

ACCESS TO HE CATALOGUE



WHAT IS ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION?

The Access to Higher Education (HE) Diploma is designed to enable adult students without standard qualifications to progress to higher education. It is intended to reintroduce students to education, whilst recognising prior skills and experience and offers students a supportive and encouraging return to learning, at a level appropriate for entry to HE.

Regulated by the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA), the Access to HE Diploma is a credit-based, graded qualification widely recognised by UK universities and colleges, as an accepted route to entry to Higher Education.

ABOUT GATEWAY QUALIFICATIONS

Gateway Qualifications is both an Access Validating Agency (AVA) and an Awarding Organisation offering Access to HE Diplomas, Apprenticeships, ESOL, English and Maths, and Vocational Qualifications, alongside CPD qualifications for your staff. Our qualifications are designed in collaboration with providers and employers to help your centre and your students achieve.

As an AVA, we work closely with our Access to HE providers to fully support their curriculum and delivery requirements, with a focus on students and achieving their full potential.

We recognise that education providers are busy places, so we pride ourselves on our first-class customer service and providing solutions to the challenges that they face. We're here to assist you every step of the way!

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SUPPORTING YOUR DELIVERY

By putting us at the heart of your delivery, we will provide you with expertise throughout the year:



Responsive Access to HE team

With a dedicated email address, a personal Quality department extension number and Access to HE staff, you have the backing of a whole team who are here to help you successfully run your diplomas.

Blended Learning Approach

Here are five no-nonsense reasons why using blended learning can enhance your delivery of Access to HE:

1. It frees up time to concentrate on those key face-to-face sessions to improve achievement rates
2. You can reach more students as you are not restrained by classroom space or specific hours of the day
3. Support and guidance is available to ensure staff make the most of the online environment
4. Course materials are available to students whenever they need them
5. You are free from deadline-chasing as reminders are sent out automatically.

Flexibility

To meet the needs of you and your students, we work flexibly with you. We don't prescribe fixed learning approaches as we believe our role is to help you provide learning experiences that empower students, in a way they want to learn. Flexibility doesn't mean you will be left to your own devices; you will have a named account manager who can help you explore how to put together your delivery package.

Co-teaching across Diplomas

Many of our units are shared across diplomas making them easy to co-teach. This means students from different diplomas can be grouped together and taught in the same classroom, enabling for economies of delivery.

Support and Guidance

Our website is full of advice, step-by-step guidance and templates that you are free to use. We also run webinars that you can attend or watch on-demand, whether you are delivering our diplomas or not.

Mental Wellbeing Unit

During a deep and wide-ranging investigation, we found that one of the main factors affecting retention and achievement rates was the health and mental wellbeing of students. A typical Access to HE student will be returning to education, possibly after a number of years from leaving school and may now be juggling employment and a family with their studies – it's no surprise that this combination can lead to them leaving their course. To help students recognise the early signs and the strategies they can use to help reduce the impact on their studies, we worked with a leading mental health charity to create a new, ungraded unit: Promoting Wellbeing and Building Resilience. This ungraded unit is available for all our recognised providers and can be delivered as part of any of our Access to HE Diplomas.

Accommodating Assessment Methods

To increase flexibility to create an assessment strategy that will enable students to demonstrate the skills, knowledge and understanding necessary for the rigours of higher education, our assessment methods are recommended rather than explicit. You have the option to choose an alternative assessment method for units within a diploma using our equivalence tables that meets the needs of your students. The tables have been designed for 3 and 6 credit units and enable providers to choose comparative approaches whilst maintaining rigour of assessment.

Ready-to-use Assignment Briefs

Over 100 of our units have assignment briefs freely available for approved centres. These can be used as they are written or can be adapted and modified to meet the local needs of your students. Assignment briefs are continually being added to our database and due to the flexibility of our diplomas many of the units and briefs can be used in multiple Access to HE Diplomas, providing efficiencies and saving time. You are free to use your own assignment briefs, as long as they have been internally verified and meet the needs of the unit and learning outcomes.

Free on-site Training

Free on-site training is available to all our new and existing providers and can be organised at a time and date that is convenient to you. These informative and valuable seminars offer an insight into delivering Access to HE Diplomas for new staff or those requiring a refresher, or can be designed bespoke to you to meet the individual challenges that you are facing. These include grading, marking, feedback, standardisation events and the rules around submission and referral.

Pre-Access

The Gateway Qualifications Preparing for Further Study suite has been developed in response to providers' requests for structured, graded, sector or subject-specific qualifications which support students who do not yet meet the entry requirements for their Access to Higher Education courses at Level 3 and are seen as a stepping stone to studying a full Access to HE Diploma.

If you would like to discuss anything further or start delivering our diplomas, simply give our **Customer Excellence team** a call on **01206 911 211** to begin the process, or search 'Become a Recognised Centre' on our website and complete the form.

Already a recognised centre? You can gain approval for additional qualifications at no additional cost. Call your Business Development contact or complete the 'Requesting Additional Qualification' form on our website.

CASE STUDIES

South Essex College

Student becomes the teacher

Members of teaching staff at South Essex College previously studied a Gateway Qualifications Access to HE Diploma before moving onto higher education, and then teaching Access to HE at the college to next generation of learners.

Jack

Jack Bryant obtained good GCSE grades and classed himself as quite academic, but once he left school Jack was in a different mindset and his focus was on being a teenager. After years of travelling, Jack's outlook changed, and he realised he wanted to pursue a career. Jack enrolled onto Gateway Qualifications Access to HE Diploma (Teaching) at South Essex College.

“ I knew there would be a lot of work involved when I started education again, but from day one I had good vibes. This course was the steppingstone I needed, and it fully prepared me for the path I knew I wanted to take. ”

After successfully completing his course and achieving a degree, Jack applied for a position at South Essex College and is now teaching Maths.

“ Access to HE has been the highlight for me because it really got me into the swing of things. Being a teacher now, I know when I have a student who is studying a Gateway Qualifications Access to HE Diploma – they're keen, they're always ready to learn more; the course really prepares them for hard work, and it encourages me to push them further and they welcome that challenge! The skills they learn from the diploma really transcends into the next stage of their academic life – I don't see that same drive and preparation from other learners. ”

Karen

After having her daughter at a young age, Karen Clark studied Gateway Qualifications Access to HE Diploma (Teaching) at South Essex College before progressing onto a degree in Psychology. Like Jack, Access to HE peaked Karen's interest as she now volunteer-teaches Gateway Qualifications Access to HE Diplomas at South Essex College.

“ I really want to teach Access and Access only because I really value what the Gateway Qualifications' course has done for me – it honestly built my confidence; I was a mouse before. The number of hours, amount of effort and detail that has gone into the qualification itself really adds to the credibility of Access to HE Diplomas. ”

One of the main pros about her diploma was the range of assessment types that she could be assessed on.

“ I like the variety – exams are too much pressure; you can turn up and have a mind block and are unable to prove what you are able to do. A portfolio of evidence means I can provide quality work that shows what I have learned. ”

Karen then progressed onto university and took a degree in Psychology due to the psychology units she studied in her Access to HE Diploma.

“ The range of units from Gateway Qualifications meant I started with one pathway in mind, and then it opened up so many doors and showed me another route – but you still succeed and end up where you wanted to go [to higher education]. ”

Working with Gateway Qualifications

“ Access to HE was all new to me and I was so nervous. But no matter who I come into contact with at Gateway Qualifications, I feel supported – no question is too silly. ”

“We have so much welcome contact with Gateway Qualifications that it's not scary for us when you come in – we already know you face to face. We don't feel intimidated to ask for help or further training – you never say, “you should know this.” – you wouldn't get that support from other AVAs.

“Your moderators are really clear on what they want – it's not a scary process. We actually look forward to it: here's the hard work the students have done, here's the hard work our staff have done - it's our time to show off. We welcome you in and are really grateful.

“For anything that we want to find out for ourselves, we can go on the website and see the Centre Handbook which literally talks you through everything you need to know! The website is really straightforward and clear too – everything is downloadable and useable. ”

We have no plans to change AVA.

Abigail Clarke, Access to HE Quality Manager, South Essex College

Keith Fletcher Awards 2017-18

Gateway Qualifications nominee named runner-up in Outstanding Academic Achievement category

Each year, we support the national Keith Fletcher Memorial Prize by working with providers to nominate students for the Awards.

Our nominee Michael Allport was named runner-up in the Outstanding Academic Achievement category at the national awards out of over 37,000 students studying for an Access to HE Diploma in 2017-18.

Michael left school with few GCSEs but had a strong desire to study BSc Computer Science at the University of Essex. Having a clear goal in mind led Michael onto the Gateway Qualifications Access to HE Diploma (Science with Mathematics) at Colchester Institute, where he truly excelled, achieving Distinctions in every unit he studied.

“ If there were ever an experience I could aptly define as life-changing, my time on Access would be it. Core studies and my specialist subjects have taught me fundamental skills which have not only enabled me to progress onto university but have already been highly beneficial in professional work. The course content was rich with deeply engaging materials and taught by amazing teachers who were interested and able to explain complex subject matters. All subject materials were very well organised and easily accessible online.

Michael Allport

Michael attended the awarding ceremony at the Houses of Parliament with his tutor Richard Farrar and Gateway Qualifications' Access to HE Quality Manager, Sarah Doe [pictured below].



ACCESS TO HE DIPLOMA VS. FOUNDATION DEGREES

There are many routes that students can take to enter higher education and study an undergraduate programme. Many students take the traditional route of A-levels, whilst others opt for Access to HE Diplomas and more recently foundation years that are attached to degree courses.

Below highlights the main differences between Access to HE Diplomas and foundation years offered by universities.

- For Access to HE Diplomas, fees are lower and support via an advanced learner loan can be applied to cover the tuition fees. Once a student completes a higher education course, following successful completion of an Access to HE Diploma, the loan for the diploma will be written off. In contrast, the foundation year still invites fees of up to £9,250, just as a degree course would, therefore students could face additional debt to cover the duration of the four-year university course.
- Access to HE Diplomas provide a stand-alone qualification equivalent to three A-Levels and accrue UCAS points, which enable students to apply for a variety of courses at different higher education providers and not just in the main subject area of the Access to HE Diploma. The foundation year differs, in that it is an additional year of study at the beginning of a degree at a specific higher education institute, with the student expected to move onto the full degree upon completion at the same university.
- In many cases, although not all, foundation year courses tend to require students to have A-level or equivalent qualifications - the expectation is that they do not have the necessary level of qualification to allow entry to the full degree programme and so a foundation year is offered as an alternative. In contrast Access to HE Diploma entry requirements often only require GCSE-level qualifications (in English or Maths or both). Recognition of prior learning also contributes to a learner's achievements on an Access to HE Diploma.
- Access to HE Diplomas are predominantly taught in further education colleges, private training providers and community adult education. Foundation years are on the whole delivered in higher education institutions, which may mean that students following a particular foundation year, may have to travel further, whereas Access to HE Diplomas are designed to meet local needs.

Ultimately students must decide which progression route suits them, their lifestyle and own personal circumstances, juggling employment, family life and study. They need to find the course that offers them the best opportunity to enrol on their chosen degree course whilst providing the foundation of knowledge and skills to be successful in their next step in their lifelong learning journey. Gateway Qualifications' Access to HE Diplomas offer students with a thorough and sound understanding within a subject area which can be used for entry to a wide variety of degree courses. Have a look in this guide of the diplomas that we have available.

ACCESS TO HE DIPLOMAS

Our Access to HE Diplomas can be taken as an 'off-the-shelf' package, removing the development and validation process, and decreasing the workload for providers.

By choosing a Gateway Qualifications Access to HE Diploma, you will have a ready-made, validated diploma which outlines the rules of combination and an overview of the assessment methods you could use.

Bespoke Diplomas

Providers may also wish to design and develop bespoke diplomas to meet local population needs or niche markets. We can work with you to guide you through the development and validation process.



BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATIVE

Access to HE Diploma (Business Management)

Summary

The diploma provides students with a wide choice of units to support progression into business and business management degree programmes. The mandatory group ensures that students have a good understanding of themes relevant to business management including, human resources management, managing budgets, analysing and presenting business data, marketing and economics.

Students can select from a range of optional units linked to business, with some variety of choice to include units which may be of specific interest to the student such as accounting, project management, contract law or leadership skills. Students also have the opportunity to research an aspect of business management which is of particular interest.

Students must choose from a selection of mandatory and optional ungraded units to support underpinning skills both for work within the sector or for further academic study.

Units Include:

Analysing and Presenting Business Data

Applied Business Marketing

Economics

Understand Human Resource Management

Business Planning and Budgets

Contract Law and Business Transactions

Finance and Accounts

Finance in the Global Economy

Project Management

Developing Professional Attributes

Spreadsheets

Leadership

KEY FACTS

Level: Level 3

Credits: 60

Qualification No: QAAQ002508

QAA Aim Code: 40008320



Access to HE Diploma (Business Management and Technology)

Summary

This diploma will provide a fit for purpose programme of study which allows for students to develop foundation knowledge and core skills which would support progression to HE in a related subject.

The diploma will provide students with the underpinning skills to support academic study and provide a level 3 qualification linked to their proposed HE study. The diploma has a mandatory requirement covering finance, business planning, leadership, marketing, IT and technology related units as well as research and ungraded units that will support development.

KEY FACTS

Level: Level 3

Credits: 60

Qualification No: QAA160138

QAA Aim Code: 40006323

Units Include:

Leadership

Marketing

External Factors Affecting Business

Business Planning and Budgets

Computer Systems – Networks and Communications

Computerised Accounts

Effective Business Processes

IT Applications – Website Development

Application of Number – Interpreting and Presenting Information

Computer Data Protection

Presenting Information using ICT

Spreadsheets

Access to HE Diploma (Fashion Business Management)

Summary

The range of units chosen for this diploma will give a good overall view of the world of business and a range of areas relevant to the fashion industry.

Students will be able to see the links between the two areas and understand how they work together and how reliant they are on each other to ensure a company is successful.

The units will allow students to consider their options for further study and then progress onto either business or fashion based undergraduate degrees whilst having given them a flavour of how both elements work together.

The ungraded units have been selected to provide underpinning skills which will support academic study, but will also provide students with relevant skills to continue onto study in either fashion or business degrees.

Units Include:

Event Management

Fashion Brand Communication

Introduction to Production Processes within the Fashion Industry

Fashion Buying and Merchandising

Garment Construction

3D Design

Leadership and Management Skills in the Fashion Industry

Fashion Culture and Context

Fashion Markets

Visual Merchandising Displays

Effective Business Processes

Fashion Design: Illustration Techniques

KEY FACTS

Level: Level 3

Credits: 60

Qualification No: QAAQ001611

QAA Aim Code: 40007194

HOSPITALITY

Access to HE Diploma (Hospitality and Business Management)

Summary

The diploma allows students to undertake study related to hospitality but within a business management context. Students will have the opportunity to develop skills which will enable progression to a range of degree level programmes within hospitality management or hospitality with business management. Students will complete units which consider topics such as event management, customer service, the hospitality sector and relevant hospitality topics, for example, hospitality accommodation, principles of food and drink service and leadership and management within the sector. Students will be able to explore different career paths within the sector. The range of optional units will allow students to pursue a specific element within the sector.

KEY FACTS

Level: Level 3

Credits: 60

Qualification No: QAAQ002535

QAA Aim Code: 40008009

Units Include:

Business Skills for the Hospitality Industry

Customer Service in Hospitality

Leadership and Management Practice for the Hospitality Sector

Applied Business Marketing

Understanding Nutrition and Healthy Eating

Business Planning and Budgets

Project Management

Health, Safety and Welfare Systems in Hospitality and Catering

Understanding the Principles of Supervising Food and Drink Service

Developing Professional Attributes

Event Management

Effective Business Processes

CHILDCARE AND EDUCATION

Access to HE Diploma (Early Years)

Summary

The diploma allows students to undertake study related to early years education. Students will have the opportunity to develop skills which will enable progression to a range of degree level programmes including a focus on health and wellbeing, education and learning and development. The diploma also takes a wider view, focusing on topics such as safeguarding, and society and environment which underpins most early years degrees.

Students will complete mandatory units which cover an overview of child development and also childcare practice including the important topics of safeguarding and special educational needs and they will be able to research an area of interest to them in more depth. They will study a range of optional units covering learning and development, nutrition and healthy eating and the importance of play in developing learning.

Ungraded units include units which will support study and personal skills to achieve an Access to HE Diploma.

Units Include:

Child Development: Personal, Social and Emotional

Educational Studies: Curriculum Planning

Understanding Nutrition and Healthy Eating

Principles of Childcare Practice in Early Years Settings

Safeguarding Children, Young People and/or Vulnerable Adults

Special Educational Needs Awareness

Understanding Play as a Tool for Early Learning

Multicultural Education

Work Placement

Poverty and Social Exclusion

Atypical Development and Abnormal Behaviour

Understanding the Importance of Physical, Intellectual and Language Development of Young Children

KEY FACTS

Level: Level 3

Credits: 60

Qualification No: QAAQ002633

QAA Aim Code: 40008721



Access to HE Diploma (Special Educational Needs and Disability Studies)

Summary

The diploma allows students to undertake study related to understanding special educational needs and disabilities. Students will have the opportunity to develop skills which will enable progression to a range of degree level programmes including a focus on special educational needs, care and supporting learning topics.

Students will complete mandatory units which support an introduction to special educational needs, disability, child development and safeguarding, but then they will be able to research an area of interest to them in more depth. They will study a range of optional units including methods of learning, behavioural difficulties, producing teaching resources, supporting individuals to access healthcare, mental health and inclusive learning.

Ungraded units include units which will support access to higher education whilst supporting study and personal skills.

KEY FACTS

Level: Level 3

Credits: 60

Qualification No: QAAQ002637

QAA Aim Code: 40008770

Students who have followed these routes may need to develop their skills in specific areas as well as learning more about subjects in which they have an interest. If the student has gone straight into employment, they may not have studied at Level 3 and so this Access to HE Diploma will help them to build on existing skills and provide a good grounding for further academic study.

Units Include:

Inclusivity and Disability in Education

Safeguarding Children, Young People and/or Vulnerable Adults

Special Educational Needs Awareness

Understanding the Importance of Physical, Intellectual and Language

Development of Young Children

Behaviour Management in a Learning Environment

Care Principles

Mental Health and Education

**Principles of Supporting Individuals with a Learning Disability to Access
Healthcare**

**Understanding Communication Skills used when Supporting Individuals with
Special Educational Needs and Disability**

Understanding and Using Inclusive Teaching and Learning Approaches

Being a Reflective Learner

Optimising Examination Performance

CONSTRUCTION

Access to HE Diploma (Construction and Built Environment)

Summary

The range of units chosen for this diploma will give a good overall view of the relationship between construction and the built environment, focusing on the use of technology within the industry and leadership and management skills.

Students will be able to see the links between the two areas and understand how they work together and how reliant they are on each other. The units will allow students to consider their options for further study and then progress onto construction, built environment or quantity or building surveying undergraduate degrees whilst giving them an understanding of how these elements work together.

The ungraded units have been selected to provide underpinning skills which will support academic study but will also provide students with relevant skills to continue onto study in a range of construction degrees

Units Include:

Construction Surveying and Measurement

Health, Safety and Welfare Systems in Construction

Measurement Techniques in Construction

Structural Mechanics in Construction and Civil Engineering

Sustainability and the Built Environment

Understand Site Documents and Procedure Estimates

Project Management within Construction

Knowledge and Technique used in Building Construction and Civil Engineering

Construction Information and Management Systems

Problem Solving in the Workplace

KEY FACTS

Level: Level 3

Credits: 60

Qualification No: QAAQ002274

QAA Aim Code: 40007182



CREATIVE AND DESIGN

Access to HE Diploma (Art and Design)

Summary

The aim of this diploma is to allow students to compile a portfolio of evidence to show their readiness and ability to progress onto a range of art and design related degrees. The diploma will equip students with fundamental research and practical skills needed for creative degrees.

The diploma will allow adults from non-conventional academic backgrounds to enter a diploma and progress to Higher Education. This is possible through the combination of units which allow students to have a thorough grounding in art and design. If the student has gone straight into employment, they may not have studied at Level 3 and so this diploma will be useful in supporting their existing skills and provide a good grounding for further study.

The diploma will provide students with underpinning skills to support academic study and provide a level 3 qualification linked to their proposed HE study. A broad range of skills related to art and design will be acquired, whilst the underpinning skills within the ungraded units will ensure that the student is fully prepared for progression onto relevant degrees.

Units Include:

Exhibition and Professional Practice

Graphic Design

Mixed Media

Printmaking

Visual Studies 2D

Research and Creative Development

Photography

Figure Studies

Cultural Studies – Modern and Contemporary Studies in Art and Design

Introduction to 3D

Preparation for Higher Education

Study Skills for Creative Arts

KEY FACTS

Level: Level 3

Credits: 60

Qualification No: QAA160156

QAA Aim Code: 4000630X

This diploma is being reviewed and refreshed in 2019. If you would like to take part in the revalidation process, contact qualdev@gatewayqualifications.org.uk

Access to HE Diploma (Fashion)

Summary

The aim of this diploma is to allow students to compile a portfolio of evidence to show their readiness and ability to progress onto a range of Fashion/Design/Tailoring related degrees. The diploma will equip students with fundamental research skills needed for creative degrees as well as the practical design skills needed to undertake the practical components of design degrees. Students also have the opportunity to develop business skills which would provide a solid basis for commercial applications of their creativity.

The diploma will allow adults from non-conventional academic backgrounds to enter a diploma and progress to university. This is made possible through the combination of units which allow students to have a thorough grounding in fashion, tailoring, design and business. If the student has gone straight into employment, they may not have studied at Level 3 and so this diploma will be useful in supporting their existing skills and provide a good grounding for further study.

The diploma will provide students with underpinning skills to support academic study and provide a level 3 qualification linked to their proposed HE study. A broad range of skills related to care will be acquired, whilst the underpinning skills within the ungraded units will ensure that the student is fully prepared for progression onto relevant degrees.

Units Include:

3D Designs Extended Project

Fashion Culture and Context

Garment Construction: Detailed Garment Construction

Pattern Cutting: Pattern Design

Fashion Markets

Tailoring: Tailored Garment Construction

Fashion Media

Visual Studies 2D

Fashion Brand Communication

Fashion Buying and Merchandising

Visual Merchandising Displays

Fashion Design: Illustration Techniques

KEY FACTS

Level: Level 3

Credits: 60

Qualification No: QAAQ002548

QAA Aim Code: 40008502



Access to HE Diploma (Journalism)

Summary

This diploma prepares students for entry to higher education undergraduate courses in Journalism and/or Media and related disciplines. It provides an introduction to and develops multi-media practices and skills, as well as journalistic planning, research and writing skills and an understanding of news selection, news writing and target audience.

The qualification also develops a knowledge and experience of sourcing stories and features. Units where a knowledge and understanding of government and politics, both national and local, and how to use statistics and data responsibly and with skill, are designed to widen a student's view of the world and so help develop some of the interests and understanding a journalist requires. Just as importantly, the diploma contextualises the study of journalism and the media industry in terms of its role and place in wider society and establishes an understanding of legal and ethical considerations for those wanting to pursue careers in journalism and related fields.

Units Include:

Multimedia Practice

Ethical Considerations for Journalists

Introduction to News Journalism

Exploring Different Journalistic Genres

Journalism and Society

Media and Society

Journalism – Research Skills

Legal Considerations for Journalists

The Use of Statistics in Journalism

Local News Journalism

Government and Politics for Journalists

Reference and Reliability of Sources

KEY FACTS

Level: Level 3

Credits: 60

Qualification No: QAAQ002544

QAA Aim Code: 40008745

Ungraded units have been selected to help provide students with skills to support the study of journalism and media, as well as preparing them well for their HEI career.

Optional units allow the diploma to be tailored to the interests of individual students in this diverse field of study, which offers a wide variety of specialist options.

DIGITAL

Access to HE Diploma (Computer Game Design and Development)

Summary

The diploma allows students to undertake study related to computer game design and development. Students will have the opportunity to develop skills which will enable progression to a range of degree level programmes within the sector. Many students join these types of degrees after following A-level study, so the diploma will place Access to HE students on a level with those who have followed A-level studies.

Students will complete mandatory units which cover computer games design and an understanding of different games engines, which provide an important introduction to the programme. They will be able to research an area of interest to them in more depth. They will study a range of optional units covering concept art, animation, graphic design, games storyboarding, virtual and augmented reality, program design and testing as well as a unit which explores the industry.

Ungraded units include units which will support access to higher education whilst supporting study and personal skills.

KEY FACTS

Level: Level 3

Credits: 60

Qualification No: QAAQ002870

QAA Aim Code: 40010491



Units Include:

Computer Games Design

Game Engines

Concept Art and Digital Graphics for Computer Games

Create 3D Game Models

Game Design Storyboarding

Graphic Design

Graphics and Animation

Introduction to Life Drawing

Mobile Games Development

Understanding the Computer Games Industry

Website Design and Development

Computer Data Protection

Access to HE Diploma (Computing)

Summary

The diploma allows students to undertake study related to computing. Students will have the opportunity to develop skills which will enable progression to a range of degree level programmes within the sector. Many students join these types of degrees after following A-level study, so the diploma will place the Access to HE students on a level with those who have followed A-level studies.

Students will complete mandatory units which cover an introduction to computing and programming as well as maths for computing, which is an important element of any computing programme. They will be able to research an area of interest to them in more depth and study a range of optional units covering computer systems, networks and software as well as a unit which explores the impact of robotics within the industry.

Ungraded units include units which will support access to higher education whilst supporting study and personal skills.

Units Include:

Creating Robots and Control Systems

Introduction to Computer Systems

Mathematics for Computing

Algebra and Trigonometry

Computer Networks

JavaScript

Principles of Keywords and Optimisation

Software Fundamentals – Object-Oriented Programming

Website Design and Development

Systems Analysis

Relational Database

Matrices

KEY FACTS

Level: Level 3

Credits: 60

Qualification No: QAAQ002528

QAA Aim Code: 40006347

Students who have followed these routes may need to develop skills in specific areas as well as learning more about subjects in which they have an interest. If the student has gone straight into employment, they may not have studied at Level 3 and so this Access to HE Diploma will help them to build on existing skills and provide a good grounding for further academic study.

Access to HE Diploma (IT and Product Design)

Summary

The diploma allows students to undertake study related to IT and product design. Students will have the opportunity to develop skills which will enable progression to a range of degree level programmes within the sector. Many students join these types of degrees after following A-level study, so the diploma will place the Access to HE students on a level with those who have followed A level studies.

Students will complete mandatory units which cover an introduction to CAD and programming as well as 3D design. They will be able to research an area of interest to them in more depth. They will study a range of optional units covering electronics, mechanics, understanding manufacturing processes, graphic design and software as well as a unit which explores the impact of robotics within the industry and students will be able to gain an understanding of the importance of UX design.

Ungraded units include units which will support access to higher education whilst supporting study and personal skills.

Units Include:

Engineering Design – CAD

Introduction to Programming Implementation

Understanding Robots and Control Systems

Introduction to Virtual and Augmented Reality

User Experience (UX) 3D Design Project

Electronics

Visual Studies 2D

Understanding Manufacturing Processes

Graphic Design

Program Testing

Website Design and Production

Mechanics

KEY FACTS

Level: Level 3

Credits: 60

Qualification No: QAAQ002530

QAA Aim Code: 40010521



EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Access to HE Diploma (Education and Childhood Studies)

Summary

The diploma allows students to undertake study related to childhood development and education. Students will have the opportunity to develop skills which will enable progression to a range of degree level programmes including a focus on education and learning and development. The diploma also takes a wider view, focusing on topics such as safeguarding, sociology, child development and psychology which underpin most education and childhood studies degrees.

Students will complete mandatory units which cover an overview of child development and also educational issues including the important topics of safeguarding and special educational needs as well as being able to research an area of interest to them in more depth. They will study a range of optional units covering learning and development, developing resources, aspects of psychology, classroom management and units which explore the role of society and understanding the impact of a multicultural society on children's development.

KEY FACTS

Level: Level 3

Credits: 60

Qualification No: QAAQ002635

QAA Aim Code: 40008800

Students who have followed these routes may need to develop their skills in specific areas as well as learning more about subjects in which they have an interest. If the student has gone straight into employment, they may not have studied at Level 3 and so this Access to HE Diploma will help them to build on existing skills and provide a good grounding for further academic study.

Units Include:

Educational Studies: Issues in the Development of the UK Education System

Safeguarding Children, Young People and/or Vulnerable Adults

Special Educational Needs Awareness

Educational Studies: Curriculum Planning

Aspects of Social Psychology

Teaching Resources

Work Placement

Assessment for Learning

Behaviour Management in a Learning Environment

Inclusivity and Diversity

Understanding Play as a Tool for Early Learning

Cognitive Psychology Educational Studies: Socio-Economic Factors in Educational Achievement

Access to HE Diploma (Primary Teaching)

Summary

The diploma allows students to undertake study related to teaching in primary education. Students will have the opportunity to develop skills which will enable progression to a range of degree level programmes including a focus on education and teaching and learning as well as child development. The diploma also takes a wider view, focusing on topics such as safeguarding, sociology, the use of technology in the classroom which underpin most education and childhood studies degrees.

Students will complete mandatory units covering an overview of learning and development techniques, developing resources, classroom management and child development but then they will be able to research an area of interest to them in more depth. They will study a range of optional units which include exploring the role of society and understanding the impact of a multicultural society and also broader educational issues including special educational needs. This diploma also has a range of optional units which support knowledge in the broader curriculum studies which a primary teacher would need e.g. science, history, e-learning, literacy and language.

KEY FACTS

Level: Level 3

Credits: 60

Qualification No: QAAQ00263 I

QAA Aim Code: 400088 I 2

Units Include:

Assessment for Learning

Behaviour Management in a Learning Environment

Child Development: Personal, Social and Emotional

Educational Studies: Curriculum Planning

Safeguarding Children, Young People and/or Vulnerable Adults

Teaching Resources

Education Studies: Socio-Economic Factors in Educational Achievement

Multicultural Education

Special Educational Needs Awareness

Teaching Experience: Observations and Activities

Understanding Communication Skills used when Supporting Individuals with Special Educational Needs and Disability

Understanding Play as a Tool for Early Learning

Access to HE Diploma (Teaching and Education)

Summary

The diploma allows students to undertake study related to education and teaching. Students will have the opportunity to develop skills which will enable progression to a range of degree level programmes including a focus on education and teaching and learning. The diploma also takes a wider view, focusing on topics such as safeguarding, sociology, the use of technology in the classroom which underpin most education and childhood studies degrees.

Students will complete mandatory units which cover an overview of learning and development techniques, developing resources, classroom management and also broader educational issues including special educational needs but then they will be able to research an area of interest to them in more depth. They will study a range of optional units which include exploring the role of society and understanding the impact of a multicultural society on children's development. This diploma also has a unit on understanding the Further Education sector, and the units included would support progression onto a range of careers.

Units Include:

Assessment for Learning

Behaviour Management in a Learning Environment

Safeguarding Children, Young People and/or Vulnerable Adults

Special Educational Needs Awareness

Teaching Resources

E-skills in the Learning Environment

Education Studies: Issues in the Development of the UK Education System

Education Studies: Socio-Economic Factors in Educational Achievement

Educational Studies: Curriculum Planning

Inclusivity and Disability in Education

Multicultural Education

Teaching Experience: Observations and Activities

KEY FACTS

Level: Level 3

Credits: 60

Qualification No: QAAQ002534

QAA Aim Code: 4000711X

Ungraded units include units which will support access to higher education whilst supporting study and personal skills in maths and English.



ENGINEERING AND MANUFACTURING

Access to HE Diploma (Engineering Science and Mathematics)

Summary

The diploma allows students to undertake study related to Engineering Science and Mathematics. Students will have the opportunity to develop skills which will enable progression to a range of degree level programmes within the sector. Many students join these types of degrees after following A-level study, so the diploma will place the Access to HE students on a level with those who have followed A-level studies.

Students will complete mandatory units which cover algebra, trigonometry and mathematics for science as well as a fundamental physics unit to develop underpinning skills for the optional units. They will be able to research an area of interest to them in more depth and will study a range of optional units covering electronics, electrical circuits, engineering design, engineering dynamics, statics and structures, units related to physics and chemistry and structural mechanics. It also includes a unit on project management as that is highly relevant to the engineering industry. A range of mathematics units are also available including calculus, statistics, algebra and geometry.

KEY FACTS

Level: Level 3

Credits: 60

Qualification No: QAAQ002890

QAA Aim Code: 40010533

Units Include:

Fundamental Physics: Theory

Mathematics for Science

Research: Extended Writing Project for Engineering Science Maths

Geometry

Energetics, Kinetics, Equilibria

Electrical Principals

Engineering Design – CAD

Engineering Dynamics

Matrices

Fundamental Chemistry

Heat, Electricity and Magnetism

Structural Mechanics in Construction and Civil Engineering

Quantitative Methods – Statistics

HEALTH AND SCIENCE

Access to HE Diploma (Counselling)

Summary

The diploma allows students to undertake study related to counselling. Students will have the opportunity to develop skills which will enable progression to a range of degree level programmes including a focus on counselling and psychology topics. Many students join these types of degrees after following A-level study, so the diploma will place the Access to HE students on a level with those who have followed A-level studies.

Students will complete mandatory units which support an introduction to counselling and psychology, and will be able to research an area of interest to them in more depth. They will study a range of optional units covering the types of situations when counselling may be used, for example, following trauma or when there has been a bereavement or loss and have the opportunity to investigate specific aspects of psychology.

Ungraded units include units which will support access to higher education whilst supporting study and personal skills.

Units Include:

Applied Psychology

Counselling Ethics and Values

Counselling Theories and Approaches

Valuing Diversity: The Formation of Roles and Attributes

Social Research Methods for Counselling

Mental Health and Counselling

Support Individuals through Bereavement and Loss

Understand the Impact of Trauma

Safeguarding Children, Young People and/or Vulnerable Adults

Communication – Speaking and Listening

Applying Counselling Skills

Counselling Theory and Approaches

KEY FACTS

Level: Level 3

Credits: 60

Qualification No: QAAQ002524

QAA Aim Code: 4000871X



Access to HE Diploma (Environmental Studies)

Summary

The diploma allows students to undertake study related to environmental issues. Students will have the opportunity to develop skills which will enable progression to a range of degree level programmes including a focus on mathematics and science which underpin environmental studies degrees.

Students will complete units which consider the impact of pollution on the environment, how humans impact on the environment, the links between ecology and the environment, conservation techniques and how construction techniques can support sustainability. Students will be able to explore different career paths within the sector. The range of optional units will allow students to pursue a specific element within the sector.

Units Include:

Conservation

Sustainability and the Built Environment

Environment and Human Impact

Environmental Pollution

Plant and Soil Science

Mathematics for Science

Practical Skills for Environmental Science

Understanding Water Pollution Control and Management

Careers in Environmental Science

Climate Change

Ecological Surveying Techniques

Environmental Law

KEY FACTS

Level: Level 3

Credits: 60

Qualification No: QAAQ002426

QAA Aim Code: 40007996

Access to HE Diploma (Forensics and Criminology)

Summary

The range of units chosen for this diploma will give a good overall view of the subject area and will allow students to develop key skills within biology and chemistry which underpin the two subject areas of Forensics and Criminology.

Students will be able to see the links between the subjects and understand how they work together. The units will allow students to consider their options for further study and then progress onto policing studies, criminology or forensic studies undergraduate degrees whilst having given them a flavour of how the elements work together.

The ungraded units have been selected to provide underpinning skills which will support academic study but will also provide students with relevant skills to continue onto these types of degrees.

Units Include:

Forensic Investigation Procedure

Careers within Forensics Science and Criminology

Anatomy and Physiology

Interpersonal Violence

Human Cardiac and Respiratory Systems

Criminal Investigation and the Criminal Justice System

Fundamental Concepts and Scientific Method in Biology

Cell Biology and Biochemistry

Circulation, Immunity and Homeostasis

Biochemistry in the Human Body

Forensic Photography

Chemical Basics and Atomic Structure

KEY FACTS

Level: Level 3

Credits: 60

Qualification No: QAAQ001641

QAA Aim Code: 40007248



Students from South Essex College

Access to HE Diploma (Health and Social Care)

Summary

The diploma has a strong emphasis on the skills required of the health or social care worker in the 21st century. The mandatory group ensures that students have a good understanding of underpinning knowledge relevant to the role of the health or social care worker, including an introduction to the role of the health or social care worker and the healthcare system, care principles which underpin all activity across the sector and safeguarding which is vital in protecting children, young people and vulnerable adults. Students can select from a range of optional units linked to health or social care skills which are also strongly based around equality and diversity and the relevant values required within the sector. They can choose to study units around ill health and the role that socio-economic status and life choices have on health; they also can choose to study a specific medical condition, dementia or the impact that the media has on perspectives around health and social care.

Units Include:

Introduction to Health Care

Dementia Awareness

Mental Health and Illness

**Safeguarding Children, Young People
and/or Vulnerable Adults**

Health Psychology

Inclusivity and Disability

KEY FACTS

Level: Level 3

Credits: 60

Qualification No: QAAQ002516

QAA Aim Code: 4000837X

Students who have followed these routes may not have come from a health or care background, so they may need to brush up their skills in specific areas as well as learning more about subjects in which they have an interest. If the student has gone straight into employment, they may not have studied at Level 3 and so this Access to HE Diploma will help them to build on existing skills and provide a good grounding for further academic study.

Duty of Care in Care Settings

Effective and Reflective Practice

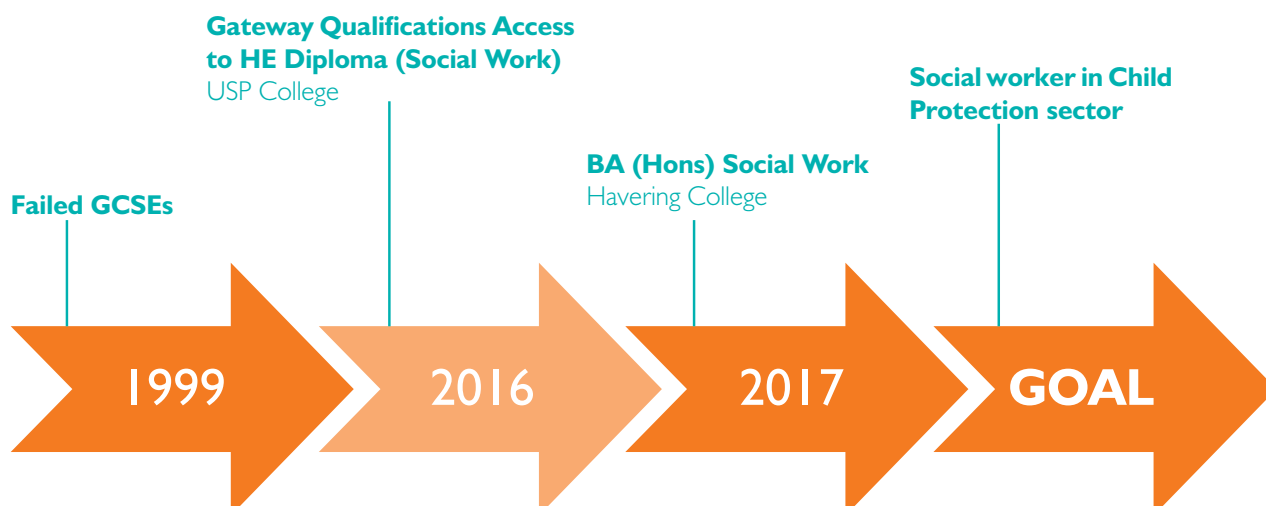
**Social Equality and Diversity within
Care Services**

**Government Policy in Relation to
Current Health Issues**

Poverty and Social Exclusion

A Learner Journey

This graphic shows a true progression route and highlights the way Access to HE is changing lives



Access to HE Diploma (Health Professions)

Summary

The diploma has a strong emphasis on the skills required of workers in the health service in the 21st century. The mandatory group ensures that students have a good understanding of underpinning knowledge relevant to the role of any worker within the health professions, including care principles, reflective practice and an introduction to the healthcare system. Students can select from a range of optional units linked to nursing, midwifery, paramedic or radiography skills which will allow them to focus on a particular area of the health professions. They can then choose to study units around ill health and the role that socio-economic status and life choices have on health. A mandatory unit on care principles shows the importance placed on the subject within the health profession.

Students who have followed these routes may not have come from a health or care background, so they may need to refresh/develop their skills in specific areas as well as learning more about subjects in which they have an interest. If the student has gone straight into employment, they may not have studied at Level 3 and so this Access to HE Diploma will help them to build on existing skills and provide a good grounding for further academic study.

KEY FACTS

Level: Level 3

Credits: 60

Qualification No: QAAQ002504

QAA Aim Code: 40008393

Units Include:

Human Anatomy and Physiology

An Introduction to Health and Disease

Female Genital Mutilation Awareness

Professional Interpersonal Skills

Cells and Tissues

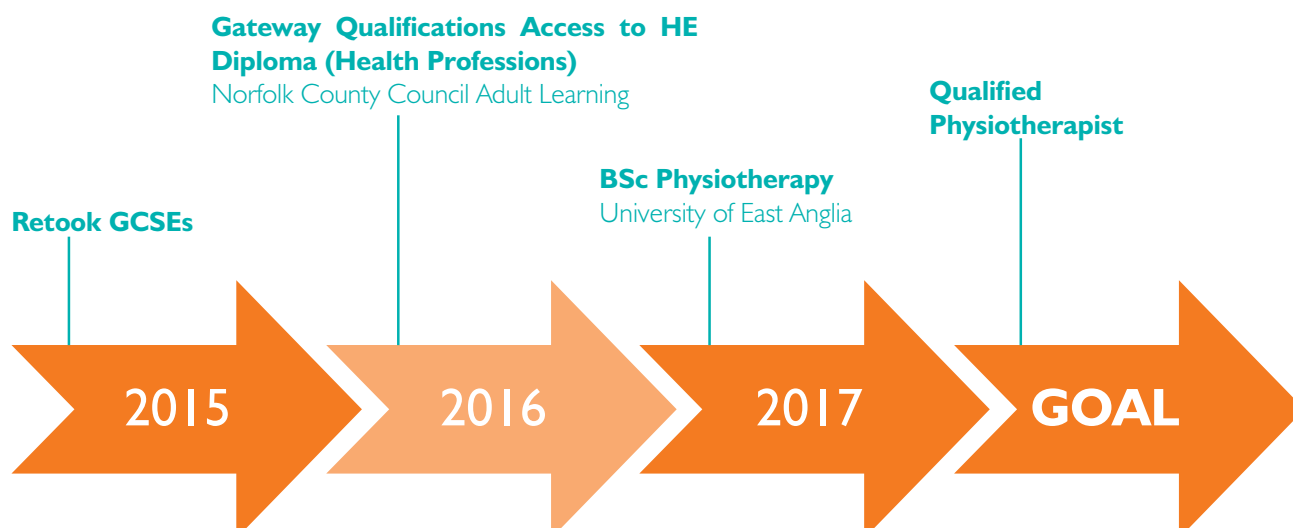
Effective and Reflective Practice

Health Psychology

Role of Midwife during Labour and Birth

A Learner Journey

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Access to HE Diploma (Humanities)

Summary

The Diploma allows students to undertake study related to humanities. Students will have the opportunity to develop skills which will enable progression to a range of degree level programmes including a focus on English language and literature, history, politics and philosophy which underpin most humanities degrees. Many students join social science degrees after following A-level study, so the Diploma will place the Access to HE students on a level with those who have followed A-level studies.

Students will complete mandatory units which cover an introduction to history skills, English language and literature and thinking in a philosophical manner but then they will be able to research an area of interest to them in more depth. They will study a range of optional units covering aspects of English language and literature, key events in history and have the opportunity to investigate specific aspects of politics or philosophy.

Ungraded units include units which will support access to higher education whilst supporting study and personal skills.

KEY FACTS

Level: Level 3

Credits: 60

Qualification No: QAAQ002610

QAA Aim Code: 40008733

Students who have followed these routes may need to develop their skills in specific areas as well as learning more about subjects in which they have an interest. If the learner has gone straight into employment, they may not have studied at Level 3 and so this Access to HE Diploma will help them to build on existing skills and provide a good grounding for further academic study.

Units Include:

History Skills

Introduction to English Language and Literature

Introduction to Philosophy

English Literature - Prose Criticism

Introduction to a Pre-20th Century Drama

Introduction to the History of English

Political Philosophy

Social Change & Reform in 19th Century Britain

Study of a Specified Historical Event

The Study of Non Fiction Texts

World War One - The Trenches and The Home Front 1914/1918

Introduction to Religious Thought

Access to HE Diploma (Humanities and Social Sciences)

Summary

The diploma allows students to undertake study related to humanities and social science topics. Students will have the opportunity to develop skills which will enable progression to a range of degree level programmes including a focus on English language and literature, history, politics and philosophy which underpin most humanities degrees. Many students join humanities and social science degrees after following A-level study, so the diploma will place the Access to HE students on a level with those who have followed A-level studies.

Students will complete mandatory units which cover an introduction to history skills, English language and literature and an introduction to psychology, criminology and sociology to cover the social sciences background knowledge as well as research an area of interest to them in more depth. They will study a range of optional units covering aspects of English language and literature, key events in history and have the opportunity to investigate specific aspects of sociology, psychology, crime and law.

Ungraded units include units which will support access to higher education whilst supporting study and personal skills.

KEY FACTS

Level: Level 3

Credits: 60

Qualification No: QAAQ002861

QAA Aim Code: 4001051X

Units Include:

Introduction to English Language and Literature

History Skills

Humanities – Research Skills

Social Research Methods

Introduction to Philosophy

Introduction to Religious Thought

Political Processes

Techniques in Creative Writing

Study of a Specified Historical Event

Women's History 1832-1918

Atypical Development and Abnormal Behaviour

Child Development

Access to HE Diploma (Medicine and Medical Sciences)

Summary

The diploma has a strong emphasis on both biology and chemistry and students will have the opportunity to study both subject areas equally to gain a balanced understanding of the knowledge and skills to enable progression to medicine-based degree programmes.

The mandatory group ensures that students have a good understanding of fundamental principles of biology and chemistry and students can select from a range of optional units to suit their progression route.

All students must complete a minimum of 15 credits in biology and in chemistry/physics which will ensure a strong science base to the diploma. Students will also have to complete a mandatory statistical mathematics unit.

Students must choose from a selection of mandatory and optional ungraded units to support their studies of their Access to HE Diploma.

Units Include:

Chemical Principles: Particles and Forces

Fundamental Chemistry

Fundamental Concepts and Scientific Method in Biology

Human Anatomy and Physiology

Quantitative Methods – Statistics

An Introduction to Health and Disease

Cells and Tissues

Experimental Techniques in Chemistry

Health Physics

Practical Science Skills

Promoting Wellbeing and Building Resilience

KEY FACTS

Level: Level 3

Credits: 60

Qualification No: QAAQ001735

QAA Aim Code: 40008460

Access to HE Diploma (Nursing)

Summary

The diploma has a strong emphasis on the skills required of a nurse in the 21st century.

The mandatory group ensures that students have a good understanding of underpinning knowledge relevant to the role of the nurse, including basic anatomy and physiology, care principles and an introduction to the healthcare system. Students can select from a range of optional units strongly based around equality and diversity in the relevant values required within the nursing sector. They can choose to study units around ill health and the role that socio-economic status and life choices have on health. A mandatory unit on care principles shows the importance placed on the subject within the nursing role.

Students must choose from a selection of mandatory and optional ungraded units to support underpinning skills, including a communication unit, linked to speaking and listening which is a vital skill for any nurse.

Units Include:

Care Principles

Human Anatomy and Physiology

Introduction to Healthcare

Professional Interpersonal Skills

Safeguarding Children, Young People and/or Vulnerable Adults

An Introduction to Health and Disease

Cells and Tissues

Government Policy in Relation to Current Health Issues

Health Psychology

Poverty and Social Exclusion

Promoting Health

Social Drugs and Medicines

KEY FACTS

Level: Level 3

Credits: 60

Qualification No: QAAQ002593

QAA Aim Code: 40008587



Access to HE Diploma (Nursing and Midwifery)

Summary

The diploma has a strong emphasis on the skills required of the nurse and midwife in the 21st century. The mandatory group of units ensures that students have a good understanding of, and the skills relevant to the role of the nurse and the midwife, including basic anatomy and physiology, human reproduction, care principles and an introduction to the healthcare system.

Students can select from a range of optional units linked to nursing and/or midwifery competencies which are also strongly based around equality and diversity and the relevant values required within the nursing and healthcare sector. They can choose to study units around ill health and the role that socio-economic status and life choices have on health. A mandatory unit on care principles shows the importance placed on the subject within the nursing or midwifery role.

Students must choose from a selection of mandatory and optional ungraded units to support underpinning skills, including a mandatory communication unit, linked to speaking and listening which is a vital skill for any nurse or midwife.

Units Include:

Care Principles

Human Anatomy and Physiology

Introduction to Healthcare

Professional Interpersonal Skills

Safeguarding Children, Young People and/or Vulnerable Adults

An Introduction to Health and Disease

Antenatal Care and the Role of the Midwife

Cells and Tissues

Equality and Diversity within Care Services

Management of Ill Health

Mental Health and Illness

The Role of the Midwife during Labour and Birth

KEY FACTS

Level: Level 3

Credits: 60

Qualification No: QAAQ002595

QAA Aim Code: 40008046

The diploma will provide them with underpinning skills to support academic study and provide a level 3 qualification linked to their proposed HE study. A broad range of skills related to care will be acquired, whilst the underpinning skills within the ungraded units will ensure that the student is fully prepared for progression onto relevant degrees.

Access to HE Diploma (Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences)

Summary

The diploma covers a range of specialist pharmaceutical units as well as having a strong emphasis on both biology and chemistry and students will have the opportunity to study all three subjects to give a balanced view of skills to enable progression to pharmacy or science-based degree programmes.

The diploma will provide students with the essential skills to support academic study and provide a level 3 qualification linked to their proposed HE study. A broad range of scientific and pharmaceutical skills will be acquired, whilst the underpinning mathematical skills will ensure that the student is fully prepared for progression onto relevant degrees.

The mandatory group ensures that students have a fundamental understanding of biology, anatomy and physiology and basic chemistry principles. Students can select from a range of optional units to meet the requirements of their chosen degree programme. All students must complete a minimum of 30 credits overall in science subjects which will ensure a strong science base to the diploma.

Units Include:

Actions of Medicines on the Human Body

Fundamental Chemistry

Human Anatomy and Physiology

Introduction to Organic Chemistry

An Introduction to Health and Disease

Experimental Techniques in Chemistry

Further Organic Chemistry

Human Body Systems - Circulation and Gaseous Exchange

The Endocrine System

Understanding Genetics

Cells and Tissues

Fundamental Concepts and Scientific Method in Biology

KEY FACTS

Level: Level 3

Credits: 60

Qualification No: QAAQ002500

QAA Aim Code: 40008472



Access to HE Diploma (Psychology and Sociology)

Summary

The diploma allows students to undertake study related to psychology and sociology. Students will have the opportunity to develop skills which will enable progression to a range of degree level programmes including a focus on sociology/social policy and psychology and psychosocial topics. Many students join these types of degrees after following A level study, so the diploma will place Access to HE students on a level with those who have followed A-level studies.

Students will complete mandatory units which cover an introduction to sociology and psychology, and will be able to research an area of interest to them in more depth. They will study a range of optional units covering sociology and social policy and have the opportunity to investigate specific aspects of psychology.

Ungraded units include units which will support access to higher education whilst supporting study and personal skills.

Units Include:

Approaches to Psychology

Introduction to Sociology

Culture and Identity

Globalisation

Green Criminology

Introduction to the Sociology of Crime and Deviance

Poverty and Social Inequality

Social Policy

Sociology of Health

Sociology of the Family

Sociology of the Media

Valuing Diversity: Types, Bases and Impact of Discrimination

KEY FACTS

Level: Level 3

Credits: 60

Qualification No: QAAQ002859

QAA Aim Code: 40010326

Access to HE Diploma (Psychosocial Studies)

Summary

The diploma allows students to undertake study related to sociology and psychology. Students will have the opportunity to develop skills which will enable progression to a range of degree level programmes including a focus on sociology/social policy and psychology and psychosocial topics. Many students join these types of degrees after following A-level study, so the diploma will place the Access to HE students on a level with those who have followed A-level studies.

Students will complete mandatory units which cover an introduction to sociology and psychology as well as counselling to complement other units of study, as well as being able to research an area of interest to them in more depth. They will study a range of optional units covering sociology and social policy and have the opportunity to investigate specific aspects of psychology, including an introduction to criminology.

Ungraded units include units which will support access to higher education whilst supporting study and personal skills.

KEY FACTS

Level: Level 3

Credits: 60

Qualification No: QAAQ002614

QAA Aim Code: 40008757

Units Include:

Approaches to Psychology

Introduction to Sociology

Understanding Counselling Theories

Aspects of Social Psychology

Atypical Development and Abnormal Behaviour

Cognitive Psychology

Culture and Identity

Fundamental Concepts and Scientific Method in Biology

Introduction to Criminology

Introduction to Early Child Development

Mental Health and Illness

The Brain and Neuropsychology

Access to HE Diploma (Science)

Summary

The diploma covers all three sciences and students will have the opportunity to study all three subject areas equally to provide thorough and balanced understanding and knowledge to enable progression to science-based degree programmes. The mandatory group ensures that students have the fundamental understanding of biology, chemistry and physics and then students can select from a range of optional units. All students must also complete a mathematics unit chosen to underpin skills required to progress further.

Students must choose from a selection of mandatory and optional ungraded units to support their study of an Access to HE Diploma.

The units include a range of science units which allow the students to keep their options open until they have fully decided on their preferred route at degree level.

Units Include:

Fundamental Chemistry

Fundamental Physics: Theory

Human Anatomy and Physiology

An Introduction to Health and Disease

Human Cardiac and Respiratory Systems

Sustainability and Waste Management

Chemical Basics and Atomic Structure

Introduction to Organic Chemistry

Quantitative Methods – Statistics

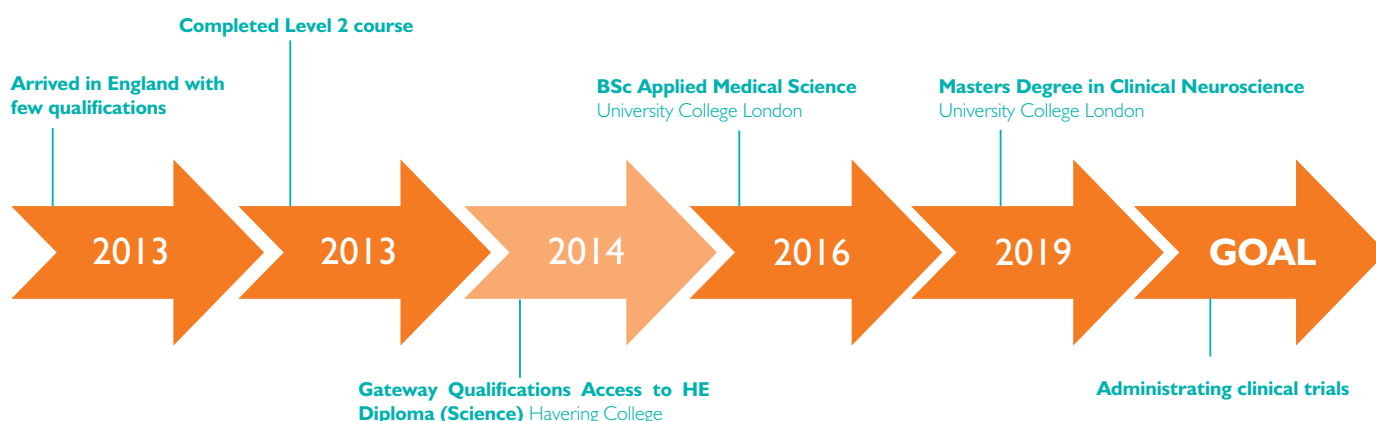
Application of Nuclear Physics

Physical Science - Environmental

Health and Medical Physics

A Learner Journey

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KEY FACTS

Level: Level 3

Credits: 60

Qualification No: QAAQ002496

QAA Aim Code: 40008423

The ungraded units have been chosen to support both progression into higher education and also to allow the students to develop skills relevant to the subject area e.g. practical science skills and problem solving.

Access to HE Diploma (Science for Bioscience)

Summary

The design of this diploma has been drawn from existing successful Access to Science Diplomas and with consultation with HEI colleagues.

The current Gateway Qualifications Access to HE Science provision covers 10 differing science routes, all of which are different and diverse in approach. From analysis of the LEP priorities and HE science progression routes, it became clear that science is being prioritised along technology and bioscience routes. This diploma offers a standardised approach to the Bioscience route.

HEI colleagues expressed the need for Science for Bioscience to be inclusive of primarily biology related academic content. In so doing the content straddles a range of biology perspectives. The focus is not only on human biology, but also includes medical, chemical and environmental/ecosystems biological perspectives.

Units Include:

Basic Human Physiology

Biochemistry

Cell Theory and Microbiology

Ecosystems and Human Influences

Genetics and Evolution

Introduction to Human Biology

Mathematics for Scientists

Microbiology and Health

Physical Science - Environmental Health and Medical Physics

Science of Life

Practical Scientific Project

Self-Assessment and Personal Tutorial

KEY FACTS

Level: Level 3

Credits: 60

Qualification No: QAA160144

QAA Aim Code: 40006402

Access to HE Diploma (Science for Technology)

Summary

The design of this programme has been drawn from existing successful Access to Science Diplomas and with consultation with HEI colleagues.

The current Gateway Qualifications Access to HE Science provision covers 10 differing science routes, all of which are different and diverse in approach. From analysis of the LEP priorities and HE science progression routes, it became clear that science is being prioritised along technology and bioscience routes. This proposed diploma will create a standardised approach to the technology route.

HEI colleagues expressed the need for Science for Technology to be inclusive of chemistry and physics related academic content. In doing this the content straddles a range of physics and chemistry perspectives, including quantitative chemistry, organic chemistry, heat and energy, forces, and nuclear physics. It is hoped that this focused science pathway will increase opportunity to enter focused science degree pathways. Historically this has been difficult in some areas with a very generalist science qualification.

Units Include:

Application of Nuclear Physics

Chemical Basics and Atomic Structure

Fundamental Chemistry

Heat, Electricity and Magnetism

Introduction to Organic Chemistry

Numerical Techniques for Science

Physics Fundamentals: Practical

Physics Fundamentals: Theory

Physics: Forces and Energy

Quantitative Chemistry

Trigonometry

Promoting Wellbeing and Building Resilience

KEY FACTS

Level: Level 3

Credits: 60

Qualification No: QAA160145

QAA Aim Code: 40006414

Access to HE Diploma (Science with Mathematics)

Summary

The diploma allows students to undertake study related to science and mathematics. Students will have the opportunity to develop skills which will enable progression to a range of degree level programmes within the sector. Many students join these types of degrees after following A-level study, so the diploma will place the Access to HE students on a level with those who have followed A level studies.

Students will complete mandatory units which cover fundamental physics and chemistry, cell biology and biochemistry units alongside a mathematics for science unit to develop essential skills for their Access to HE Diploma. They will be able to research an area of interest to them in more depth as well as studying a range of optional units covering physics, chemistry and biology units. A range of mathematics units are also available, including calculus, statistics, algebra and geometry.

Ungraded units include units which will support access to higher education whilst supporting academic study and personal skills.

KEY FACTS

Level: Level 3

Credits: 60

Qualification No: QAAQ002892

QAA Aim Code: 40010508

Units Include:

Cell Biology and Biochemistry

Fundamental Chemistry

Fundamental Physics: Theory

Mathematics for Science

Algebra and Trigonometry

Calculus: Integration

Geometry

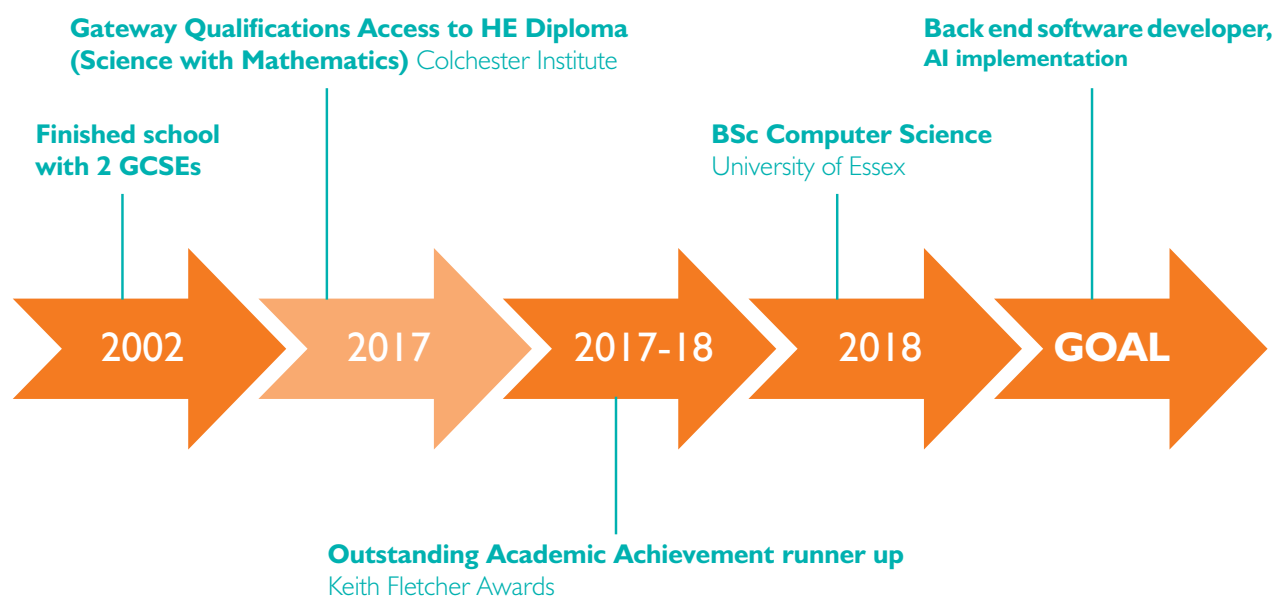
Mathematics: Algebra, Exponentials and Logarithms

Chemical Principles: Particles and Forces

Ecosystems and Human Influences

A Learner Journey

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Access to HE Diploma (Social Science)

Summary

The diploma allows students to undertake study related to social sciences. Students will have the opportunity to develop skills which will enable progression to a range of degree level programmes including a focus on sociology and psychology which underpin most social science degrees. Many students join social science degrees after following A-level study in these two subjects so the diploma will place the Access to HE students on a level with those who have followed A-level studies.

Students will complete mandatory units which cover an introduction to sociology, psychology and criminology, but then they will be able to research an area of interest to them in more depth. They will study a range of optional units covering sociology and social policy and have the opportunity to investigate specific aspects of psychology or criminology.

Ungraded units include units which will support access to higher education whilst reinforcing study and personal skills.

Units Include:

Introduction to Criminology

Introduction to Psychology

Introduction to Sociology

Introduction to the Sociology of Crime and Deviance

The Psychology of Criminal Investigation

Understand the Impact of Crime

Applied Psychology

Aspects of Social Psychology

Child Development

Culture and Identity

Government Policy in Relation to Current Social Welfare Issues

Poverty and Social Exclusion

KEY FACTS

Level: Level 3

Credits: 60

Qualification No: QAAQ002518

QAA Aim Code: 40008514

Students who have followed these routes may need to develop their skills in specific areas as well as learning more about subjects in which they have an interest. If the student has gone straight into employment, they may not have studied at Level 3 and so this Access to HE Diploma will help them to build on existing skills and provide a good grounding for further academic study.

Access to HE Diploma (Sociology and Criminology)

Summary

The diploma allows students to undertake study related to sociology and criminology. Students will have the opportunity to develop skills which will enable progression to a range of degree level programmes including a focus on sociology/social policy and criminology topics. Many students join these types of degrees after following A-level study, so the diploma will place the Access to HE students on a level with those who have followed A-level studies.

Students will complete mandatory units which cover an introduction to sociology and criminology but then they will be able to research an area of interest to them in more depth. They will study a range of optional units covering sociology and social policy and have the opportunity to investigate specific aspects of criminology.

Ungraded units include units which will support access to higher education whilst reinforcing study and personal skills.

Units Include:

Introduction to Criminology

Introduction to Sociology

Aspects of Social Psychology

Crimes of Violence

Criminal Law

Introduction to the Sociology of Crime and Deviance

Globalisation

Poverty and Social Inequality

Social Policy

Sociology of Health

Developing Professional Attributes

Study Skills

KEY FACTS

Level: Level 3

Credits: 60

Qualification No: QAAQ002612

QAA Aim Code: 40008769

Access to HE Diploma (Sport Science)

Summary

Students who choose to undertake this diploma are likely to have a strong interest in how science can support the study of sports. The range of units chosen for this diploma will give a good overall view of the relationship between sport and science, focusing the mandatory units on a mixture of the two disciplines.

Students will be able to see the links between the two areas and understand how they work together and how reliant they are on each other. The units will allow students to consider their options for further study and then progress onto sports science or sport and exercise science undergraduate degrees whilst having given them a thorough understanding of how these elements work together.

The ungraded units have been selected to provide underpinning skills which will support academic study but will also provide students with relevant skills to continue onto study in a range of sports science degrees.

Units Include:

Anatomy and Physiology

Assessment of Fitness

Biomechanics in Sport

Impact of exercise on the body systems

Participation and Performance

Psychology for Sports Performance

Quantitative Methods - Statistics

Research: Practical Investigation Project

Social Aspects of Sport

Sports Injuries

Sports Performance Coaching

Understanding Nutrition and Healthy Eating

KEY FACTS

Level: Level 3

Credits: 60

Qualification No: QAAQ001620

QAA Aim Code: 40007200

Access to HE Diploma (Sports Studies)

Summary

The range of units chosen for this diploma will give a good overall view of the relationship between sport and fitness, focusing the mandatory units on a mixture of the two disciplines. In addition, students will explore business management within the sector. Students will be able to see the links between the two areas and understand how they work together and how reliant they are on each other.

The units of study will allow students to consider their options for further study and then progress onto BA sports studies or sport and exercise undergraduate degrees whilst having given them an understanding of how these elements work together.

The ungraded units have been selected to provide underpinning skills which will support academic study and provide students with the relevant skills to continue onto study in a range of sports studies degrees. It should be noted that the diploma is not science based and so will not provide access to BSc Sports Science degrees.

KEY FACTS

Level: Level 3

Credits: 60

Qualification No: QAAQ001622

QAA Aim Code: 40007261



Units Include:

Event Management

Participation and Performance

Psychology for Sports Performance

Research: Practical Investigation Project

Social Aspects of Sport

Sport as a Business

Sports Performance Coaching

The Acquisition of Sports Skills

Assessment of Fitness

Biomechanics in Sport

Careers within the Sports Industry

Plan and Deliver a Strength and Conditioning Programme

LEGAL, FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING

Access to HE Diploma (Law)

Summary

The diploma provides students with a wide choice of units to support progression into law degree programmes. The mandatory group ensures that students have a good understanding and knowledge relevant to the English legal system, including the way that laws are made, the role of the courts of law, the legal system itself including legal professions, contract law and the Law of Tort.

Students can select from a range of optional units linked to law, with some variety of choice to include units which may be of specific interest to the student and their progression route. Optional units include sentencing, sociology of crime and deviance, analysing truth and deception, the psychology of criminal investigation and theories of criminal behaviour. Students also have the opportunity to research an aspect of law which is of particular interest to them.

Students must choose from a selection of mandatory and optional ungraded units to support study skills required for the diploma, including a mandatory communication unit, linked to speaking and listening which is a vital skill for any legal professional. A unit related to optimising performance in exams is an optional ungraded unit to help students prepare for the exams that they may face on a law degree programme.

Units Include:

Basic Principles of Criminal Law

Contract Law

Courts of Law

Introduction to Law

The Law of Tort

The Legal System in England

Analysing Truth and Deception

Crimes of Violence

Criminal Law

Human Rights for the Twenty-First Century

Preparation for Higher Education

Academic Writing Skills

KEY FACTS

Level: Level 3

Credits: 60

Qualification No: QAAQ002597

QAA Aim Code: 4000868X

Access to HE Diploma (Law and Business)

Summary

The diploma provides students with a wide choice of units to support progression into law and business management HE programmes. The mandatory group ensures that students have a good understanding of themes relevant to business management and law.

Students can select from a range of optional units linked to business and law, with some variety of choice to include units which may be of specific interest such as policing, criminology or human rights within the legal sector or marketing and finance, within the business sector. Students have the opportunity to research an aspect of business management which is of particular interest.

Students must choose from a selection of mandatory and optional ungraded units to support underpinning skills, including a mandatory communication unit, linked to speaking and listening which is a vital skill for any management professional. A unit related to computer data protection and one on understanding referencing is available as optional ungraded units.

Units Include:

Business Planning

Business Studies

External Factors Affecting Business

Introduction to Law

The Law of Tort

Contract Law and Business Transactions

Crime and Deviance

Analysing and Presenting Business Data

Finance in the Global Economy

Understanding Digital Marketing and Research

Preparation for Higher Education

Academic Writing Skills

KEY FACTS

Level: Level 3

Credits: 60

Qualification No: QAAQ003028

QAA Aim Code: 40010582

Access to HE Diploma (Trading and Finance)

Summary

The diploma will enable students to develop a good overall view of the world of financial related business, covering finance, accountancy, trade and economics. Students will be able to see the links between the areas and understand how they work together and how reliant they are on each other to ensure a company is successful.

The units will allow students to consider their options for further study and then progress onto either business, accountancy, finance or economics undergraduate degrees whilst providing a thorough understanding of how the elements work together.

The ungraded units have been selected to provide reinforced skills which will support academic study, but will also provide students with relevant skills to continue onto these types of degrees.

Units Include:

Analysing and Presenting Business Data

Economics

Introduction to Finance and Accounting

Introduction to Financial Markets

Introduction to Management Accounting

Introduction to Risk Management

The International Trade and Finance Environment

Banking and the Economic Environment

Financial Business Planning

Introduction to Microeconomics

Principles of Investment

Trading Psychology

KEY FACTS

Level: Level 3

Credits: 60

Qualification No: QAAQ001645

QAA Aim Code: 40007224

PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Access to HE Diploma (Policing and Criminology)

Summary

This diploma covers a broad range of topics in policing and criminology, allowing for a broad range of skills to be acquired. This diploma explores the role of the police force, criminology, different types of crime, as well as an introduction to law and legal frameworks.

Aspects of research, psychology and interpersonal skills are also included, as they are important for anyone working in roles within this sector.

KEY FACTS

Level: Level 3

Credits: 60

Qualification No: QAAQ002333

QAA Aim Code: 40007236

Units Include:

Careers in Policing and Criminology

Ethics and Values within Policing

Foundations of Law

Introduction to Criminology

Introduction to Policing

Legislation for Equality and Diversity

Professional Interpersonal Skills

Social Research Methods

Analysing Truth and Deception

Aspects of Social Psychology

Forensic Investigation Procedures

The Psychology of Offender Profiling

SALES, MARKETING AND PROCUREMENT

Access to HE Diploma (Digital Marketing and Social Media)

Summary

The range of units chosen for this diploma will provide a good overall view of how digital marketing and social media can support business development and promotion in the 21st century and a range of areas relevant to a business and the marketing industry.

Students will be able to see the links between the two areas and understand how they work together and how reliant they are on each other to ensure a company's marketing strategy is successful. The units will allow students to consider their options for further study and then progress on to business, marketing or digital marketing/social media undergraduate degrees whilst having given them an understanding of how these elements work together.

The ungraded units have been selected to provide underpinning skills which will support academic study but will also provide students with relevant skills to continue onto study in marketing, digital marketing, social media or business degrees.

Units Include:

Business Innovation and Growth through using Social Media

Content Management System Website Creation

Understanding Social Media Advertising and Promotion

Principles of Keywords and Optimisation

The External Environment for Business

Understanding Digital Marketing and Research

Communication using Digital Marketing or Sales Channels

Content Marketing

Developing a Brand

Video Software

Search Engine Marketing

Understanding Marketing Stakeholder Relationships

KEY FACTS

Level: Level 3

Credits: 60

Qualification No: QAA160140

QAA Aim Code: 40006359



Access to HE Diploma (Travel and Tourism)

Summary

The range of units chosen for this diploma will give a good overall view of the Travel and Tourism industry with a flavour of Business Management.

Students will be able to see the links between the two areas and understand how they work together and how reliant they are on each other to ensure a Travel and Tourism company is successful.

The units will allow students to consider their options for further study and then progress on to either Travel and/or Tourism Management undergraduate degrees.

The ungraded units have been selected to provide underpinning skills which will support academic study, but will also provide students with relevant skills to continue onto further study.

KEY FACTS

Level: Level 3

Credits: 60

Qualification No: QAAQ001624

QAA Aim Code:4000692X

Units Include:

Business Skills for the Travel and Tourism Industry

Careers within the Travel and Tourism Industry

Customer Service in the Travel and Tourism Industry

Legislation within the Travel and Tourism Sector

Marketing

Responsible Tourism

The Travel and Tourism Industry

Airline Operations

Consumer Protection within the Travel and Tourism Industry

Leadership and Management Practice for the Travel and Tourism Sector

Specialist Tourism

The Cruise Industry

TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS

Access to HE Diploma (Logistics with Business Management)

Summary

The range of units within this diploma will give a good overall view of the world of business and a range of areas relevant to the logistics industry.

Students will be able to see the links between the two areas and understand how they work together and how reliant they are on each other to ensure a company is successful. The units will allow students to consider their options for further study and then progress onto either business or logistics based undergraduate degrees whilst giving them an understanding of how both elements work together.

The ungraded units have been selected to provide underpinning skills which will support academic study but will also provide students with relevant skills to continue onto study in either logistics or business degrees.

Units Include:

Applied Business Marketing

Business Planning and Budgets

Effective Business Processes

Principles of Warehouse Operations

Procurement

Quantitative Methods - Statistics

Spreadsheets

Supply Chain Management

Transporting Goods

Understand Human Resource Management

Preparation for Higher Education

Academic Writing Skills

KEY FACTS

Level: Level 3

Credits: 60

Qualification No: QAA160141

QAA Aim Code: 40006372

This diploma is being reviewed and refreshed in 2019. If you would like to take part in the revalidation process, contact qualdev@gatewayqualifications.org.uk

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2

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Funding

- Access to HE can be funded as a first full Level 3 under legal entitlements for adults aged 19-23.
- Advanced Learner Loans - For students over the age of 19 years, the Advanced Learner Loan may be an option to make studying a diploma affordable. Important: the loan is 'written off' if the student goes on to study and completes a university degree – in 2018, £25.4 million was wiped off the loan book, equating to 7000 students completing an Access to HE Diploma.

UCAS Tariff

Access to HE Diplomas as recognised by universities and colleges across the country. The number of tariff points an Access to HE Diploma attracts varies between 48 and 144 points, depending on the grade profile. A full breakdown of grade profiles and UCAS points is included in the UCAS tariff tables guides. Search the UCAS website for helpful tariff tables and calculators.



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