



Level 3 Access to Higher Education (Day)

Study Type

Part Time

Course Area

Health & Science

Course Duration

1 year

Entry Requirements

All applicants will require a GCSE Grade C or 4 and above in English, Maths and Science, and a knowledge of the universities and courses they would like to progress to.

Some universities will accept functional skills in English and Maths, so depending on your university or course this may be acceptable.

Students looking to study degrees in any health, social care or education subject will require experience in a relevant area (either through work or volunteering).

Course Information

Access to Higher Education Diplomas are designed for people who would like to study at a degree level but currently do not have the necessary qualifications to apply but who do have life experience and a willingness to learn.

Access to HE diplomas are intensive courses offered over a single year on a part-time basis as an alternative way to university for people who have not had the opportunity to achieve the entry requirements necessary during their earlier education.

The Health Professionals Diploma supports students to progress onto various degrees, including but not limited to; nursing (adult, children or mental health), midwifery, social work, paramedic science, psychology, ODP and education.

The Science Diploma enables students to progress onto various degrees, including, but not limited to, midwifery, nursing, occupational therapy, veterinary science, dentistry, radiography, biochemistry, biology, forensic science, marine biology and biomedical science.

Depending on the Diploma chosen, the course contains several different units, including academic study skills, human biology, chemistry, psychology, sociology and health.

The workload on the Access to HE course is high, and it is essential learners are fully prepared for this intense way to study. During the course, you will be supported to apply for a higher education course at universities, through UCAS or directly with the course provider as is the case with Colleges offering degrees. This process

through CQMS, or directly with the course provider, as is the case with colleges offering degrees. This process will begin on the first day of your course.

Assessment

You will be assessed through a variety of methods, including essays, reports, practicals and presentations. There will also be the opportunity to undertake a research project.

Progression

On successful completion of the Access to Higher Education diploma (Science), students can progress to university to study degrees in Biology, Occupational Therapy, Diagnostic Radiography, Adult Nursing, Midwifery, Neuroscience, Dental Nursing, Dental Hygiene and Therapy, Paramedic Science, Computer Games and Design, Marine Biology, Wildlife Ecology and Conservation.

Additional Information

Students can fund an Access to Higher Education course through an Advanced Learner Loan. Individuals who have previously applied for a loan but have not completed the course should check their eligibility for additional financial support before enrolling on this course.