

Burnley College

Summary of 2022-23 to 2026-27 access and participation plan

What is an access and participation plan?

Access and participation plans set out how higher education providers will improve equality of opportunity for underrepresented groups to access, succeed in and progress from higher education.

You can see the full access and participation plan for Burnley College

<https://www.burnley.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Access-and-Participation-Plan-2022-23-to-2026-27.pdf>

Key points

Burnley College serves a community that experiences significant levels of deprivation with Burnley itself being amongst one of the most deprived areas in the country. The 2019 Government Index of Deprivation places Burnley in 11th place out of 317 local authorities in England.

The following groups of students are less likely to achieve a degree award:

- Black, Asian and minority ethnic students
- Mature students
- Disabled students
- Students from low income backgrounds
- Care leaver students

The College's purpose is to 'build futures and change lives' and to 'significantly expand the range of local opportunities for University-level study whilst maintaining high standards' and 'to maintain outstanding equality of opportunity'.

Burnley College offers over 50 University education courses from level 4 to level 6. The College works in partnership with Universities and awarding bodies including UCLan, the University of Bolton, Buckinghamshire New University and Pearson.

Overall employability rates for our students have improved and are in line with national data.

Fees we charge

At Burnley College, the maximum fees charged are:

- £9,000 per year for full time students
- £6,000 / 4,000 per year for part time students

Financial help available

The Bursary is offered to students in their first year of study; currently there is no Bursary award for further years of study proceeding year one.

The **Burnley College Bursary** package details are shown below:

- **Bronze:** household income is not assessed, and students can apply for a package worth £500, consisting of £250 Campus Credits and a Health and Wellbeing Package worth £250.
- **Silver:** household income between £20K and 25K, students will receive a £500 cash award (given at certain periods throughout the academic year) and choose between a digital

device, Campus Credits (£500), Campus Credits and Health and Wellbeing Package (£500 in total) or a Car Parking Grant (£500).

- **Gold:** household income under £20k, students will receive a £1000 cash award (given at certain periods throughout the academic year), and choose between a digital device, Campus Credits (£500), Campus Credits and Health and Wellbeing Package (£500 in total) or a Car Parking Grant (£500)

Additional financial support is also available:

- **Hardship, Access to Learning Fund** - supporting students from households with low levels of income.
- **Care Leaver Bursary.**

Information for students

Prospective students receive information on fees and financial support at our in-person 'BCUC University and Adult Advice Events' - see the website to book www.burnley.ac.uk.

What we aim to achieve

Our overall aim is to support students to access higher education, closing local gaps in rates of access by those from disadvantaged backgrounds. The following are key access priorities:

- Work with part-time disabled students.
- Work with Care Leavers.
- Attainment of full time mature students.
- Reduce the gap in the rates of progression to employment of further study between full time disabled and non-disabled students.

What we are doing to achieve our aims

- Work with our partners, local authorities, charities and local Schools to offer a programme for widening participation activity for Disabled and Care Leavers.
- Outreach activities through town centre activity, school liaison, Job Centre meetings and employer engagement.
- Offering Foundation Entry, HNC, HND and full degree pathways on a full time and part time basis.
- Offering financial support including bursaries and hardship funds (Access to Learning Fund) for eligible students.
- Seeking work experience opportunity with local employers.
- Offering employability workshops.

How students can get involved

The College work with Student Innovators to gather student input into the design of the Access and Participation Plan. Student Innovators are invited to University Education Compliance meetings.

Evaluation - how we will measure what we have achieved

Our programme of activity will be informed from evidence about what works for students. We will collect data and feedback from:

- Student Staff Liaison meetings.
- Internal surveys.

- Student Innovators and Rep meetings.
- Internal data collection to assess the impact on achieving our aims.

Contact details for further information

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