ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION: HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

If you want to get back into education and have always aspired to a professional career working in the health or social care sector, this course is for you. This course could be the first step directly into work or towards a wide range of university courses.

Level 3 · Access to HE · Penwith College

TOP COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

RECOGNISED ENTRY QUALIFICATION | GAIN CONFIDENCE | SUPPORTED LEARNING | PREPARATION FOR UNIVERSITY | SMALL GROUP SIZES

WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE?

The Access to HE Diploma in Health & Social Care is a one-year course run over three days a week for adults who want to pursue a career in the Health & Social Care sector. You gain a qualification that is a recognised entry route into university and develop your study skills and confidence along the way. As an effective Health and Social Care professional you need be empathetic and understand the theoretical and practical issues involved in your chosen field. So, working with experienced tutors you will cover Psychology, Sociology and Biology topics with tutorial and study skills support in a friendly and highly supportive atmosphere.

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

The taught content includes: **Sociology** - You will complete graded units covering the sociology of the family, health and illness, and crime and deviance. **Psychology** - Following an ungraded unit on social psychology, you go onto complete a graded unit dealing with cognitive psychology, specifically the psychology of memory. **Biology** - This part of the course starts with an ungraded unit on cell structure and function, followed by graded units on biological systems, a practically based unit on diet and digestion, and a final unit covering genetic technology, reproduction and inheritance. (For students intending to pursue a career in social care, rather than health, the final graded unit for biology may be replaced with a unit on interpersonal skills with the agreement of the course lead). **Social Research Project** - This independent research project pulls together all of the skills you have learned in the rest of the course into a 3,000-word social research project on a topic of your choice (with lecturer approval). **Study Skills** - In a mixture of taught sessions and one-to-one support you will develop skills in IT, word processing, referencing, presentations and writing essays and reports.

WHERE WILL IT TAKE ME?

Careers: Supporting roles within the NHS or social care service. **Progression:** University courses in Nursing, Midwifery, Sociology, Counselling, Occupational Therapy, Nutrition, Psychology, and Youth & Community.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The majority of British Universities will accept Access to Higher Education Diplomas as an alternative to A Levels and other more traditional routes. In addition, they usually require GCSEs at grade C/4 or above in English and Maths (and Science for healthcare courses). Ideally, you will already have met these GCSE requirements when you start your Access course. However, we can support you to achieve these grades in one of Maths or English during your diploma. If you need to improve your grade in both Maths and English, we usually suggest that you achieve one of these before you start the diploma, in order to keep your workload manageable.

FOR THE LATEST COURSE INFORMATION
Scan for assessment arrangements, learner support, confirmed start dates and how to apply.

IMPORTANT

Course information can change. Please use the QR code below for the current assessment arrangements, entry requirements and start dates.

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