



Truro & Penwith College

Access to Higher Education

Your stepping stone to university
and a new career



Courses tailored to get you back into studying

Art & Design | Computing | Creative Arts | Creative Media & Games | Creative Media & Photography
Health & Social Care | Humanities | Humanities, Teaching & Law | Medical Careers | Nursing & Human Sciences
Psychology & Social Work | Science

Access to Higher Education



Truro and Penwith College has developed a comprehensive Access to Higher Education programme to meet the needs of mature students. The majority of students who have followed Access programmes at the College have been successful in gaining places at colleges and universities of their choice.

Duration

Courses normally start in mid-September and end in mid-June. Taught hours vary between 11 - 15 hours per week depending on the pathway chosen. Courses usually run over three days and offer parent-friendly hours (i.e. 9.15am to 3.15pm).



The Credit System

The course is credit based. Students need to collect 15 credits at Level 2 and 45 credits at Level 3. Most credits are gained by continuous assessment or assignments.

Progression Routes

The Access to Higher Education programme is designed to give students the necessary grounding to progress on to higher education courses. The majority of British universities will accept Access to Higher Education courses as an alternative to A Levels and other more traditional routes. In previous years students have gained places to train as nurses, teachers, occupational therapists and in other caring professions. Others have chosen to follow degrees in a diverse range of subjects, including Anthropology, Forensic Science, English, Zoology and Journalism.

All students will study the core subjects:

Preparation for Higher Education

Access courses provide excellent study skills to prepare you for Higher Education. This will help you to develop your written skills, which is particularly important if you haven't studied for a number of years. The units contained within Preparation for HE are designed to give students the full confidence that they will need for higher education. Skills developed include: Essay writing; referencing; presenting information to peers; how to apply to university; time management; etc.



Information Technology

We have a large network of computers with internet access and a large range of software. Although the levels of experience varies from student to student, we are dedicated to helping you develop your skills, whatever your level.

Study Skills

All students attending Access to HE courses will learn appropriate study skills for university level study. These range from applying successfully to university via the UCAS system to learning how to write academic and creative assignments that conform to the conventions required at university level study.



‘Completing the Access to Humanities course has enabled me to **gain the skills, confidence and qualifications** to continue onto higher education and achieve my long term goals.

The course offered at Truro and Penwith College is designed towards a wide spectrum of individuals from various backgrounds, which gives it depth and vitality and the **teaching and support you receive from staff ensures that you will succeed.**

If anyone is considering returning to education **this is certainly the path I would recommend**, as it is an experience that I know has given me **the launchpad for my future career.**’

Mary Cooper Access to HE: Humanities, Teaching & Law



Access to HE courses at Truro College



Art & Design

Learners on the Access to Art and Design course will learn to experiment and explore visual language through workshops in order to produce independent and original outcomes. The course will include two and three dimensional activities across drawing, painting, photography, sculpture and printmaking.

Computing

Students will study Software Development, Web Design, Networking, Computer Systems and Maths. This is a course intended to ensure that students gain sufficient experience in order to secure progression to university.

Creative Media & Photography

Creative Media and Photography students will study photography and moving image production alongside other relevant disciplines such as graphic design. The course aims to develop students' portfolios to enable them to progress to higher education and to go on to seek employment the industry.

Humanities, Teaching & Law

Students will study subject units in History, Psychology, Sociology and Law/Human Rights. An integrated teaching process allows students to develop the confidence and skills to achieve across a range of Humanities and Social Science subjects at undergraduate level. Successful students have progressed to a wide variety of humanities based degrees including Management, Psychology, Teaching, History and Law.

Medical Careers

Students will study Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Epidemiology and Maths. This will give students the knowledge and skills necessary to progress to a medicine and health related degree such as Medical Sciences, Medicine, Dentistry or Allied Health Professions. In addition, students could potentially progress to foundation pathways in Physics and Engineering.

Nursing & Human Sciences

Students will study Human Biology, Psychology and Sociology, together with the core subjects. This course is not only for those interested in a career in nursing but can also lead to a wide range of Higher Education courses in health related fields including Midwifery, Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy. Students have also progressed to degrees in Psychology and Sociology.

Psychology & Social Work

Students will study Psychology, Sociology and Social Work. This is an academic course intended to give students the skills necessary to progress to appropriate courses in higher education. The qualification could be suitable for those wishing to become social workers, or to pursue related studies in higher education such as Criminal Psychology, Psychology, Sociology and Social Science.

Science

Students will study Biology, Chemistry, Maths and will plan, implement and write up a practical project. This will give students the knowledge and skills necessary to progress to a science or health related degree. Successful students have progressed to a variety of degrees including Biomedical Science, Biochemistry, Chemistry, Conservation and Ecology, Dietetics, Dental Therapy and Hygiene, Nutrition, Optometry, Paramedic Science, Physiotherapy, Radiography and Zoology.

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Creative Arts

This course is designed to develop your creative potential and prepare you for progression to a higher level of study at university or art college. It is aimed at adult learners who would like the opportunity to retrain in art and design. The course will enable you to gain a broad understanding of subjects within the art and design framework. These will include drawing, painting, printmaking, photography, textiles and will equip you with the opportunity to identify the area of specialism most tailored to your aspirations and ability.

There will also be a structured programme of contextual studies, which explore art movements and cultural issues associated with your study of art and design practice.

Creative Media & Games

The Access to Creative Media & Games course has been designed to allow progression into a plethora of job roles in games development, film production, graphic design, concept art, storyboarding and photography. The course has been designed for students to explore the different technical skills used in a variety of job roles, which will allow them to choose a more specialist degree. They will be able to expand their knowledge and practice in their chosen area during the final project module.

Humanities

The units contained within Preparation for HE are designed to give students the full confidence that they will need for higher education. Skills developed include: Essay writing; referencing; presenting information to peers; how to apply to University; time management; etc. Successful students have progressed to a wide variety of degrees including Teaching, Business Studies, English, Geography, History, Psychology, Sociology, Social Work, Building Surveying, Law, etc.

Health & Social Care

This course provides you with a qualification that leads you into your chosen career in the health and social care sector. This sector is diverse and holds multiple career pathways for your future. This course is ideal for those wishing to progress to university studying toward careers in adult nursing, children's nursing, social work, counselling, care management, midwifery, primary teaching, occupational therapy, social science, youth and community work and more.

Health and social care professionals need to have an empathy for people and a good understanding of the theoretical and practical issues involved in their profession in order to do the job efficiently. These qualities will allow them to cope effectively with the demands that working in this sector in the 21st century entails. The Access course is the stepping-stone to careers that are challenging yet rewarding and always in demand.



How to apply

You will need to fill in an application form (available on the College website) and then be invited to the College for an interview where you will have the opportunity to discuss the various courses. Qualifications are not necessary to join the course, but some universities do have specific GCSE requirements which can be discussed at interview.

You will need motivation, determination and a desire to apply for a university course and will have our support in doing so. We welcome mature students from a range of different backgrounds.

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