-tested – not all are eligible)**

Household Income	Grant allowance
Up to £25,000	Full Grant
£25,000 - £42,875	Partial Grant
£42,875 +	No grant

Household income – gross	Government Maintenance Grant** <i>(you don't have to pay this back)</i>	Government Maintenance Loan**	Oxford Brookes Bursary <i>(you don't have to pay this back)</i>		Annual Total available	
			Year 1	Years 2 & 3	Year 1	Years 2 & 3
£0 – £4,999	£3,387	£4,047	£2,000	£3,000	£9,434	£10,434
£5,000 – £9,999	£3,387	£4,047	£2,000	£3,000	£9,434	£10,434
£10,000 – £14,999	£3,387	£4,047	£1,500	£2,500	£8,934	£9,934
£15,000 – £19,999	£3,387	£4,047	£1,000	£1,750	£8,434	£9,184
£20,000 – £24,999	£3,387	£4,047	£1,000	£1,750	£8,434	£9,184
£25,000 – £29,999	£2,441	£4,520	£0	£0	£6,961	£6,961
£30,000 – £34,999	£2,441	£4,993	£0	£0	£7,434	£7,434
£35,000 – £39,999	£1,494	£5,467	£0	£0	£6,961	£6,961
£40,000 – £42,619	£50	£5,715	£0	£0	£5,765	£5,765
£42,620 – £42,875	£0	£5,740 (Max loan)	£0	£0	£5,740	£5,740
£42,876 – £50,000	£0	£4,998	£0	£0	£4,998	£4,998
£50,001 – £55,000	£0	£4,998	£0	£0	£4,998	£4,998
£55,001 – £60,000	£0	£4,998	£0	£0	£4,998	£4,998
£60,001+	£0	£3,731	£0	£0	£3,731	£3,731



# WHAT SHOULD YOU BE DOING?

- Research – Universities / Career interests
- Work experience / shadowing
- Volunteering / Charity
- Out of school hobbies / responsibilities – coaching / sports / languages / job / music
- Positions of responsibility at school - Good role model to lower years
- Gap year plans
- Study outside of A Levels – Portfolio development (Art), extra reading/research, visiting law courts, EPQ

# USEFUL WEBSITES

[www.learning-opportunities.org.uk](http://www.learning-opportunities.org.uk)

[www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

UCAS

National Apprenticeship Service

<http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk>

Unifrog

[www.unifrog.org](http://www.unifrog.org)

Inspiring the Future

[www.inspiringthefuture.org.uk](http://www.inspiringthefuture.org.uk)

Not Going to Uni

[www.notgoingtouni.co.uk](http://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk)

**QUESTIONS?**

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