

# ACCESS TO HE DIPLOMA (HEALTH) GUIDE

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A healthcare career is one of the most rewarding careers you can do! You can really make a difference in a person's life, often saving and changing their lives for the better. You can even help to bring new life into the world.

An Access to HE Diploma (Health) is a fantastic route into a healthcare career and acts as a stepping-stone onto a university level course.

If you're still feeling a little confused or unsure about our Access to HE Diploma (Health) – don't worry!

**We have all the key information you'll need to help you make your decision.**

**YOUR KEY QUESTIONS  
ANSWERED...**

## WHAT IS THE ACCESS TO HE DIPLOMA (HEALTH)?

Access to HE is a widely recognised qualification that provides a route to university. Regardless of whether you are returning to education after some time, this course gives a route into university and the opportunity to study at degree level.

As an alternative route to studying A Levels to get to university, the Access to HE Diploma (Health) is a level 3 qualification.

Studying an Access to HE Diploma (Health) is the equivalent of taking 3 traditional A Levels, but instead of studying core subjects, all the modules studied are skills needed for a healthcare degree.

With this course, you will earn UCAS points which will support your application for university or a degree level course.

## IS THE ACCESS TO HE DIPLOMA (HEALTH) RIGHT FOR ME?

Before you enrol, you need to consider if this course is right for you.

### **There's no typical Access to HE student...**

As with all Open Study College courses, there is no 'typical' Access to HE Diploma (Health) student. This means that as long as you're looking for a career in the healthcare sector, such as nursing or midwifery, and want to study at degree level, the Access to HE Diploma (Health) is perfect for you.

So, whether you have always wanted a job in healthcare or you're looking for a complete change of career, our Access to HE Diploma (Health) is a step in the right direction!

There is no one classed as too 'old' to complete this course and in fact, it is designed specifically for those returning to education.

## *Is the Access to HE Diploma (Health) right for me? (continued)*

### **Skills for studying at degree level...**

The Access to HE Diploma (Health) is designed specifically to equip students with the skills needed for studying at university level.

It provides a good foundation of knowledge and preparation for those who have been out of education for some time.

### **Requirements...**

Our Access to HE Diploma (Health) has very little entry requirements, so it's perfect for those who didn't achieve grades the first time around.

- You must be 19 or over.
- Minimum grade C/4 in GCSE Maths and English (functional skills may be considered).
- Short telephone interview to confirm your place.
- Access to a laptop, tablet or computer.

The Access to HE Diploma (Health) opens up so many opportunities for you to start an exciting and rewarding career in healthcare, such as nursing or midwifery!

So, as long as you want to begin a healthcare career, this course is the perfect step to getting you there!

## IS IT A FULLY RECOGNISED COURSE?

Access to HE courses are widely recognised by universities spanning the UK. They are the equivalent of 3 A Levels and many universities encourage applications from Access to HE students as the topics covered are highly relevant and specific.

As it is part of the UCAS system, you can use it in support of your application to university.

Our Access to HE course is recognised as an entry requirement for nursing and midwifery courses by universities across the country, including University of Manchester, Birmingham City University, Liverpool John Moores University, University of Sunderland and City University of London.

*\*It is your responsibility to check if the university course you want to apply for accepts this Access to HE qualification.*

If you don't see the Access to HE Diploma (Health) listed as an entry requirement for a course, call the university to find out if they will consider you! Often, they will make offers to Access to HE Diploma (Health) students if they achieve a certain grade.

## HOW FLEXIBLE IS IT?

As with many of our courses at Open Study College, the Access to HE distance learning course offers the flexibility to fit studying around your busy life and schedule. You will be able to learn in your own environment, alongside other work and life commitments.

Choose to study online or from a course pack. As long as you have your course materials, you can study!

The course is studied over 2 years, with specific time frames for each unit.

There are assignment deadlines you will have to meet, and any missed assignments can result in you being taken off the course. So, make sure that you are in a position to be able to meet the deadlines!

## THE BENEFITS OF ACCESS TO HE

Studying an Access to HE Diploma (Health) has so many benefits and is perfect for those returning to education!

Not only will it transform your career, it sets you on the right path too.

- Unit content is specific to healthcare related degrees.
- Equivalent of 3 A Levels.
- No exams.
- Earn UCAS points.
- Progress onto nursing, midwifery or other healthcare degrees.
- 90% of graduates with an Access to HE Diploma (Health) were employed or in further study six months after graduation.

## WHERE YOUR ACCESS TO HE DIPLOMA (HEALTH) CAN TAKE YOU...

The Access to Access to HE Diploma (Health) is designed specifically as a route into a degree level course in healthcare.

Successful students may then go onto study a BSc in Nursing, Midwifery or other healthcare related courses depending on the university's entry requirements.

On successful completion of your university degree, you could then progress onto becoming a qualified healthcare professional such as a nurse or midwife within the NHS or a private practice.

### EARNING POTENTIAL

Newly qualified  
**nurse**  
average salary:



Newly qualified  
**midwife**  
average salary:



## THE SUPPORT YOU'LL RECEIVE

When you enrol onto our Access to HE Diploma (Health), you will receive unlimited support from our expert tutors. They are there to support you throughout your course and offer feedback and mentoring to ensure you are progressing with your course and remain on track.

You will also receive 1-to-1 mentoring sessions either by telephone or video call to guide you through certain aspects of your course.

## YOUR FUTURE

Start shaping your future and take the next steps to further education and university with our Access to HE Diploma (Health).

**Transform your life and enter one of the most rewarding careers there is!**

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