



New College
Swindon

ACCESS TO **HIGHER** EDUCATION

LOOKING TO GO TO
UNIVERSITY BUT
DON'T HAVE THE
QUALIFICATIONS?

**AN ACCESS TO
THE DIPLOMA
COULD HELP YOU
TO ACHIEVE
YOUR GOALS.**



CONTENTS

- 01** INTRODUCTION

- 01** WHAT IS AN ACCESS COURSE?

- 02** ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- 03** MATHS AND ENGLISH

- 04** APPLYING FOR UNIVERSITY

- 04** STUDYING BY DISTANCE LEARNING

- 05** SUPPORT

- 05** FEES AND FUNDING

- 06** COURSES
 - 08** NURSING

- 09** MIDWIFERY

- 10** HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

- 11** SCIENCE MEDICINE AND HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONS

- 12** RADIOGRAPHY

- 13** HEALTHCARE

- 14** HOW TO APPLY



INTRODUCTION

If you aspire to go to university but do not have the qualifications required, an Access to HE Diploma could help you to achieve your goals.

Our courses are studied part-time, either by distance learning or by joining our classroom based course and can be completed within one year. Delivered with busy lifestyles in mind, our distance learning option gives those who have work and family commitments the opportunity to study and take the first step towards their career goals.

WHAT IS AN ACCESS COURSE?

The Access to Higher Education (HE) Diploma prepares you for study at degree level. Designed to give you relevant academic subject knowledge, it also provides an opportunity to learn how to approach study at university-level and develop techniques to help you succeed. Individuals of all ages and backgrounds can complete an Access to HE Diploma.

Access to HE Diplomas consist of 60 credits, 45 of these are at Level 3 and graded. The remaining 15 credits are not graded and may be at level 2 or level 3. You must successfully achieve 60 credits to be awarded a Diploma.

Our Access to HE courses are recognised by the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA) and have been approved through QAA's Recognition Scheme. Successfully completing all course requirements, the Access to HE Diploma will be awarded.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

DISTANCE LEARNING

You must be 19 years old and you must have at least a GCSE grade C/4 or Functional Skills Level 2 in English. A qualification in maths is desirable (essential if studying Access to HE Science) however, for those who do not hold a GCSE/ Functional Skill in maths, you will be required to complete a qualification alongside your Diploma.

Delivered 100% on-line, you must have access to IT (PC or laptop) and WIFI.

CLASSROOM

You must be 19 years or over. You should have had a break from formal education for at least a year prior to starting this course. GCSE grade 4/C or above in English and maths are required.



MATHS AND ENGLISH

When investigating universities, it is essential to discuss their requirements for maths and English. Each university differs and whilst some universities are happy to accept a Functional Skill, others require GCSEs only.

FUNCTIONAL SKILLS MATHS AND ENGLISH

Functional Skills are essential to operate confidently and independently at work and in your personal life.

Most Colleges offer free Functional Skills qualifications delivered as taught courses with set start and end dates. If you need more flexibility, the qualifications can be completed on-line as distance learning qualifications, free, here at New College. The exams are taken on-line and at home. You must have access to a PC/laptop, a web cam and Wi-Fi.

Each Functional Skills qualification takes approximately 12 weeks to complete.

GCSE MATHS AND ENGLISH

GCSE maths and English are important qualifications and are highly valued by employers. They may also be required by many universities for Higher Education courses. New College believes it is important for any student who does not have GCSE maths or English at grade 4 or grade C to study on a course with the aim of improving their mathematical and English skills.

GCSEs are completed in one year, usually starting in September, with set exam dates in June and if required, the option to re-sit in November. Most Colleges provide free GCSEs, providing certain eligibility criteria is met.

APPLYING FOR UNIVERSITY

If you would like to apply for University through New College, we can help and we provide written guidelines to assist you. We can help with your UCAS application and personal statements as well as providing a reference. If you would like to apply independently, we can also provide a reference.

STUDYING BY DISTANCE LEARNING

Distance Learning courses can be started anytime. As life is unpredictable, and circumstances change, studying at a distance provides a convenient option for many individuals.

Our courses are 100% on-line meaning when you enrol, we provide you with a log in to your own learning platform and this contains the course materials needed to complete your qualification. You do not have to purchase additional text books. You can study at a time and place that suits and you do not have to come into College.

We will provide you with an Individual Learning Plan outlining submission deadlines for assignments and this helps you to keep on track with your studies. You have one year to complete an Access to Higher Education Diploma, but on average, students take around eight to 12 months.

You can start your distance learning course straight away, (once funding or fees have been received), or at another time that is convenient for you. Because there are no classes to attend, if you have family or work commitments you can still fulfil your career ambitions by fitting your studies around your schedule.

Distance Learning isn't for everyone. If we feel that this mode of study may not be quite right for you, we will help you to find the one that is.





SUPPORT

Distance Learning – we will provide you with a tutor who will support you and they can be contacted through your on-line learning platform. You can also contact a member of the team in the office who are always available to help.

You may wish to join our Facebook Group 'Access to HE at New College Swindon' where you can meet other learners, seek support and discuss all things course related.

Classroom Learning – you will join other learners in the classroom with support from a team of tutors. You can also access our Additional Learning Support Team, should you need help with your learning.

FEES AND FUNDING

If you are over 19, you could study your Access course for free. Advanced Learner Loans are provided by the Government and are designed to cover some or all of the fees. The loan is re-paid back once you have completed your course and only when you are earning over £27,295 per year; if you go on to complete your degree, the loan will be written off.

Once you have been accepted onto your course, you can apply for the loan on-line. More information can be found at www.gov.uk/student-finance

If you are aged between 19 and 23 and do not have a full level 3, (two A Levels, Level 3 Diploma) your course will be free and funded by the Government.



COURSES

NURSING

MIDWIFERY

HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

SCIENCE

— MEDICINE AND HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONS

RADIOGRAPHY

HEALTHCARE





NURSING

(DISTANCE LEARNING)

DURATION: Eight to 12 months

AWARDING BODY: Open College Network West Midlands

WHEN: Start anytime

PRICE: £3,380

OVERVIEW

Nursing is a fast-paced and challenging profession that combines communication skills with medical care. Are you looking for a rewarding new role, but don't have the qualifications needed to take your training to the next level? The Access to Higher Education Diploma (Nursing) offers a flexible alternative to students who missed out on the traditional route to university.

This Access to Higher Education Diploma (Nursing) will increase your understanding of biological science, psychology and sociology. Consider the varied responsibilities of a nurse and find out where a career change could take you.

At the start of the qualification, you will complete four units designed to prepare you for university including producing your personal statement and academic writing. The qualification includes 21 units such as Roles and Responsibilities of the Registered Nurse, Social Factors in Health and Social Care, Classification and Use of Social Drugs and Medicines, Human Immunity, Health Promotion, Understanding Dementia.

MIDWIFERY

(DISTANCE LEARNING)

DURATION: Eight to 12 months

AWARDING BODY: Open College Network West Midlands

WHEN: Start anytime

PRICE: £3,380

OVERVIEW

Every day midwives perform the extraordinary job of bringing new life into the world. They regularly develop meaningful relationships with expectant mothers and fathers and provide comfort and reassurance to people when they need it most. If this sounds like something you could do then this diploma could be the perfect option for you.

If you dream of becoming a midwife, the Access to HE Diploma (Midwifery) will equip you with all the knowledge you need to apply for a course at degree level. Whilst preparing you for the challenges of academia, this Access to Higher Education Diploma (Midwifery) will also help to build a foundation of knowledge in everything from Roles and Responsibilities of the Midwife, Mental Health and Illness, Cell Division and Heredity, Cell Biology, Human Muscular and Skeletal System.

At the start of the qualification, you'll complete four units designed to prepare you for university including producing your personal statement and academic writing skills.





HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

(DISTANCE LEARNING)

DURATION: Eight to 12 months

AWARDING BODY: Open College Network West Midlands

WHEN: Start anytime

PRICE: £3,380

OVERVIEW

For those wishing to progress to a health related role and ideal for those who may not have decided on their chosen career destination. Completing this qualification allows progression to degrees in Nursing, Midwifery, Exercise Science and Rehabilitation, Nutrition, Occupational Therapy, Diploma/Operating Department Practitioner, Physiotherapy, Radiography, Psychology and Speech and Language Therapy.

At the start of the qualification, you will complete four units designed to prepare you for applying to university including producing your personal statement as well as academic writing skills. The qualification includes 21 units such as Roles and Responsibilities of Health Care Professional, the Human Endocrine System, Understanding Poverty, Human Reproduction, History of the NHS.

SCIENCE – MEDICINE AND HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONS

(DISTANCE LEARNING)

DURATION: Eight to 12 months

AWARDING BODY: Open College Network West Midlands

WHEN: Start anytime

PRICE: £3,380

OVERVIEW

If you didn't choose science-based A-levels, or didn't take A-levels at all, you may be under the impression that a career in healthcare or allied health is simply out of the question. However, thanks to the Access to HE Diploma (Science), this is no longer the case.

The course – and the degree you'll be eligible to study after – will provide you with a diverse range of knowledge and skills that will be invaluable wherever your career takes you.

The programme includes 21 units and at the start of the qualification, you will complete four units designed to prepare you for applying to university including producing your personal statement. You will then complete units to prepare you for academic writing skills. The remaining qualification includes units such as Atomic Structure, Periodic Table, Medical Physics Chemical Change, Radioactivity, Physics.





RADIOGRAPHY

(DISTANCE LEARNING)

DURATION: Eight to 12 months

AWARDING BODY: Open College Network West Midlands

WHEN: Start anytime

PRICE: £3,380

OVERVIEW

The Access to Higher Education Diploma (Radiography) incorporates a blend of science and medicine, to prepare you for a career working within a diagnostic role in healthcare. You will study specific elements of physics, chemistry and biology, to give you the understanding you need to start your career in radiography.

Part of the course includes the core scientific and medical principles that will allow you to work safely and responsibly with radiation and hazardous materials, how to operate radiological equipment and how to analyse scans.

At the start of the qualification, you will complete four units designed to prepare you for university including producing your personal statement and units to prepare you for academic writing. The remaining qualification includes units such as Electromagnetic Spectrum, Statistical Research, Human Muscular Skeletal System, Chemical Bonding and Structure and Optics and Sound.

HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONS

(CLASSROOM ONLY)

DURATION: One year fulltime

AWARDING BODY: Laser

WHEN: Daytime, starting in September

PRICE: £3,380

OVERVIEW

Ideal for those who wish to progress to nursing, paediatric nursing, mental health nursing, midwifery, audiology, paramedic science, speech and language therapy, ODP and social work. The course covers a range of sciences covering Biology, Sociology, Psychology and Professional Studies and units including Forensic Psychology, Cells, Tissues and Organs for Healthcare, an Introduction to Sociology, Understanding Mental Health.



HOW TO APPLY

To apply for an Access Course, head on over to our website, select the qualification you'd like to complete and hit the Apply Now button. Once we receive your application, if you have chosen a distance learning course, a member of the team will be in touch to arrange a short telephone interview. For those selecting the classroom course, you will be invited to attend an interview here at New College.

CONTACT DETAILS

DISTANCE LEARNING

info@fastforward.newcollege.ac.uk
(01793) 209691

CLASSROOM

teresa.johnson@newcollege.ac.uk
enrolment@newcollege.ac.uk



New College is committed to Equality, Diversity, Inclusion and Excellence.

