



# COLLYER'S

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## **Access to HE Diploma (Healthcare Professions)**



***"I wish I had found this course sooner! The quality of teaching is truly second to none. The course provides everything you need to be able to progress into further education. The extra help available during the course is truly fantastic and you are well supported throughout the year. I would recommend this course to anyone!"***

## Who is this course for?

Access to HE Diplomas are perfect for people who don't have the traditional qualifications to study at university or wish to progress on to a relevant Apprenticeship.

Our Access to HE Diploma is a part-time evening course where, over one year of study, you'll complete a qualification that is equivalent to three A Levels.

Some of our students have recently left college; others are looking to change careers at a later stage in life; for others still, this is their first college experience.

There's no such thing as a typical Access student: our students are of all ages and come from all backgrounds.

## Did you know...

Students on nursing and other healthcare degree courses can apply for a £5,000 training grant per academic year? There is an additional £2,000 available for students with dependants under 15 years. This is non-repayable and is in addition to any student loans.

## What can I do next?

Previous students have progressed to study degree courses including:

- Nursing (Adult, Child, Mental Health)
- Dental Hygiene
- Midwifery
- Occupational Therapy
- Paramedic Science
- Podiatry
- Physiotherapy
- Radiography
- Social Work
- Speech and Language Therapy

***“Collyer’s Access Course gave me confidence to progress onto university and confidence within myself. The course teaches you the fundamental skills needed to progress onto university and the courage to step out of your comfort zone. Highly recommended.”***



## What are the entry requirements?

You must be aged 19+ on the 1<sup>st</sup> September in the year you join the course.

You should have GCSE English and Maths at Grade C/4 or Level 2 Functional Skills English and Maths qualifications.

If you don't already have Maths and English at Level 2, please contact us and we can discuss your options for achieving these qualifications with us.

Most degree courses require you to have relevant experience. You may already work in a healthcare setting. If you don't, you should look to gain some voluntary experience or work shadowing in an area relevant to your chosen career path. You'll need this when you apply to university in the autumn term of your Access course.



***“Returning to learning after nearly 16 years was scary, but after meeting my tutors and getting started I quickly got stuck in and even enjoyed learning again. It is flexible around my children and work commitments,”***

## How will I be taught?

You'll be taught by our experienced and knowledgeable Access tutors over two evening sessions a week plus some Saturdays, term time only.

The majority of teaching will be classroom based. There will, however, be an element of blended learning so you'll use technology such as Microsoft Teams or Zoom. There may also be some online study units. You'll need access to a PC, laptop or other suitable device.

You will be assessed as you progress through the course using a variety of methods, including coursework and exams.



## What will I study?

Your course is 60 credits (45 graded) and will include units from the following subject areas:

- Biology (minimum of 15 credits)
- Psychology
- Professional Studies
- Study Skills
- Chemistry
- Maths

You'll also complete an Independent Academic Study on a topic that's relevant to your chosen career path.

## Sample units

We regularly review the units we deliver. In 2023/34 the course covered 19 units including:

- Disease and Body Defences
- Understanding Ethics in Healthcare
- Introduction to Psychology
- The Musculoskeletal System for Healthcare
- Health and Health Services
- Reproductive Biology for Healthcare
- Skills for Study: Research
- Listening Skills in the Helping Professions



## What support is there?

We provide support for students with learning needs and those who require emotional support. This is usually in the form of individual study support sessions, following assessment.

All students will receive three individual tutorials when completing their Independent Academic Study.

We'll also support you with your university application during the autumn term of the course.

Students who are facing financial hardship can apply for help with travel costs and childcare costs whilst studying with us.

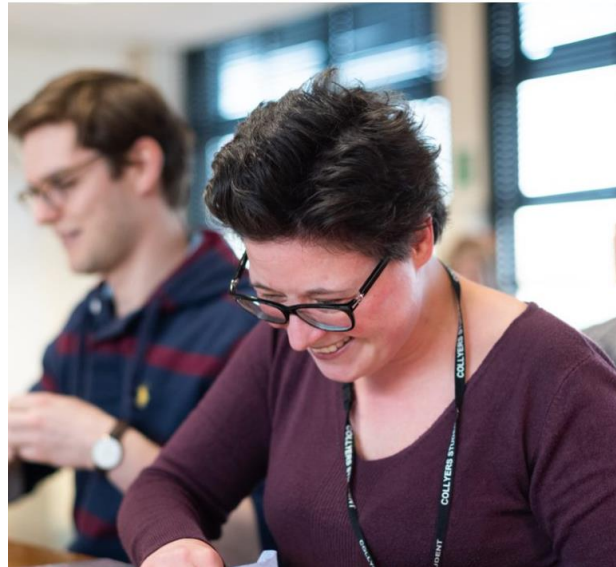


## How much does the course cost?

Most of our students use an Advanced Learner Loan to fund the course. These loans are not means tested and there are no credit checks. This loan will be written off when you complete your degree.

If you're 19-23 years and this is your first Level 3 qualification, then you're likely to receive full funding for this course.

If neither of these apply to you, please contact us to discuss costs.



## How do I join the course?

You can complete an online application form for this course on our website. We'll review your application and invite you for an informal interview if you meet our entry requirements.

Once you've signed up, we'll invite you to join our induction event that takes place during the summer term preceding the course start. Here you'll get to meet your tutors, find out more about them and the course – and be set some summer homework to get you started.

Please note that a non-refundable deposit of £150 is required at the point of booking. Please talk to us if this would cause you financial hardship.

## Useful resources

<https://www.accesstohe.ac.uk/>

<https://www.ucas.com/>

<https://www.gov.uk/advanced-learner-loan>

<https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/nhs-learning-support-fund>

## Want to find out more?

Contact [adulted@collyers.ac.uk](mailto:adulted@collyers.ac.uk) or call us on 01403 216597.

***“Access to HE is an incredible course and stepping stone to your future career and educational journey to university...it has been extremely rewarding for me, and taught me many skills outside of the standard learning needed to pursue my chosen career.”***