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ABERDEEN COLLEGE®

## Aberdeen College Mission Statement

"To deliver, in partnership with other providers, a high quality education and training service, appropriate to the lifelong learning needs and aspirations of its clients, in a diverse range of settings."



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# Aberdeen College...

*Aberdeen College of Further Education was formed on 7 January, 1991 following the merger of Aberdeen College of Commerce, Aberdeen Technical College and Clinterty Agricultural College. Incorporation of the College occurred on 1 April 1993, following the passing of the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 1992.*

## **College locations:**

**Aberdeen City:** Gallowgate, Altens, Clinterty, Gordon

**Aberdeenshire:** Peterhead (leased commercially), Inverurie (leased from Aberdeenshire Council).

**Courses are offered at over 100 community locations** (schools, community centres, libraries) across the North-East. Through a partnership agreement with Grampian Fire and Rescue Service, courses are also offered at seven local fire stations: Banchory, Dyce, Ellon, Huntly, Inch, Inverurie and Peterhead.

**The College's service area:** Aberdeen City and much of Aberdeenshire (ca 60 miles North/South, 60 miles Westward from Aberdeen).

The College provides over  
**4,735 high quality  
education and training  
programmes** to  
individuals, local  
communities, and  
employers.



### The College operates across four major teaching areas

Business, Computing & Land-Based  
Creative Industries, Sport & Languages  
Engineering & Construction  
Service Industries & Social Science

### Other Departments include

Multimedia Centre  
Community & Lifelong Learning  
Learning Development Centre  
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**The College has ten university progression links in place** – Robert Gordon University, University of Aberdeen, University of Abertay Dundee, Edinburgh Napier University, Glasgow Caledonian University, Heriot-Watt University, Scottish Agricultural College, The Open University, The University of Dundee and the UHI Millennium Institute.

Aberdeen College is an 'Associate College' of Robert Gordon University with 2 + 2 degree links.

**Over 300 students per year progress from HN to RGU year 3.**

**uni-link**

[www.uni-link.org](http://www.uni-link.org)


## The College's commitment to quality improvement has been recognised by the achievement of a number of quality standards and awards, including:

- A 2009 Queen's Anniversary Prize for Higher and Further Education for the work of the College and ASET in providing training for the oil and gas sector, and the College's comprehensive ESOL provision and related activities
- ISO 14001:2004 Standard for Environmental Management Systems
- EcoCampus Platinum Award
- A Herald Society Award for the College's partnership with Grampian Fire and Rescue Service
- Six UK Beacon Awards
- Customer Service Excellence Standard
- Investors in People (IIP) Standard
- Matrix Standard for the College's Guidance Service.

## SFC Funding to the College in 2010-11:

- College revenue funding: £27,884,000
- College capital funding: £5,710,000
- Student funding: £4,318,962





## College turnover for the year to 31 July 2010 - £43,410,000.

Aberdeen Skills and Enterprise Training Ltd (ASET) is the College's wholly-owned subsidiary private limited company. ASET offers for-profit courses and services (i.e. commercial activities) internationally in niche markets which are highly-technical in nature (mainly oil and gas related), with profits transferred by tax-efficient means to the College where they are used to supplement other streams of funding.

For more information on ASET, please visit  
[www.aset.co.uk](http://www.aset.co.uk)

In 2009-10 there were  
**127 different nationalities**  
studying at the College.

# summary data...

2009-10

2008-09

2007-08

## Level of Student Activity

WSUMs	160,047	155,603	162,045
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## Enrolments

All	34,229	34,314	33,760
Full-time	5,933	5,534	5,492
Part-time	28,296	28,780	28,268

## Headcount

Students	28,002	26,233	23,746
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## Age Structure

Under 18	19%	19%	19%
18-25	22%	20%	20%
26-40	27%	27%	27%
Over 40	32%	34%	34%

	2009-10	2008-09	2007-08
<b>Gender Mix</b>			
Female	58%	58%	58%
Male	42%	42%	42%
<b>Ethnic/Racial Origin</b>			
White	95%	93%	94%
Other	5%	7%	6%
<b>Student Origins</b>			
Aberdeen City	45%	45%	47%
Aberdeenshire	29%	32%	30%
Other	26%	23%	23%
<b>Student Retention Rates</b>			
Full-Time	79%	81%	76%
Part-Time	93%	96%	93%
All	91%	93%	91%

2008-09

2007-08

**Student Destination**

Further Education/Higher Education	72%	70%
Related Full-Time Employment	4%	7%
Unrelated Full-Time Employment	3%	3%
Short-Term Employment	1%	1%
Unplaced	20%	19%
Respondents (Full-time students)	2,283	1,686

**Staff Employment Levels 2009-10**

Type of Contract	Number of Staff (Headcount)			Number of Staff (FTEs)		
	Teaching	Non-teaching (Support)	Total	Teaching	Non-teaching (Support)	Total
College Payroll Staff	256	339	595	217	266	483
Non-College Payroll Staff	268	30	298	29	9	38
<b>Total</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>893</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>521</b>

# Training for Business

If you're looking for training courses for your business or organisation, Aberdeen College has two in-house organisations structured to provide assistance with training needs for individuals or larger companies alike.

**ac:KNOWLEDGE**  
Business Solutions & Distance Learning

**ac:KNOWLEDGE** was established to facilitate workplace training for Aberdeen College and provides services to many local and national organisations in a range of market sectors. Responsive to the diverse needs of organisations, ac:KNOWLEDGE offers VQs and Certificate courses along with a range of short courses. Working closely with a range of national organisations and awarding bodies, ac:KNOWLEDGE strives to ensure that national standards are both achieved and exceeded. At the same time the department focuses on developmental work with materials and methodologies required to enhance quality improvement. For further information on ac:KNOWLEDGE, please visit their website [www.abcol.ac.uk/acknowledge](http://www.abcol.ac.uk/acknowledge)

**aset**   
International Oil & Gas Training Academy

**ASET (Aberdeen Skills and Enterprise Training) Ltd** is a wholly owned subsidiary company of Aberdeen College and acknowledged worldwide as a specialist training provider within the Oil, Gas, Marine, Electrical, Transportation and Health & Safety industries. ASET provides nationally recognised competence-based training and assessment in industrial situations. With over £10M invested in equipment and facilities, the Aberdeen training centre offers a collection of unique resources, giving realistic working environments for a range of industries. For further information on ASET, please visit their website [www.aset.co.uk](http://www.aset.co.uk)



New training facility at Attens Centre.



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