



START YOUR JOURNEY TO A DEGREE

Access to HE Course Guide



Access to Higher Education Diploma

Fast track your way to degree level study with an Access to Higher Education Diploma.

This one-year programme is specifically designed to give adults without the necessary formal qualifications the chance to get the entry criteria needed to progress to higher study at college or university.

The diploma is the ideal first step to a wide range of degree level courses and professional qualifications that can lead to in demand careers such as nursing, primary teaching, social work, podiatry and law.

Why study at NCD?



Expert teachers with academic and industry experience.



Smaller class sizes.



Outstanding learning support.



Bright modern campus with industry standard resources.

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What level is the Access to HE Diploma?

It is a full level 3 qualification, equivalent to A-Levels.

Who can study an Access to HE Diploma?

Anyone aged 19 or over.

How long is the course?

One year of full-time study.

How much time will I spend in college?

2 days a week on campus plus independent study.

How can I progress?

They are widely recognised by universities and colleges for entry to degree level courses.

How are they assessed?

Assessment varies depending on the subject you study but can include essays, reports, exams, assignments and practical tasks.

STUDY FREE

If you do not already hold a full level 3 qualification such as 2 A-levels or a BTEC level 3 diploma and are aged between 19–23 your course will be **FREE**.

If you already have a level 3 qualification, or you are aged 24 or over, you will have to pay for your course. You can apply for an Advanced Learner Loan to help with courses fees. The good news is, if you complete a degree after your access course your loan will be written off so your course will be **FREE**.

Advanced Learner Loans

You can apply for an Advanced Learner Loan to help with the costs of tuition. Loan eligibility does not depend on your income and there are no credit checks.

Find out more at
[gov.uk/advanced-learner-loan](https://www.gov.uk/advanced-learner-loan)

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Art and Design

Full time, 1 year

Develop the skills and knowledge needed to progress to a creative arts degree. You will refine your practical skills and produce a portfolio of work to showcase your creative style and talent for degree level study.

Entry Criteria

Ideally, you will hold GCSE qualifications, or Level 2 equivalent, in English and maths.

Modules include:

- Study skills
- Art and design presentation
- History of art and design
- Visual studies
- Digital imaging
- Printmaking
- Art and design 2D

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Education

Full time, 1 year

The education pathway is the perfect stepping stone to careers in primary school teaching, business and management or education and training. It can also offer entry to degrees in any of the subjects covered in the course.

Entry Criteria

Ideally, you will hold a minimum of grade 4 /C in GCSE in English, science and maths, before starting the diploma.

Modules include:

- Teaching and learning
- Core science
- Psychology
- English language studies
- History
- Study skills
- Access project

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Health

Full time, 1 year *Daytime, online and January start evening options are available.*

Gain the entry criteria for a variety of health-related higher education qualifications including nursing, midwifery and paramedic science.

Entry Criteria

Ideally, you will hold GCSE qualifications, or Level 2 equivalent, in English and maths.

Modules include:

- Psychology
- Human biology
- Core science
- Health promotion
- Values and practice in care development
- Study skills
- Access project

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Humanities

Full time, 1 year

This pathway can provide progression to a range of degree courses including history, social sciences, law, social work and criminology, amongst others.

Entry Criteria

Ideally, you will hold a GCSE qualification or Level 2 equivalent in English and maths.

Modules include:

- Psychology
- History
- English language
- Sociology
- Values and practice or English literature
- Study skills
- Access project

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Science

Full time, 1 year

The science pathway will prepare you to move on to science-based degrees, including biomedical science, pathology, physiological science, environmental science, pharmaceutical science and degrees related to economics.

Entry Criteria

GCSE English at a minimum grade 4/C. Functional Skills at Level 2 will also be accepted. GCSE Maths at a minimum grade 6/B.

Modules include:

- Chemistry
- Biology
- Physics
- Maths
- Chemical science
- Study skills
- Access project

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Policing

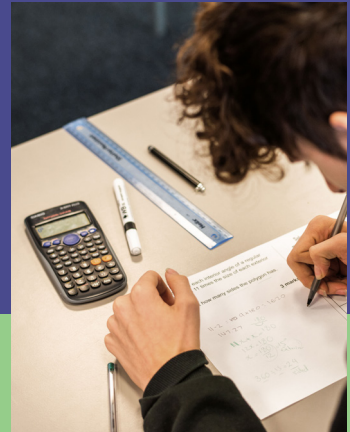
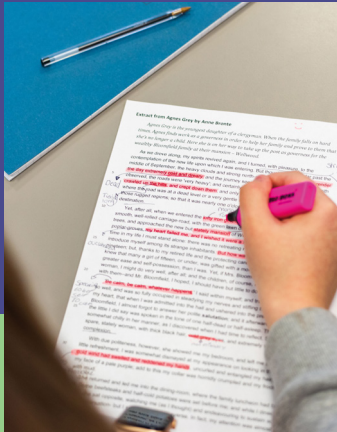
Full time, 1 year

The Access Policing course will enable you to pursue a career in a range of subject areas relating to law, criminology and society

*Subject to approval

English & maths

If you need your level 2 English and maths qualifications, we have evening classes available so you can study one these alongside you diploma.



HOW TO APPLY

In three simple steps

ONE

**Apply online at
www.newdur.ac.uk**

Click the Apply Online button on the course page you are interested in and complete our online application form.

TWO

**Receive an invitation
to meet the tutor**

We'll invite you for an informal meet the tutor chat, where you'll receive advice & guidance from our friendly teaching staff.

THREE

**Processing of
your application**

We'll review your application & will be in touch with your next steps or an offer for a place at New College Durham.



Find out more

Head to www.newcollegedurham.ac.uk/courses/access-to-he for full details of all our access diplomas.

You can also go along to one of the monthly Information & Advice Events that run from October to June. Dates and times can be found at www.newcollegedurham.ac.uk/events.

Contact us

We are available Monday to Thursday from 8.30am to 5.00 pm and Friday 8.30am to 4.30pm to answer your questions.



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ADMISSIONS OFFICE

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