ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION: SCIENCE

The Access to HE Science Diploma is a Level 3 course for adults wishing to progress to higher education. Successful completion of this course will allow adults to progress to a wide range of science and health themed university courses.

Level 3 · Access to HE · STEM & Health Skills, Bodmin

TOP COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

EXPERIENCED TUTORS | SPECIALIST FACILITIES | EXCELLENT STUDENT SUPPORT | STEPPINGSTONE TO HIGHER EDUCATION

EXPERIENCED TUTORS

You will be taught by staff with extensive experience who will advance your knowledge and skills to meet the expectations of higher education.

SPECIALIST FACILITIES

You will get the opportunity to conduct practical work in specialist laboratories. Learning resource centres provide a quiet environment for studying, with access to physical and online resources and support from experienced members of staff.

EXCELLENT STUDENT SUPPORT

The learning support team can provide help with literacy, numeracy, time management and organisational skills and the student services team can provide personal support for your emotional and physical wellbeing.

WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE?

The Access to HE Science Diploma is designed for adult learners aged 19 years and over and is nationally recognised as an alternative educational pathway into higher education. The majority of British universities recognise this qualification as excellent preparation for university and accept the Access to HE Diploma as an alternative to A Levels and other more traditional routes.

Learners will develop an understanding of key concepts in biology and chemistry to underpin their future studies. A big emphasis is also placed on study skills and IT skills giving learners the tools to s\ucceed at college and in a higher education setting.

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

The Access to HE Diploma is comprised of 60 credits worth of study at level 3 and is composed of units worth 3 or 6 credits. **Graded units (45 credits)** Access to HE Diplomas include 45 credits of graded units. Biology and chemistry units make up the majority of the 45 graded credits on the Science Diploma, which more than satisfies the requirements of many science and health themed higher education courses. **Ungraded units (15 credits)** Access to HE Diplomas include 15 credits of ungraded units. Ungraded units like study skills help students gain vital skills for higher education. This includes notetaking, presentation skills, essay writing, referencing and support with writing a personal statement. **Information Technology** Whatever your level of confidence in IT, we will help you to develop your skills in word processing, presentation software and spreadsheets. Whilst this is not taught as a discrete subject, IT skills are embedded into the

Access course.

WHERE WILL IT TAKE ME?

Progression: Upon successful completion of this course students can progress to a wide range of science and health themed higher education courses such as a degree or HNC/HND. Examples include Animal Behaviour, Biomedical Science, Biological and Medical Sciences, Biochemistry, Chemistry, Conservation and Ecology, Dietetics, Dental Therapy and Hygiene, Dentistry, Geology, Mining Engineering, Forensic Science, Marine Biology, Nutrition, Optometry, Paramedic Science, Pharmacology, Pharmacy, Physiotherapy, Radiography, Zoology and Veterinary Medicine. **Careers:** This course is very much a steppingstone to higher education. Upon successful completion of this course many learners complete a higher education course that will allow them to enter a specific career e.g. biomedical scientist, dietitian, radiographer, paramedic or mining engineer. However, some learners can study broader degree programmes and choose a career path later down the line or remain in academia to study a masters and/or PHD.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

It is preferable to have GCSE English and Maths at a minimum of grade 4/C before you commence the Access to HE Diploma. However, please contact us to discuss your prior qualifications and planned progression route and we would be happy to advise based on your particular set of circumstances. For the Access to HE Diploma, level 2 functional skill (FS) may be accepted in lieu of GCSEs, but this will be dependent on the planned progression route of the applicant. Whilst some university courses accept level 2 FS in lieu of GCSEs, others may not. In addition, the university may stipulate they require a wider range of GCSEs and/or a higher grade profile. As such we advise applicants to carefully check the GCSE requirements for their planned progression route. Completion of **one** GCSE or FS course alongside the Access to HE Diploma will be considered on a case-by-case basis. However, it is not possible to complete both English **and** maths alongside. If your qualifications were gained overseas you need to confirm what your qualifications are equivalent to for the UK. The UK national agency for international qualifications and skills is the designated United Kingdom national agency for the recognition and comparison of international qualifications and skills. It performs this official function on behalf of the UK Government: https://www.enic.org.uk/ NB: Applicants are expected to undergo an interview

IMPORTANT

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

FOR THE LATEST COURSE INFORMATION

Scan for assessment arrangements, learner support, confirmed start dates and how to apply.