

# Access to HE



**Access to HE is for students who have been out of education for some time and don't have the formal qualifications required for entry to university. The course can be studied full-time for a year, or part-time for two years.**

The college is unique in offering a progression certificate at Level 1 and Level 2, which is studied in tutorials. It is useful for university and in employment and covers issues such as Equality and Diversity and Prejudice and Discrimination in the Workplace (these are especially useful in any career that involves working with the public, especially those people that are considered vulnerable).

Staff are highly experienced and many have taught on the Access to HE course for over ten years. Most of the staff have Masters degrees, and one has a Doctorate.

In the past, learners have progressed to university at Wolverhampton, Newman College, Aston, Birmingham University, BCU and Portsmouth.

## **Pre-Access**

1 year • Wellington Road Campus

## **Entry requirements**

No formal qualifications.

We are running a pre-Access programme for those who are not currently ready for an Access programme. You will be asked to complete a research project into your chosen career, with a particular focus on supporting literacy skills.

## **Future Options**

Access to Higher Education Diploma.

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1 year full-time; 2 years part-time  
Wellington Road Campus

## **Entry requirements**

No formal qualifications but you will be required to sit a diagnostic session before enrolment.

The Diploma is ideal if you have had a break from education and wish to return. It offers several pathways to university, including Nursing, Social Work, Teaching and Social Sciences. The programme includes the core subjects of Maths and English as well as at least two optional pathway subjects. We strongly recommend that you check with the universities for their entry requirements.

## **Future Options**

University.

Social Sciences pathway: degrees in Law, psychology, English.

Nursing pathway: degrees in Nursing or Midwifery.

Social Work pathway: probation work.

Teaching pathway: B Ed, or PGCE.

## **Funding your studies**

Please talk to our Advice and Guidance and Student Support services at Paget Road or Wellington Road campuses about how you might manage your finances for the course. In some cases, particularly students who are in receipt of benefits, the course may be free. The guided learning hours are 15, and it's classified as part-time for Jobcentre purposes. You must notify the Jobcentre if you intend to enrol. For those who pay fees, please note that student loans are available for Access courses from 2012/13.