

## Access to Higher Education

Hello and welcome to the Area of Access, Health and Social Care and Science.

Congratulations on making the first big leap into returning to education to prepare yourself for University entry.

The Access course is designed to prepare you for progression into Higher Education. It aims for you to develop strategies and skills essential for learning, and to develop knowledge of your specialist subjects. The course provides strong support for students and encourages you to achieve your goals, with the ultimate aim of you becoming independent learners and as prepared as possible for higher study.

Students on the Access course benefit from close and supportive working relationships with a highly qualified and experienced teaching team. The Access course team find it hard to conceal their enthusiasm for teaching their subject areas and for helping adult learners achieve their goals. Between them, the team have considerable experience and expertise in teaching on Access programmes, working with adult learners and supporting them to progress to university level courses. Many have also taught at degree level and all the team know exactly what is required to prepare someone for a degree.

The team have high standards and set high expectations to support and prepare you for University. By commencing your studies with us, you have therefore joined a professional community with a passion for learning and support. The Access course is demanding, but all we ask is that you immerse yourself in your studies, work to your full potential, and enjoy yourself along the way.

Good luck from all of the Access Team

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## Course Aims

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- Help you develop strategies and skills essential for learning
- Develop knowledge of your specialist subjects
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## Course Structure

Here at Colchester Institute six specific Access Diplomas are offered, and students are registered on one of these according to the degree programme they are intending to progress on to.

- Access to HE Diploma (Health Professions)
- Access to HE Diploma (Humanities and Social Science)
- Access to HE Diploma (Science)
- Access to HE Diploma (Social Work and Related Professions)
- Access to HE Diploma (Maths and Science)
- Access to HE Diploma (Humanities)

All diplomas include core subjects such as Academic Writing and Study Skills. Each diploma then has a mandatory subject (e.g. for health professions it is human biology) and another specialist subject.

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## Destinations

We offer degree provision through our university: University Centre Colchester.

Please visit our website for more information! [www.colchester.ac.uk/ucc](http://www.colchester.ac.uk/ucc)

Here are some other universities you may wish to consider:



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## Links with Local Universities



Access Biology students visit the University of Suffolk

## Destinations

Adult Nursing

Midwifery

Mental Health Nursing

Diagnostic Radiography

Operating Department Practice

Physiotherapy

Speech & language therapy

Bioscience

Automotive Engineering

Biomedical Science

Computer Science

Aerospace Engineering

Mechanical Engineering

Biochemistry

English Literature

Law

History

Economics

Media

English Language and Linguistics

Archaeology

Modern Languages

## What our Learners Say



Michael Allport - Access to HE  
Science and Maths Diploma

Runner-up in the Outstanding Academic Achievement  
category of the Keith Fletcher Memorial Prize 2017-18

“ If anyone has thought of going into higher  
education to change their career or for self-  
betterment but has had doubts, **just grab the bull  
by the horns and look into Access.** The course  
structure and teaching were outstanding in starting  
my learning off again, and it's never too late to go  
back into education if you have the passion  
and motivation. ”

[This link takes you to our student nomination for this  
prestigious national award for 2019/20– she was also  
runner up!](#)

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*“Thank you for being a truly wonderful tutor, you really are the best! And thanks for putting up with me”*

*(Access Science Student)*

*“Your knowledge and guidance has been invaluable and I probably wouldn’t be on my way to university without your time and efforts. Thank you for making the access course memorable.*

*(Access Humanities & Social Science Student)*

*“Thank you for being one of the nicest teachers I’ve ever had. I’ve had bad experiences at school and your support really did restore my faith in education!”*

*(Access Humanities & Social Science Student)*

*“I would just like to say thank you for all the support from you and the team throughout the course, it has been an experience I shall not forget.”*

*(Access Science Student)*



## Support on the Course

You are well supported during your time at Colchester Institute!

You will be allocated a personal tutor who you can see on a regular basis to discuss your progress and your university application.

We also have Student Welfare who give advice on health, finance and can refer to counselling support.

We also give lots of UCAS support and guidance, making your application to university is done in the half term. So get ahead now and investigate the universities; their course content and structure, entry criteria and what it has to offer you.