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When can I apply?

You can apply now for September 2021.

Who is the course for?

This course is aimed at students with an interest in careers in health and/or social care and related disciplines. The Access to HE Diploma will provide you with the equivalent of three A Levels and the skills needed to apply for a Higher Education qualification. This course prepares you for academic study for a degree in nursing, midwifery, paramedics or other related healthcare career pathways.

The broad-based but relevant course content is designed to increase your knowledge and skills enabling you to return to study as a confident and independent learner.

If you are looking to progress onto a particular university course, then do make sure that this access course meets their requirements.

What will the course cover and how is it assessed?

The assessments are mainly coursework based and provide opportunities to become accustomed to a mixture of assignments such as essays, presentations and reports.

The Access to HE Diplomas are made up of 60 credits over 9 different units all aimed at helping you achieve your potential in HE. You must successfully achieve 60 credits to be awarded a Diploma with a grade of Pass, Merit or Distinction.

What are the entry requirements?

- Be able to demonstrate your ability and capacity to write at an appropriate level for your programme (identified additional learning needs that may impact on written English skills will be taken into account).
- Applications are welcome from people with a variety of qualifications, skills and experience and are individually assessed.
- It is recommended (although not essential) that you have a GCSE grade C or above in Maths, English and Science.



How long does the course take?

This course will run over the duration of one academic year and starts in September 2021.

How much does the course cost?

The overall cost of this course is £3384.

If you are age 19-23 WITHOUT a level 3 qualification, the course will be free. If you are 24+, you can apply for a student loan.

Student Finance England will 'write off' any outstanding Advanced Learner Loan balances you owe for an Access to HE course once you complete a higher education course. This means you do not have to repay it.

Where can I progress to?

The qualification also enables progression to a whole range of Level 4 programmes including higher apprenticeships. Access students can apply for a place at a Higher Education Institution using the usual UCAS application process with the majority successfully gaining a place onto a variety of health related degrees such as:

- Nursing
- Midwifery
- Other health-related degrees

Perfect for those who want a change of career or who aspire to become a healthcare professional.

There are no formal entry requirements for this course but an ability to write at level 2 is required.