

University Centre Colchester (UCC)

Staff Profile

Name:	Neil Barnes
Job title/role:	Head of School of Education, Health and Social Sciences; UCC Director of Teaching and Learning
Subjects taught/administrative responsibilities:	Neil has academic, financial and staffing responsibility for two Schools at University Centre Colchester. As an academic, he contributes to PGCE and MA Education programmes.
Qualifications and Membership of Professional bodies:	BA (Hons) Risk and Management, University of Portsmouth MA Education, Anglia Ruskin University PG CHEP, University of Essex PGCE, University of Essex
Experience in Education:	Neil has taught in an independent school and public service organisations as well as having five years' experience as a course leader in Further Education. He was a physical training instructor in the Army and new probation police officer trainer for Suffolk Constabulary.
Biography and personal interests:	His teaching career began in the Army in 1995 and has not really stopped! He has taught PE and ICT to soldiers before becoming a PE and ICT teacher at a private school in Suffolk. From there he joined Suffolk Constabulary having time as a probation mentor before joining the training department and teaching new recruits how to be police officers. In 2009 he joined Colchester Institute, teaching in Further Education before moving to full-time lecturing in Higher Education in 2012, subsequently becoming Head of School of Education in 2013 and UCC Director of Teaching & Learning in 2018.
Professional practice / research interests:	His research interests centre on motivation. Neil has recently conducted studies into Further Education student success, Initial Teacher Education in easing the transition of moving from industry to teaching and the importance of induction.
Publications/consultancy/knowledge transfer:	External Examiner for University of South Wales since November 2014 External Examiner For Oxford Brookes University since November 2016
Current projects:	Learning Gain – Is it an appropriate measure of student success?