

Access to Higher Education Diploma

Date: 13/09/2021 - 10/06/2022

Day: 4 mornings per week (mornings tbc)

+ 1 afternoon 1.15-3pm

Time: 9.30am-12.30pm

➤Nursing & Midwifery; Health & Social Care; Paramedic Science:
Sociology; Psychology; Social Issues in Healthcare; Human Physiology
➤Social Science:
Sociology; Psychology; Social Issues in Healthcare; Exploring History
➤Primary Teaching:
Sociology; Psychology; Exploring History; Human Physiology

Course Information:

This aim of this course is to prepare students who would like to study at university but have not yet acquired the necessary qualifications. If you would like to study and progress to a degree in Nursing or Midwifery; Health & Social Care Professions; Paramedic Science; Social Work; Teaching; Humanities or Social Science then this is the right path for you.

- Are you ready to change your life and career prospects and can commit to the requirements & rigour of academic study?
- Have you always wanted to go to university but lacked the skills, knowledge, qualifications or confidence? This course will prepare you for the challenges of studying at university.
- You will meet and study with others who share your aim and desire to fulfil their potential and progress to university.

How will I be assessed?

Assessment is through a variety of coursework methods with one formal 2 hour exam at the end of the year. Assessment methods include: in class tests, creating academic posters, completing academic research & writing essays and reports. Access to Higher Education Diplomas generate 60 credits at Level 3 which is acceptable in 99% of Higher Education institutions (HEIs).

How will I be taught?

Teaching is relaxed and informal within a classroom setting. The lessons are teacher led with a focus on curriculum content, developing academic research skills, academic writing skills & assignment preparation all of which is excellent preparation for success at university. Lessons take place 4 mornings per week between 9.30am – 12.30 pm. As most of our students are returning to study after a break we provide extensive support in how to make the most of your studying. A 2 hour tutorial/study skills session is offered once a week.

Entry Criteria:

- ✓ GCSE in English and maths at grade C/4 is required by most universities so we advise you gain these before undertaking Access to HE.
- ✓ In some instances, Functional Skills Level 2 in English and maths is acceptable.
- ✓ Please submit a 500 word personal statement explaining why you are applying for the Diploma

How much home study will I have to do?

You will be required to read articles/journals/newspapers and be aware of current affairs. You have to submit assessed work every 10 weeks, so time management is crucial to your success. We will support you with your university application but this process requires additional time on top of your academic studies.

How much does the course cost?

Advanced Learner Loan

Those aged 24+ can apply for an Advanced Learner Loan to pay the tuition fee. For more information please visit www.gov.uk/advanced-learner-loan. Access to HE students who complete their diploma and their degree will have the loan written off. Repayments start when earning over £25,725 Under 24 - The Education Skills Funding Agency guidelines state that depending on your prior level of qualification, you may be entitled to funding for this course. Fee payment will be discussed fully at the enrolment interview. **Please note that your place is not confirmed until all fees have been paid/loan is in place.**

Additional costs

£170 registration fee is payable. You are provided with a student ID badge and £11 print credit to use whilst at college. You do not require textbooks, we will issue course handbooks sufficient to support your studies. You will be guided to source additional academic reference material throughout the course.

Parking

Parking during the college day is limited, there is plenty of free parking in the surrounding roads if you are unable to park on-site. For evening courses we recommend you use our White's Rd entrance SO19 7NS and enter via the sports centre reception after your first day. On your first day please come to the main college reception we will be here to greet you and show you where to go.

Expectations

We expect you to aim for 100% attendance and attendance is recorded for every timetabled session. Students are automatically withdrawn if they have not attended for 4 consecutive weeks. If a student's attendance falls below 80% their place on the course and their exam entry will be at risk. We place considerable emphasis on excellent attendance and punctuality and ask you to respect and adhere to these values to ensure academic success. Any health concerns will be treated sympathetically and if necessary we will consider implementing the college's Fitness to Study Policy.

Please apply via our website www.itchen.ac.uk

If you have any questions or require further information please contact the Adult Education team on 02380 446156 or email acet@itchen.ac.uk