

Research Skills

SCQF level 7 (Degree module)



What skills will you gain?

Study on this course will equip you with the baseline knowledge and skills to undertake research, either as part of academic study, within a job role, or while undertaking a research project as part of a Higher Education or degree level qualification.

The Research Skills unit is about developing your skills to access, analyse and evaluate information from a variety of sources and to use this ability in the planning, carrying out and reporting of a research investigation. You will look at how to access and use information from a variety of primary sources, such as interviews and surveys, and secondary sources such as articles, programmes and the Internet. A main part of this study will be to undertake a small research project and you will get the opportunity to plan, carry out and report on the results of your research on your chosen topic.

Entry requirements?

Ideally candidates should have a Higher English qualification or skills in Communication at SCQF Level 6. Those with evidence of having achieved a Higher(s) in other relevant subject areas, along with evidence of Level 5 Communication/English will also be considered. Provision of a satisfactory reference is also required.

How and where will I study?

With the exception of the first three weeks of this course delivery, you will study on-line using Blackboard, in a virtual learning environment. Taking part in on-line chats and contributing to on-line discussion boards will be an essential part of your study. You will be expected to undertake reading and research and will need to be a self-motivated and enthusiastic person, as "real-time" contact with peers and your tutor will be limited. This online mode of study is one which is common as a method of study within the University of the Highlands and Islands and other colleges/universities, so undertaking study in this way, for this course, will help prepare you to study "virtually" in the future.

Where will it take me?

Progression may be possible to a range of Higher Education level courses if you pass this course and also have evidence of achievement of suitable Highers for entry to the course of your choice – for North Highland College UHI courses, see our website or prospectus.

How do I apply?

The senior phase programme offered at North Highland College UHI is embedded in your option choices at school. Once you have decided on the course you would like to apply for, please speak to your Guidance Teacher who will advise you on how to apply. We will not interview you for this course, so ensure you complete all sections on the application form, paying particular attention to your personal statement.

For more information please visit:
<https://www.northhighland.uhi.ac.uk/schools/>