

ROUTE	DESCRIPTION	HOW LONG IT WILL LAST?	Examples of Education and Training providers offering this provision.	DO I NEED AN EDUCATION HEALTH & CARE PLAN (EHCP)
LOCAL COLLEGES	<p>Most of the local mainstream colleges offer specialist courses and support for young people with a range of learning difficulties and disabilities. Specialised courses for young people with SEND are normally held within their own section of the college building. These courses are run in small groups with a higher staff/ student ratio. The courses are offered at different levels to suit the individual abilities and needs of students. Examples of courses include Life Skills, vocational skills and supported internships.</p>	<p>Depends on the course or qualifications you want to study. Courses start Sept to July (term time)</p>	<p>South Tyneside College Foundation Learning Gateshead College Project Choice Sunderland College Directions Programme Newcastle College Learning Development</p>	<p>Generally, yes however some of these specialised courses will not require an EHCP: please check with individual colleges.</p>
SPECIALIST COLLEGES	<p>Specialist colleges will provide learning and a high level of support for students with Profound Multiple Learning disabilities, health, behavioural issues, or a specialist ASD curriculum. The colleges will normally offer integrated therapies such as Physiotherapy, Speech and Language therapy and Occupational therapy. Students will also get the chance to study towards a maths and English qualification and other accredited qualifications.</p>	<p>Depends on the course or qualifications you want to study (normally 1-3 years)</p>	<p>Hedley's College ESPA College – Newcastle and Sunderland sites Thornbeck College – Sunderland and Newton Aycliffe sites.</p>	<p>YES</p>

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SUPPORTED INTERNSHIP	<p>A type of study programme focused on helping you gain employment. Includes a mix of classroom learning and on the job work experience with support from a job coach. The chance to study for a maths and English qualification if you have not achieved one. Supported internships will offer a supportive learning environment to young people with SEND who are ready to enter a employment.</p>	<p>Normally 12months courses normally start in Sept.</p>	<p>-Routes 2 Work -Project Choice South Tyneside -Project Choice Gateshead College -Newcastle college</p>	<p>YES</p>
STUDY PROGRAMMES (TRAINING PROVIDERS)	<p>These are like supported internships and are aimed at young people with SEND who are work ready. Study programmes will offer the chance to study for a maths and English qualification if you have not achieved one.</p>	<p>Depends on the course or qualification(s) you want to study</p>	<p>PRS Springboard</p>	<p>NO</p>

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