Access to HE Diploma in Health Science

The course is aimed at those wishing to enter a career in the health service or biological sciences sector and provides a level three qualification from which students can make an application to university. Our students typically go on to study a broad range of subjects at university, such as nursing (adult, child, mental health), midwifery, ODP (operating department practice), physiotherapy, radiography, occupational therapy, biomedical science, paramedic practice, childhood studies, sport and exercise science, health and community development, dental hygiene and technology and science education.

About the Course

This Level 3 course is aimed at adult learners who are looking to return to education to gain the qualifications they need to enter higher education.

The course is run over 2 or 3 days per week, and prepares students for university degrees in the health science professions. An access course in Health Science provides training in study skills and a foundation in general science with a biology focus, perfect for students wishing to enter careers in nursing, midwifery, paramedicine or other health care occupations.

Key Units

The units you will study will differ depending on which pathway you choose (Nursing, ODP, Midwifery & Paramedicine, Physiotherapy, Radiography & Biomedicine, Nutrition & Dietetics).

A range of Science based units will taught, including all core science subjects, i.e. Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

In addition, academic writing, research and communication skills will also be taught and developed throughout the course, in order to prepare students for university study. The study of Mathematics will also be included.

Entry Requirements

- GCSE grade C or above in English Language (or IELTS score of 6.5)
• Preferably GCSE grade C or Functional Maths at Level 2

For students who do not currently meet the requirements, the college offers a pre-access course which is a one year study programme designed to help students develop their skills and knowledge in preparation for study on an Access to HE Diploma.

Assessment

Coursework

Where does this Lead

Many students go on to study Health Care courses at university, including:

• Physiotherapy
• Nursing
• Midwifery
• Paramedicine
• Nutrition
• Operating Department Practise
• Radiography

Other students also go on to study general science courses at university, such as Biology, Chemistry or Radiotherapy.

Future Opportunities

Key progression routes are into areas of health and well-being at university, and then into professional careers in the care/health sector, as well as broader scientific study such as biomedicine and education.

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Extra Costs

Please note that applications for funding through the Advanced Learner Loan scheme will be open from Monday 8th July 2019.