

# Access to Higher Education Diploma

## Summary

This course is for adults aged 19+ who wish to study for a degree. You complete the course in one year, either three mornings a week or two evenings, and a successful outcome allows progression to university. There is a choice of two pathways: 'Nursing and Healthcare Professions' or 'Humanities and Social Science'.

## What are the course aims?

The aim of this Access course is simple: to give you fast-track 'access' to a university place.

## What can it lead to?

Healthcare students go on to study for degrees in nursing, midwifery or a range of other healthcare courses. The Humanities/Social Science pathway can lead to degrees in teaching, social work and wide range of other subjects.

## What will I study on this course?

For both pathways, you study a range of subjects chosen to benefit you when studying for your degree:

### Nursing and Healthcare Professions:

- Human Science (cell biology, blood circulation, respiration, body control systems)
- Psychology (abnormal psychology, forensic psychology, stress management)
- Sociology (types of family, crime and deviance, theories of education)

### Humanities and Social Sciences:

- Psychology (abnormal psychology, forensic psychology, stress management)
- Sociology (the family, crime and deviance, education)
- English (range of texts, writing skills)

You will also study how to apply for your degree through assessment of your own skills, exploration of UCAS (the system used for degree applications) and how to study effectively.

## Are there opportunities for trips or fieldwork?

You will be informed of these when they arise.

## Are there any other costs?

Most students qualify for the '24+ loan' scheme that covers the course fees. This loan will be written off once you have completed your degree and used to pay for the stationery, books, that you will need for the course.

## How will I be assessed?

You will be assessed via a mixture of written assignments, presentations, exams and practical experiments - depending on which pathway you choose.

## What are the entry requirements?

Most universities require minimum GCSE grade C / 4 in maths and English; for some degrees GCSE science grade C+/4 is also required. Some universities allow entry to degree courses with Functional Skills Level 2 in Literacy and Numeracy. You will be asked to bring evidence of these qualifications to your interview. In certain circumstances, it may be possible to study for these qualifications whilst on your Access course: please ask at interview.

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