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RNN Group whose Head Office is based in Rotherham town centre, is an education and training provider, meeting and delivering on the needs of thousands of employers, adults and school leavers every year and contributing at the heart of our communities.

The RNN Group includes five campuses of career-focused further and Higher Education in South Yorkshire and North Nottinghamshire which includes; Rotherham College, North Notts College and Dearne Valley College, alongside our partner organisation the National Fluid Power Centre.

As an inclusive organisation, we are committed to ensuring learners of all ages develop, learn new skills and achieve so that they leave the RNN Group fully equipped to move successfully into the workforce and a career that they are passionate about, in order to lead happy and fulfilled lives both personally and professionally.

Why Study With RNN Group?

RNN is a recognised leader in Online and Offline Distance Learning and we offer a choice of 43 courses through distance learning in a range of specialist areas. These areas include education, care (health including mental health), business / operational training and lean manufacturing.

Our 2023/24 achievement rate for Distance Learning courses was 95%.

We partner with employers across the region to develop our curriculum and ensure it is fit for the 21st century and the future needs of the local economy, as well as engage with employers through a variety of opportunities as a Group.

Innovation is at the heart of our curriculum and ensuring skills development across our regions through this.

Our partnerships are built on integrity and a focus on proactive and long-term development. We work at the centre of our local communities, contributing to civic life and economic renewal. Through events, volunteering and charitable efforts, we reach out to individuals and groups.

We work in partnership with schools, employers and local organisations to continually ensure we are leading and delivering on innovation and skills in our communities.

Studying With Us

Distance learning allows you to do just that. Study a distance learning course and complete in many cases *free online courses and *free online training in the comfort of your own home.

Wherever you want, whenever you want.

You don't have to be based local to us or travel to any of our campuses, you simply plug in and progress with your chosen online education course with support from our Distance Learning Team.

Study in the comfort of your own home and flexibly around your existing commitments, at a pace that suits you.

Course Variety

With a variety of some of the best *free online courses, including online short courses, with qualifications and certifications in subject areas for you to choose from.

Courses include health and social care, mental health, education and training, nutrition and health and business management, we can help you gain the skills that matter the most to you.

Whether you're looking to update or upskill for an existing job, or take a first step towards a new career, these courses – in many cases *free online courses for adults – can help you, whatever your needs.



What are the Benefits of Distance Learning?

Online courses offer numerous benefits that cater to a wide range of learners and professionals.

Here are some key advantages:

Flexibility and Convenience

Self-paced Learning: Learners can progress through the material at their own speed, accommodating different learning styles and schedules.

Accessibility: Courses can be accessed anytime and anywhere with an internet connection, making it easier to balance studies with personal and professional responsibilities.

Cost-effectiveness (in many cases free)

Reduced Expenses: Online courses often cost less than traditional in-person classes. There are also savings on commuting, housing, and other associated costs.

Free Resources: Many online courses provide free materials or have options to audit the course for free.

Variety and Diversity

Wide Range of Courses: There are online courses available for virtually any subject or skill, from academic subjects to vocational training.

Global Reach: Students from all over the world can enrol in the same course, providing diverse perspectives and networking opportunities.

Personalised Learning

Customised Experience: Learners can often choose courses that fit their specific needs, interests, and career goals.

Adaptive Learning Technologies: Some online courses use adaptive learning technologies that tailor content to the learner's progress and understanding.

Career Advancement

Skill Development: Online courses can help learners acquire new skills or enhance existing ones, making them more competitive in the job market.

Professional Certifications: Many online courses offer certificates that can bolster a CV and demonstrate proficiency to employers.

Interactive and Innovative Learning

Multimedia Content: Use of videos, interactive quizzes, forums, and virtual simulations enhances engagement and understanding.

Access to Experts: Many online courses are taught by industry experts and renowned professors, providing high-quality education.

Community and Networking

Online Forums and Groups: These allow for discussion, collaboration, and support among peers.

Global Connections: Building a network with individuals from different backgrounds and industries can open up new opportunities and perspectives.

Environmentally Friendly

Reduced Carbon Footprint: Online learning reduces the need for physical materials and commuting, contributing to environmental conservation.

Consistency and Quality Control

Standardised Content: Online courses can ensure a consistent learning experience with standardised content delivery.

Continuous Improvement: Feedback from learners can be quickly integrated to improve course quality and relevance.



Here at RNN, you will receive online and offline support from a dedicated team of specialist's!

Eligibility, Courses and How to Apply

Our distance learning/online courses are:

*Free

As long as you meet our eligibility criteria, our distance learning courses are free to access.

Flexible

With no classes or exams you can fit your study around your lifestyle.

Fast

Because you're not constrained by class schedules, you can complete these courses as quickly as it suits you. All courses must be completed within 1 - 4 months, depending on the modules.

We set time limits on the length of time you have to complete our courses:

Course Module Lengths	
1 Module	5 Weeks
2 Modules	9 Weeks
3 Modules	13 Weeks
4 Modules	17 Weeks

Trusted

Our distance learning courses are accredited by NCFE/CACHE, one of the UK's leading awarding organisations.

Eligibility

To be eligible to undertake our free distance learning courses you must meet the below criteria:

- Living in the UK and aged 19+
- If you are aged 19-23 you must hold a full Level 2 qualification and not currently enrolled on an apprenticeship
- Aged 24 or above - free to everyone

Available Courses

Available courses include business administration, caring for young people, counselling skills, equality and diversity, nutrition and health, mental health first aid, team leading, and many more.

How Do I Apply?

Scan the QR code to find out more and to apply.

View our list of courses and then click on the button on the course you have decided upon to enrol!



Learner Testimonials

Counselling Skills

I just wanted to send an email to express my gratitude for your grading and feedback throughout my level 2 counselling course.

I thoroughly enjoyed the content of the course and wanted to say thank you for your input throughout. Thanks again!

Understanding Autism

I have submitted my final workbook answers. I really do appreciate your patience as it has been a very difficult time for me and I hope I will be successful in completing the course. I have learnt so much that I will be able to use both personally and professionally.

Understanding Safe Handling of Medication

Thankyou so much for the help you have given me you have been amazing.

Understanding Autism

Thank you so much for being patient. I've had a horrendous year with my son at school refusal, he has ASD profile and this course has really helped me with getting my facts straight so to how best to support my son. I thank you so much.

Understanding Autism

Thank you so much for your support with this course, I really enjoyed doing it and have learned quite a lot. I have just enrolled on a new course with College.

Awareness of Mental Health Problems

I Just wanted to say a HUGE thank you for your patience and support during my coursework, I am very proud of myself.

I have Bipolar and a disability that caused me to have a year off school, I had home tutors and eventually sat my exams in my wheelchair alone in a room, obviously feeling very self conscious, unfortunately I didn't pass any.

The whole thing left me feeling absolutely useless and with no self confidence, so much so that I sometimes feel worthless!

This is NOT a sob story, but in fact a success story I have actually achieved something, during my time doing the course. Thank you ALL for everything.

