

Access to Higher Education – Allied Health Professions

Subject Area	Health & Social Care
Course Type	Access to Higher Education
Study Level	Level 3
Delivery Mode	Full-time
Location	David Hockney Building
Duration	1 Year
Start Date	September 2025
Course Code	

Course Summary

The Level 3 Access to Higher Education Diploma in Allied Health Professions provides a broad-based experience for students over the age of 19 who wish to enter a range of Higher Education courses in the Health Professions subjects. From this pathway, you may progress onto a degree in Operating Department Practice, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Paramedic Science, Radiography or other health-related degrees. If you are interested in Nursing and Midwifery, please take a look at Access to Higher Education Diploma in Nursing and Midwifery.

What You Will Learn

You will develop skills in:

- Independent Research
- Referencing (Harvard)
- Critical Thinking and Evaluative Skills
- Word Processing (including the use of footnotes)
- Time Management
- ILT (Information and Learning Technology – including the use of Virtual Learning Environments and the library online)

- Solving or Offering Solutions to problems

Modules

You will also undertake modules specifically to support your vocational area of study and research projects:

- Introduction to Cell Biology
- Homeostasis, Co-ordination and Control of the Excretory System
- Carrying out a Practical Investigation (Biology)
- Biomolecules and Key Biochemical Principles
- Cardiovascular, Respiratory and Gastro-intestinal Systems
- Anatomy and Physiology of the Human Skeleton and Muscles
- Introduction to Professional Healthcare Service and Practice
- Principles of Safeguarding in Health and Social Care
- Research Project (Professional Healthcare Practice)
- Social and Community Welfare Provision
- Preparing to Progress
- ICT – Presentation Software
- Developing Skills for Studying
- Effective Communication in Health and Social Care

All the Units within the Access courses are compulsory. Credits are awarded to you when you have successfully completed a Unit. All courses contain Units of Academic Preparation Skills.

Entry Requirements

Entry to this course requires GCSE English Language, Maths and Science at a grade 4 or C. Dependent upon your progression route, level 2 qualifications may be accepted. You are at least 19 years old on 1st September.

You must make sure your Maths and English qualifications are accepted for the degree course you want to progress onto after completing the Access Diploma.

Induction for this course will begin at the start of September.

Assessment

You will have both formative and summative assessments for each unit. Formative assessments will be continuous and check your learning and understanding. These will include quizzes, online practice assessments and self-marked, reflective work. Summative assessments will be assessed through a range of assessment methods such as reports, essays and presentations.

Progression

Successful completion of this course can lead to university study, this qualification is well established and widely accepted by universities. You may choose to progress into careers in the health industry.