TEF Year Three: Additional data on part-time provision

The majority of the part time provision across the Group is domiciled at the Crawley campus. It has evolved to meet the demands of local employers and their need for training support. The predominance of the provision sits within Higher National Engineering qualifications encompassing Aeronautical, Manufacturing, Electonic and Electrical and Production Engineering which reflects the main employment base in the local area. However, the provision also includes Built Environment and Teacher Training. Crawley until 2017 start was licensed by Brighton University and Colleges' provision by Portsmouth University.

Feedback from the part time student reflects the Groups ethos of inclusivity. 80% of part-time respondents felt they were part of a community of staff and students compared with 56.4% & 70% respectively in the sector. 78.95% affirmed their view that staff value students' views and opinions about the course set against 68.1%-part time and 75.54% full time in sector. NSS results also indicate that learners feel they have good learning opportunities at 3% above the sector average, good academic support (+6%), good organisation and management of their courses (+2%). (HE SAR Crawley College 2017)

Continuation

The provision is split to encompass differing student demands. For example, Engineering HNC part time may be completed over 2 years with the HND completed in 3 which reflect either 4 or 6 modules completed annually. In year retention amongst this cohort is high and reflects equally in continuation statistics which have increased from 83% 2014/15 to 86% for the dates to 2017 completion. Pass rates within this cohort have also increased from 98% in 14/15 to 99% for cohorts completing in 2017. (HE SAR Crawley College 2017)

Employment and further study

Due to the nature of the part time student cohort many of the students continued their existing employment as they had gained some or total sponsorship from employers. Some students have gained promotions whilst studying or on successful completion of their courses.

Many students on completion of their courses have continued into further study with some completing their BSc's and BA's with local Universities. 54% of students completing their education at the Group continued their studies with a further 15% continuing work whilst studying. Employment levels are high with 69% in work or studying and working and a further 19% undertaking full time study. (DLHE 2017)

Highly skilled employment and further study

Highly skilled employment is high within the part time cohorts with 45% entering professional roles. Highly skilled employment figures reflect the nature of the courses undertaken with the majority of students undertaking Engineering courses where the median salary 6 months post course completion is £25000 with Electrical and Aero engineering both having median salaries well in excess of the median. A third of the Engineers in professional roles have continued further study whilst working.

Students completing the Certificate in Education and Post Graduate Certificate in Education also entered professional roles with median salaries reflective at £27000. All students completing teaching qualifications are in Highly skilled employment. (DLHE 2017)