
ACCESS TO THE PROSPECTUS



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WELCOME TO OPEN STUDY COLLEGE

We are delighted that you are considering joining us to study and take pleasure in welcoming you to our family.

Open Study College is one of the UK's leading distance learning colleges. We provide professionally recognised qualifications and courses that enable you to study in your own time from home.

With distance learning, you are in control. Our unique and flexible courses allow people like you to balance learning alongside your busy lifestyle.

You won't be alone throughout your study journey, we're here to support you every step of the way. You

will have an experienced tutor on hand to answer any of your course-related questions, and our friendly student services team are only a telephone call away to help with any other queries you may have throughout your course.

We offer over 700 courses varying from accounting and childcare to beauty therapy and psychology, meaning there is something for everyone! With people from around the world who have already enrolled with us, we have helped thousands of people to improve their education and career prospects.

We pride ourselves on offering an excellent student

experience, from enrolment and all the way throughout your studies. We're thrilled to say we have a 4.8 star rating on Trustpilot thanks to our many happy students, you can read some of our latest reviews [here](#).

I hope you find a course that sparks your interest. We look forward to helping you to achieve your goals and ambitions.

Best wishes,

Samantha Rutter
CEO, Open Study College



ABOUT US

Open Study College are a distance learning college committed to helping people achieve their personal or career goals. We understand that life is busy, that's why we offer all designed to study around your existing work and life commitments. As a family-founded college, we think of everyone as an extended member of our family - our team, our tutors, and most importantly our learners.

OUR FAMILY STORY

Founded by father and daughter Mark and Samantha Rutter, with the support of their family, Open Study College has been operating since 2007.

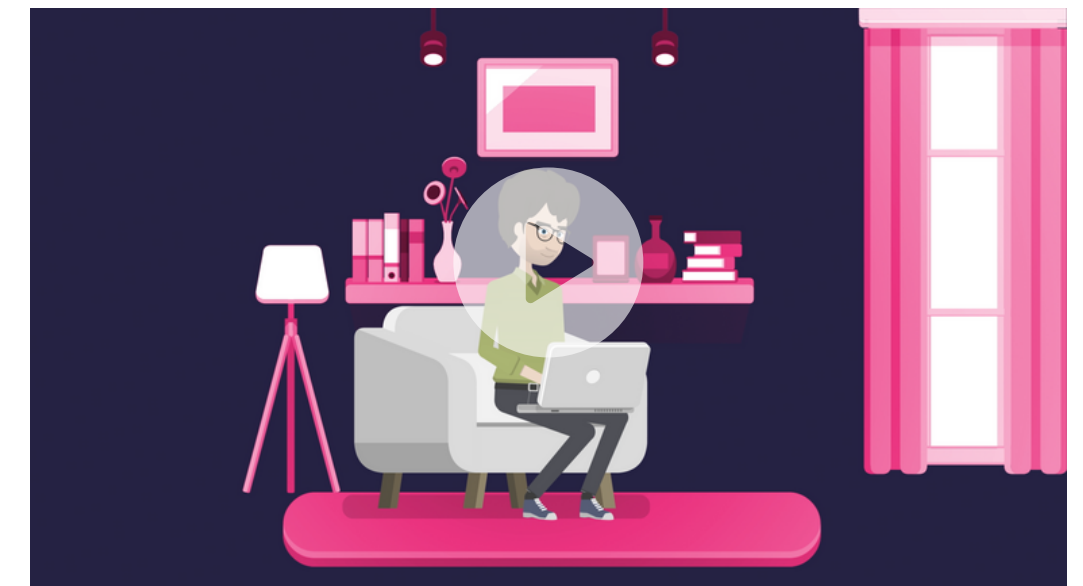
Mark has decades of experience within the education industry, in particular distance learning. He is passionate about helping people better themselves and felt there could be so much more he could do to support learners, including offering higher-quality

courses and tutor support. Together with his daughter, he decided to sacrifice a senior career, sell the family home, and put everything into setting up Open Study College. The college has continued to grow over the years, as we started to write more and more courses and the demand for more flexible education increased. We now have a fantastic team of 50, including knowledgeable and friendly student services. and education specialists, plus a nationwide team of expert tutors.

Everyone's learning journey, whatever that may be, is personal, different, exciting, and sometimes difficult. We know that we are in the privileged position of being the enablers of positive life-altering change. We are here to do what we can to help people achieve their goals and thrive in life - we are an expert, a friendly ear, a 24/7 support, and your wildly enthusiastic cheerleader! We will empower you to

move forward with your goals and we will always have your best interests at the heart of what we do. We want to help you achieve your ambitions, and we will provide you with the excitement and encouragement you need throughout your journey with OSC.

To find out more about OSC, watch this video



WHAT WE STAND FOR

OUR MANIFESTO

We believe in people. We believe in second chances, and new beginnings. We believe in those who have the courage to change, the courage to take a different path towards a brighter future. So let's do them proud. Helping them believe in their potential every single day. Giving them the confidence they need to be everything they can be, because independent learning is never done alone. We are all a part of it, and together, we can change lives.

VALUES

Here at Open Study College, we live by three values:



AMBITION



EXCITEMENT



TOGETHERNESS

WHY CHOOSE OSC?

TRUSTED QUALIFICATIONS

Accredited by One Awards, our Access to HE Diplomas offer a great alternative route to university and your dream career. As an equivalent to three A Levels, our Access to HE Diplomas have been benchmarked against the highest of industry standards, ensuring you have a valuable qualification under your belt to help you reach your full potential!

FULL TUTOR SUPPORT

Throughout your study journey, you will be provided with a specialist tutor, who will offer unlimited expert support and guidance throughout your Access to HE studies.

EXTERNALLY VERIFIED

With the seal of approval granted by external associations such as the Open and Distance Learning Quality Council, you can feel confident that you are studying with one of the UK's largest and most trusted learning providers.

STUDENT PERKS

Once you have enrolled with us, you will receive a FREE XO Student Discounts membership, allowing you to enjoy a variety of exclusive student discounts.



MORE BENEFITS...

AFFORDABLE STUDY

Our affordable and competitive prices allow you to invest in your future without worry. We offer flexible monthly payment plans to enable you to spread the cost of learning across monthly, stress-free payments.

FLEXIBILITY AND CONVENIENCE

You are in control of your learning. You decide when, where, and how you study, allowing you to fit your course around your current lifestyle.

CAREER SUPPORT

We are invested in you and your career, that's why when you enrol with OSC you'll get access to a whole host of benefits to help you get the career you dream of, including:

Free CV critique service

A strong CV that details your experience and education, including your OSC course, can help you land your dream job. This free service means you can get your CV reviewed with helpful pointers on what you could improve.

Career guides

We regularly write career guides for our website so you can find out more about various industries and how to get into certain jobs.

Employability guide

Whether you're applying for your first job, looking to jump back into the job market, or you just want to refresh your knowledge, our free employability guide will help.



WHAT IS AN ACCESS TO HE DIPLOMA?

An Access to HE Diploma is a nationally recognised level three qualification that offers an alternative to the traditional route to university. They are an equivalent to three A Levels and they don't include exams, making them the ideal choice for anyone returning to education who are considering progressing to university in the future.

The diplomas are designed to be completed within two years. You'll study from home in your own time, with a timetable to help you stay on track. Once you have successfully completed the qualification, you will receive UCAS points to help you get into university.

The learning materials and units are centred around the end goal of studying a specific degree at university. So, whether you want to study a degree in healthcare, public services, education, or business to name a few, there is an Access to HE Diploma out there to help you achieve your dream job.

WHO IS IT FOR?

Access to HE Diplomas are designed for anyone looking to change their career or return to education. Created for learners aged 19 and over, Access to HE Diplomas give students of all ages and backgrounds the opportunity to access an education that will enable them to pursue their goals.

We understand that it can be daunting if you haven't studied in a while, which is why our diplomas have been carefully designed to meet the needs of those who are returning to education, whether that is to benefit their current career or change it entirely.

So, whatever your circumstances, an Access to HE Diploma can help you take your first step towards achieving your undergraduate degree and getting yourself on track for a brighter future.



ACCESS TO HE DIPLOMA (HEALTH)

This course is designed for anyone looking to begin a career in the healthcare industry. During the first year of your studies, you'll cover topics such as human biology and the factors that affect human health. The second year of your course will cover psychology, the principles of values-based healthcare, and how you can promote the health of your patients.

Entry requirements

Once you have enrolled on your course, we will be in touch to conduct a short telephone interview to confirm your place on the course.

- Aged 19 or over
- Minimum of grade 4 (C) in GCSE Maths and English
- Functional Skills qualifications will be considered on a case-by-case basis
- Access to a laptop, computer, or tablet
- Must be able to complete at least 20 hours per week

Intake start dates

We have two intake dates each year, one at the beginning of January, and the second at the start of September.

What next?

Once you have successfully completed your course, you can enrol on a variety of healthcare-related degrees, including:

- Nursing
- Midwifery
- Paramedic Science
- Other healthcare-related degrees

[To find out more about our Access to HE Diploma \(Health\), click here.](#)



ACCESS TO HE DIPLOMA (PUBLIC SERVICES)

This course is designed for anyone looking to begin a career in the emergency services, legal, or military industries. Your first year of studies will cover topics such as psychology and the sociology of crime and deviance. In the second year of your course, you will explore topics including an introduction to law enforcement and policing, and an overview of crime, including the causes of crime, criminological theories, and the effect of crime on the victim.

Entry requirements

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- Minimum of grade 4 (C) in GCSE Maths and English
- Functional Skills qualifications will be considered on a case-by-case basis
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What next?

Once you have successfully completed your course, you can enrol on a variety of emergency services-related degrees, including:

- Policing degree apprenticeship
- Fire and rescue degree
- Social policy and law degree
- Sociology degree
- Other public service-related degrees

You could also pursue a career in the military after completing this course.

[To find out more about our Access to HE Diploma \(Public Services\) click here.](#)



ACCESS TO HE: AN ALTERNATIVE ROUTE TO UNIVERSITY

Our Access to Higher Education courses are the perfect stepping stone for anyone hoping to go to university. There are no exams included and our diplomas can be completed via distance learning from the comfort of your own home.

Access to HE Diplomas are tailored to specific subject areas that will prepare you for your chosen undergraduate degree. Your course materials will provide you with relevant knowledge, allowing you to hit the ground running when starting your degree and making your transition to university education easier.

As a nationally recognised qualification, Access to HE Diplomas are widely accepted by universities throughout the

UK. As an equivalent to three A Levels, learners will gain the equivalent UCAS points they need to support their university application.

Universities are involved in the development of the learning materials for Access to HE courses to ensure that the unit content is relevant. This means that learners completing an Access to HE Diploma will feel fully prepared and ready to progress to university.

Every year, approximately 20,000 students apply to a UK university having studied an Access to HE Diploma, and they then go on to study a wide range of subjects.



KACIE'S STORY

“When it comes to Access to HE, if, like me, you left school with no A Levels but then changed your mind and decided that you do want to go to university, then remember this course, as it’s a qualification accepted all by itself.”

Kacie’s dream is to be a nurse and then in the future gain a master’s degree in nursing. In order to qualify for university, she required three A Levels, so she began her journey with Open Study College by enrolling on an A Level Chemistry course. Soon after starting, Kacie became aware of the Access to Higher Education Diploma in Health, which is widely recognised by universities as the equivalent of three A Levels. Quickly, with the support of Open Study College, Kacie re-evaluated her study path and switched courses.

“Not long after I began my first distance learning course, Open Study College was really helpful when I explained that I wanted to switch to the Access to HE course. Even though I had already enrolled, received the study materials, and had technically started the A Level Chemistry course, OSC couldn’t have been more helpful and quickly guided me through changing courses without a hiccup.

“I’ve always enjoyed work, so with distance learning, it allowed me to earn a wage at the same time as studying. This was a key reason for following this path. Throughout my course, I’ve had a range of different jobs related to nursing as I’ve been trying to be in the best position for nursing while doing the course. I was a pharmacy adviser in Boots, I also completed healthcare training and then went on to being a healthcare support worker in A&E.

“OSC essentially offers you independence in your own learning. Some people don’t want to go to college, and I think especially these days younger people want to start work as quickly as possible. This way you get the best of both worlds - learning and earning.”

GOING TO UNIVERSITY

Kacie is currently in her first year at university and explains that she feels a step ahead thanks to her studies with OSC. And as Kacie says, having already obtained her Access to HE qualification will really make her stand out once she finishes university.

“I’ve just started the Trainee Nursing Associate course at Middlesex University, and it is incredible how much the Access to HE course has already been a tremendous



help. A lot of the assignments I completed with OSC are forming the basis of tasks and papers I’m working on now. It has fully prepared me and has actually enabled me to help other students on the course too. Thanks to the Access to HE course I have all this extra research, background, and knowledge.

KACIE'S STORY (CONTINUED)

"Although I've just started studying, I'm already thinking about my end goal. When students finish the university Trainee Nursing course, you then need to apply for a nursing top-up, and when it's time for me to apply for this top-up, not only will I have the degree, but I'll also have the relevant work experience I was able to complete whilst studying thanks to the flexibility of distance learning and, on top of that, the Access to HE qualification."

"When you look at two people on paper, one with a degree and the other with a degree and the Access to HE qualification, the person with both, which is me, will surely be a more attractive candidate."

"Currently only a handful of colleges actually offer the Access to HE course so very few students will have the chance to gain this qualification. This means that one day I will definitely stand out! Also, when it comes to my master's degree I'll be working whilst studying and what my time with OSC will portray is that I'm more than capable of doing both at the same time."

KACIE'S ADVICE FOR LEARNERS

When asked about aspects she found challenging, Kacie explained that at first the level of support was a worrying factor for her, but she soon realised this wouldn't be an issue and she offers some words of advice:

"Distance learning can be something that seems so daunting, especially when you hear the word 'distance', but if you do your research and choose the right place, you'll understand that you're not on your own at all."

"At first, I was worried about the level of support I'd receive, but with assignments I've been stuck on, my tutor has actually offered 1-2-1 sessions via Zoom, which has been incredible. Essentially, when I need to feel like I'm at school I can with the support of my tutor, and when I need some space from learning, I have that too with the ultimate flexibility."

"With distance learning, you manage your own education. You do need to be proactive with yourself and with your deadlines though. You have to want it for yourself."

"One thing that's been a massive godsend is how thorough the assignment briefs are. With most assignments from school or even at university, I find myself thinking that I don't know what they're asking me, but this has never ever happened with OSC. I've always known exactly what is being asked of me as it's really clear."

"When it comes to Access to HE, if, like me, you left school with no A Levels but then changed your mind and decided that you do want to go to university, then remember this course as it's a qualification accepted all by itself. It covers a huge range of interesting topics and subjects which means the end result is that you don't need additional A Levels on top of it."

Having successfully completed the Access to HE course, Kacie is well on her way to pursuing her dream thanks to her hard work and dedication, as well as the huge advantages this course has already given her and will continue to give her in the future.

FAQS

? ARE ACCESS TO HE DIPLOMAS RECOGNISED QUALIFICATIONS?

Yes, our Access to HE Diplomas are fully recognised qualifications that are accredited by One Awards. Our Access to HE Diplomas are widely accepted by universities throughout the UK as an alternative to A Levels. You will also receive UCAS points on completion of your course.

? HOW FLEXIBLE ARE ACCESS TO HE DIPLOMAS?

Our Access to HE Diplomas are designed to be studied from home in your own time. You will have two years to complete the course and you will follow a timetable for the duration of your course, which will include deadlines for your assignments. We recommend that you dedicate an average of approximately 20 hours per week to your studies.

? WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE COST OF YOUR COURSE?

- Dedicated personal tutor support with unlimited email access and video mentoring sessions.
- Dedicated student support from our student services team.
- Course materials with learning activities.
- Assignment marking and feedback from your personal tutor.
- UCAS application guide.
- A free CV writing service and employability guide if you're focusing on career advancement.
- A free XO Student Discounts membership to save you money on your favourite brands.
- A study pack including a pen, study planner, and notebook if you choose the study pack option.

? WHEN CAN I START MY STUDIES?

We have two intakes for our Access to HE Diplomas each year, one in January and one in September. You can enrol at any time of year and choose which cohort you wish to join depending on what suits you best.

? DO I HAVE TO SIT AN EXAM?

No, our Access to HE Diplomas do not require you to sit any exams in order to achieve your qualification. Instead, you will be assessed via tutor-marked assignments which will include essays, presentations, and reports.

MORE FAQs

? WHAT SUPPORT WILL I RECEIVE?

Throughout your course, you will receive expert tutor support. You can contact your tutor at any time via email to ask questions about your course or assignments, and they will provide you with detailed feedback on the assignments you submit. You will also have access to video mentoring sessions with your tutor.

? ARE ACCESS TO HE COURSES ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING?

Unfortunately, as we are a private training provider, our learners on this course will not be eligible to apply for an advanced learner loan, or receive a loan 'write-off' on completion of their course.

? CAN I ENROL ON AN ACCESS TO HE COURSE IF I LIVE OUTSIDE THE UK?

This course is for UK residents only, meaning we are unable to accept enrolments from students outside of the UK.

? WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A STUDY PACK AND THE ONLINE STUDY OPTION?

The study method you choose depends on your personal learning style. The differences between the options are:

- Study pack: if you choose the study pack option, you will be sent a set of printed course materials.
- Study online: if you choose this option, you will be sent your login details to our online portal through which you will access your course materials digitally. You can access your course via a desktop/laptop computer, tablet, or smartphone.

? WHAT HAPPENS IF I LOSE OR DAMAGE MY COURSE PACK?

We offer a course replacement service which ensures that, if your course pack is lost or damaged during your studies, we can issue you with a new set of materials for a one-time additional fee. This is available by calling our student support team on 03303 114 092.

? WILL THIS QUALIFICATION GET ME INTO UNIVERSITY?

These qualification provides you with a direct progression route to university and will earn you the UCAS points you need to support your university application. They are the equivalent of three A Levels and successful students may progress on to university and study a relevant degree.

You will need to check with your chosen university to ensure that they will accept students who have completed the Access to HE Diploma you wish to enrol on.

WHAT DO I DO IF I STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

We are here to help, so please contact our student advisers on

03303 114 092

Or email our team on info@openstudycollege.com

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