

Meeting the needs of all learners

All learners, whatever their needs, are offered additional learning support when they go to college.

This support, known as Universal Learning Provision, is designed to help all students access what they need in order to progress and have a positive experience at college.

Universal Learning Provision covers a range of learning support, from assistance with technology in the classroom or access to advice and guidance from trained staff to support your mental health and wellbeing.

College staff

When you start at college, you will be introduced to your personal tutor who will help you settle in and will be able to answer any questions you might have.

When you begin your course your personal tutor will set goals with you and review your progress over time to keep you on track. You will meet with your personal tutor each week as part of a group, and you will also have one-to-one sessions at least once a term where you can raise concerns and ask questions.

In addition, every college has trained staff who can help you with your health and wellbeing. You can usually make an appointment or drop-in and speak to staff about any issues you may have and need advice and guidance with. Many colleges also offer a free, confidential counselling service.

Most teachers and lecturers are highly experienced and will make every effort to teach you in a way that helps you learn.





What support might I have?

There is a whole range of support available to help you with different parts of college life. You can access different types of support depending on what you think you will need.

On campus you will be able to use the learning centre where you will have access to computers to complete your coursework, borrow books and also get help with some aspects of your learning.

Most colleges offer assistive technology, for example, computers with read-aloud software and programmes that can help you plan and complete your work. Many colleges offer short-term loans of equipment such as laptops or spell-checkers too.

All colleges provide additional literacy or numeracy sessions if you want to further improve your skills in reading, writing and maths.

As well as making learning more accessible for all, the Universal Learning Provision aims to improve the overall college experience. Some learners may find busy areas such as canteens difficult to cope with so most colleges offer quiet spaces for those who want to spend their lunch or break times in a less busy environment.

In some campuses, this may also include a member of staff who can help those who have autism, experience anxiety or have other worries.

If you are doing exams at college, you can speak to your tutor about special arrangements that can be put in place to help you complete them. This could be access to a computer, a reader or extra time if you need it.

Where can I find out more?

You can find out more about the Universal Learning Provision here www.alnpathfinder.wales

