



North Highland College University of the Highlands and Islands

Sound Production Units – Certificate in Higher Education (SCQF 7)

Overview of course

Students will learn with full time HNC sound production class. Learning can be tailored around their individual school timetable and musical interest. This is a great opportunity to have a taster of the sound production industry.

Entry requirements/criteria

- Passes at higher level
- Satisfactory reference and interview
- Demonstrate an interest in sound engineering and production

Additional attributes North Highland College UHI would look for

Some playing ability will be required for students undertaking this course.

Students will be expected to -

- Be prepared to work hard all session
- Catch up on work missed if they are absent
- Ask for help if they need it
- Revise throughout the session
- Access and use the virtual learning environment

Therefore, the following attributes and skills are important for applicants –

- Motivation for learning
- Commitment to take personal responsibility for learning
- Confidence to ask questions
- Dedication to completing work out with class
- Basic IT skills
- Independent study skills

What can students do after this course?

On completion students can progress onto the full-time HNC Sound Production with the North Highland College UHI Alness campus.

Additional information on this course for Guidance Teachers

Sound production is an excellent choice for any student who wants to develop their technical skills and creative confidence, learn more about the industry and the jobs available. People looking for work in Sound Production have to know about and be active in many aspects of the industry to make a living. The course breadth will prepare students for the world of work and further study in any of the creative subjects. The depth of understanding and application required to pass the course will place students at a significant advantage when pursuing further study or work in any subject area.

The course involves a lot of practical work where students will develop the skills they need in real life situations and will suit students who enjoy trying out a variety of techniques.

This course will be particularly suited to students who enjoy being creative and using a variety of modern technology to create.

Guidance teachers can help students think through these implications and assess their commitment and study skills to determine the level of course that would be most suitable to them.

Acoustics 1, Creative Industries Infrastructure, Digital Audio Workstations 1, Sound Production Practice 1, Sound Productions Theory 1, working in the Creative Industries, Multi-track Recording and Sound Reinforcement 1 are all units that could be studied by school students.

Studying parts of the course can be a significant advantage for those students planning to apply for degree programmes as they can use project evidence and experience as part of their application.