



FACULTY OF SIXTH FORM AND LIFELONG LEARNING

Access to Higher Education

Course overview

An Access to Higher Education course is designed for mature adults with considerable life experience who are returning to study after a substantial break from education. It is designed for adults who would like to study at university or undertake some other specialist training for a professional career but do not have the qualifications required to take that next step.

The Access Diploma programme is made up of core subjects in Study Skills, Information Technology, English and Maths; these will help you to develop the skills required to study at an advanced level. As well as the core subjects, you will have the opportunity to choose at least four modules to be studied at A Level standard, from a variety of subject areas.

Entry requirements

You must be a mature adult. A good standard of literacy and numeracy is essential and some prior qualifications such as GCSE or 'O' Levels are useful, but not essential.

Course length and mode of attendance

1 year if full time. Part time study will range from 1 to 2 years. Attendance at formal classes is required, along with directed study homework.

You can choose to study full time, part time, during the day or in the evening depending on your other commitments. Teaching in day time classes is from 9.00 am - 3.15 pm and evening classes usually start at 6.00 pm.

What will I study?

Core subjects:
Study Skills, IT, English and Maths.

Additional subjects:
Biology, Psychology, Sociology, Literature, History, Politics, Computing, Creative Writing, Higher Maths, Health Studies, Physics, Chemistry and Counselling.

(There are restrictions on subject combinations).

What qualification will I obtain?

An Access to Higher Education Certificate.

How will I be assessed?

A mixture of on-going coursework and tests.

Where will it lead?

University.

There are pathways within the course leading to:

- Health Science such as Nursing, Radiography, Occupational Therapy
- Teaching
- Science including Forensic Science
- Social Sciences and Humanities
- Counselling

The College has close links with the University of Derby, Staffordshire University and also Nottingham University to enable students to progress to Degree courses related to their chosen career route.

How do I apply?

Via an application form which is available from Student Services.

Cost of course

Full time - A maximum of £250 for tuition and £100 Awarding Body fee.*

Part time- £125 tuition per academic year and £100 Awarding Body fee.*

* Most people do NOT have to pay the full fee, so please ask about financial assistance at Student Services.

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For more details on this course please call Student Services

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