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This is just a small snapshot of some of the unique learning opportunities available in the Marches ensuring that employers can have access to a wider range of students and therefore skills. Those mentioned below are in no way the full array of learning providers. There are multiple private providers covering a wide range of sectors and training types working across the Marches. Within the Marches there are three main FE Colleges, Hereford, Ludlow & North Shropshire College, the Shrewsbury Colleges Group and Telford Colleges, each suited to their location, between them offering a very wide range of courses from accountancy to blacksmithing. All having extensive estate, offering a wide range of first-class training facilities for students.



Harper Adams University

Harper Adams University on the northern fringe of the Marches is “the leading specialist university tackling the future development of our planet's food production, processing, animal sciences, engineering, land management and sustainable business.” As

agriculture and all the associated industries are at the heart of much of the area, having this world class expertise located in the Marches is very important. This also supports our food and drink manufacturers, agri machinery manufactures and our environmental sectors. It also introduces students to the area, some of whom may chose to stay on due to the opportunities the Marches offers in multiple sectors, thanks to the skills they have obtained. For example, a large Marches company in the Surveying sector, struggling for good recruits found an unlikely supply of employees via Harper Adams University’s students, and this has proved a very fruitful supply and keeps skills local. <https://www.harper-adams.ac.uk>



NEW MODEL INSTITUTE FOR TECHNOLOGY AND ENGINEERING

NMITE New Model Institute for Technology and Engineering based in Hereford, is the latest addition to

provision in the Marches. Welcomed by local engineering and manufacturing employers for its new innovate employer led approach to teaching engineering. The Marches is not the most well-known of regions and the benefits of having a University in Herefordshire is very positive. NMITE has also undertaken work to understand the employer retention of younger graduates in rural areas and is looking at innovative ways in which to reduce this outflow. <https://nmite.ac.uk>



University Centre Shrewsbury – University of Chester offers the opportunity for local study at, foundation, degree level and above, specialising in health both clinical and scientific, business as well as

niche specialist courses that support the tourist economy, a sector with great importance to our region. Working with employers to ensure course content matches employer's needs.

<https://www1.chester.ac.uk/university-centre-shrewsbury>



University of Wolverhampton – Telford Campus is well known for its engineering school offering automotive, mechanical, aerospace and manufacturing courses. Telford is densely

populated with manufacturing and engineering, offering the students good career and placement prospects. Health and social care is another area the University specialises in, in Telford.

<https://www.wlv.ac.uk>



Hereford Arts College offers course levels from FE to postgraduate. Creativity is an area much sought after by employers and having a specialist arts college in our midst offers an alternative route to

recruitment. "The creative industries are at the heart of the UK's economic future – classified as one of the priority sectors in the government's industrial strategy, and they will play a hugely important role at the heart of the UK's economic future." <https://www.hca.ac.uk/>



Derwen College is a specialist college based in Shropshire. We offer students with learning difficulties and disabilities the opportunity to learn vocational and independence skills. With sites across the county, in Gobowen, near Oswestry as well as Ludlow, Telford and Walford (near Shrewsbury), students can study at Derwen on a residential or

day basis. Derwen College has a garden centre, gift shop and charity shop providing retail experience for students. The Walled Garden Cafe, Orangery Restaurant and Hotel 751 all allow the students to learn in real life settings. Students work at these retail outlets which provide valuable work placements.

<https://www.derwen.ac.uk/>