

ACCESS TO UNIVERSITY COURSES



GREAT THINGS START HERE

WHAT IS AN ACCESS TO UNIVERSITY COURSE?

Access to University courses are specifically aimed at those aged 19 and over who would like to study at university but lack the necessary qualifications.

Covering a wide range of subject areas, our courses are the perfect way to provide the qualifications needed to move on to study at university.

What's more, we pride ourselves on providing an enjoyable learning experience where you leave us not only with new skills, but new-found confidence to pursue your new future.



YOUR COLLEGE, YOUR FACILITIES

Dedicated to providing a first-class learning experience, our Derby Road campus is home to a wide range of facilities that support your learning beyond the classroom:

- A Learning Resource Centre stocked with relevant books and journals
- Self-study areas complete with PCs
- Canteen areas
- Careers advisors
- Wellbeing officers.

You can also visit our fine-dining restaurant and hair and beauty salon on campus to enjoy some of the best food in Mansfield and an array of popular beauty treatments – all for very reasonable prices.

In terms of accessibility, the campus is wheelchair accessible with lifts, automatic doors and disabled toilets.

Our Derby Road campus offers free parking and is easily accessible by bus, train, foot and bike.



GIVING YOU FLEXIBILITY TO MANAGE YOUR LIFE AND STUDIES

Time, money and existing commitments are often the barriers stopping us from pursuing our goals. To ensure this is not the case for you, we offer a range of options so returning to education is both possible and enjoyable.



Full-time

Entry requirements

You must have at least grade 4/C in GCSE English Language and maths. If you do not meet these requirements, please see the part-time section.

Attendance

You would be required to attend college for two full days per week and a half-day online session per week (at a time that suits you).

At certain points of the academic year and dependant on the modules you are studying, your days may be slightly shorter.

Occasionally you may be asked to attend college to complete certain aspects of online modules, but you will be given ample notice of such occasions.



Part-time

Entry requirements

You must have at least grade 4/C in GCSE English Language and maths.

If you don't meet these entry requirements, you will be required to complete a short diagnostic assessment for each GCSE that you need. You can then study for your GCSE(s) alongside your part-time Access to University course.

Attendance

You will undertake one full day in college for your Access to University course. However, if you are also studying both GCSEs and choose to do them in your first year with us, then you will be in college for a total of two days per week.

You are also required to allocate time to undertake self-study each week; 8 hours is a standard recommendation.

The part-time option is open to the majority of study pathways, but see pages 6 to 9 for the full details.



ONLINE



Part-time

Entry requirements

You must have at least grade 4/C in GCSE English Language and maths, plus proven experience of working online.

Attendance

You could complete this course within one year if you are able to dedicate 10 hours per week. However, this is flexible depending on what hours you can commit. Most students have completed their studies within 12-18 months.

Our online courses give you the flexibility to manage your life and studies:

- 24-hour access to your online course
- Maintain earning power while you learn
- Study around work or family commitments
- Study in the comfort of your own home.

COURSE STRUCTURE

To prepare you for the demands of higher-level study, our courses will test your skills beyond your focus topic.

This includes developing academic skills, learning how to write and reference assignments, and how to develop your confidence with interviews and presentations.

For each course, subjects are taught in a series of graded and ungraded units.

Each unit will contain either one or two formal assessments and these will be conducted via various methods such as essays, reports, presentations and examinations.

Every graded unit has to be passed in order for you to gain your Access to HE Diploma.

You will, of course, be given guidance and taught study skills throughout in order to help you with your work and assessments.

AVAILABLE COURSES

We offer a variety of Level 3 Access to HE Diploma courses that support a wide-range of careers. To help you explore your options, we have provided all the information you need to discover which course could be right for you.



ON-CAMPUS COURSES

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS



FULL-TIME COURSES

Grade 4/C or higher in GCSE English Language and maths.



PART-TIME COURSES

Grade 4/C or higher in GCSE English Language and maths. If below grade 4/C, GCSEs must be retaken alongside the course.

BUSINESS



If you are looking for a first step into the corporate world, this course may be for you.

Fusing the two related fields of law and business, this course gives you the underpinning knowledge about organisations, marketing, law and so much more. It is an ideal course if you want to become a specialist or even run your own business one day.

Potential careers (Avg. Salary*):

Business sales executive (£32K+)

Business and financial project manager (£42K+)

Management consultant and business analyst (£32K+)

HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONS



Have you always dreamt of becoming a nurse or perhaps a midwife or occupational therapist? If so, this is the ideal course for you.

Throughout the course, you will study maths, human biology, sociology and psychology. This will provide you with a good foundation for a wide range of university courses within the health and care sector, including those offered by Nottingham Trent University and can be studied on-site at our Derby Road campus.

Potential careers (Avg. Salary*):

Midwife/nurse (£28K+)

Paramedic (£40K+)

Occupational therapist (£35K+)

HUMANITIES



Are you intrigued by the complexities of the written word? Maybe, you are a history buff?

Whatever your interest, this course covers a broad range of interesting topics, including English language, English literature, history and an individual research project.

Together, these modules will give you the skills and confidence to progress into a wide-range of careers.

Potential careers (Avg. Salary*):

Secondary teacher (£36K+)

Journalists, newspaper and periodical editors (£25K+)

Speech therapist (£25K+)

LAW**



Fusing the two related fields of law and business, this course has a broad range of progression routes and studies varied topics.

Across both mandatory and optional units, you will learn about the English legal system, contract law, marketing and more. You will also conduct an individual research project on a topic related to business or law.

In terms of progression, this course is a great first step towards a wide-range of careers, including becoming a barrister, solicitor, criminologist or working within business and corporate management.

Potential careers (Avg. Salary*):

Barrister (£34K+)

Detective (£41K+)

Solicitor (£36K+)

SCIENCES



Could you see yourself as a physiotherapist, nutritionist, dietician, radiologist, dental technician, research scientist or biochemist? If so, this course is for you.

Splitting into two pathways, you can choose to focus on either biology or chemistry. Across both options, you will learn about interesting topics such as human biology, chemistry, and physics. You will also undertake many practical science projects, including an individual research project.

Potential careers (Avg. Salary*):

Physiotherapist (£29K+)

Biochemist (£35K+)

Laboratory technician (£19K+)

SOCIAL SCIENCE



Do you have a fascination with why people do what they do?

Are you interested in exploring how society works? Or, perhaps you are interested in trying your hand at forensic psychology to see if you can distinguish a serial killer from a mass murderer?

Whatever your interest and ambition, this course provides the skills and knowledge needed for a wide-range of careers within the fields of sociology and psychology.

Potential careers (Avg. Salary*):

Social worker (£33K+)

Psychologist (£45K+)

Criminologist (£31K+)

SOCIAL WORK



As the perfect first step to a range of rewarding careers, this course explores several key areas within the social sector.

Throughout your studies, you will learn more about law, psychology and sociology. You will also undertake an individual research project in a social work related field and develop your study skills for higher education.

To maximise your opportunities, it may be worth experience you sourcing relevant work to give you additional hands-on training.

Potential careers (Avg. Salary*):

Social worker (£33K+)

Welfare professional (£31K+)

Youth and community worker (£22K+)

TEACHER TRAINING - PRIMARY EDUCATION



A career in teaching is not only rewarding, but can open up a world of opportunities.

Giving you the skills needed for further study, this course covers a wide range of topics including practical issues in teaching, language studies, literary studies, history, maths and key studies in psychology.

As part of this course, you must also arrange a work placement in a school for at least 21 days.

Potential careers (Avg. Salary*):

Primary and nursery teacher (£32K+)

SEN teacher (£32K+)

FE teaching professional (£35K+)





ONLINE COURSES

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS



PART-TIME COURSES

Grade 4/C or higher in GCSE English and maths, plus proven experience of working online.

MIDWIFERY



Have you always dreamt of becoming a midwife? Or, are you considering a career change into a profession that is more rewarding and help others?

During your studies, you will study health and wellbeing, cell biology, human reproduction, growth and development, the roles and responsibilities of the midwife, human nutrition and the digestive system, cell division and heredity (health) and human immunity.

It is strongly advised that you complete a work placement or volunteer in health care before joining the course.

Potential careers (Avg. Salary*):

Nurse (£30K+)

Midwife (£18K+)

Nursing Auxiliaries and Assistants (£18K+)

NURSING



Whether it's your dream job, or a desire to change career, choosing to be a nurse is one of the most rewarding decisions you will ever make.

Enabling you to pursue a variety of nursing roles, this course covers health and wellbeing, cell biology, human nutrition and the digestive system, the roles and responsibilities of the registered nurse, the human endocrine and nervous system, classification and use of social drugs and medicines, sociology and psychology.

It is strongly advised that you complete a work placement or volunteer in health care before joining the course.

Potential careers (Avg. Salary*):

Nurse (£30K+)

Nursing auxiliaries and assistants (£18K+)

Dental nurses (£16K+)

PROGRESSION TO HIGHER EDUCATION

After successfully completing your course, you will then be looking to advance to university to pursue a Higher Education qualification.

We realise you have many choices for university, but we do work closely with our local universities, including Nottingham Trent University, many of whom have a vast selection of foundation and full honours degrees in a variety of specialities.

Nottingham Trent University have opened a Mansfield hub, which is right next door to the college.

If you wish to move further afield, our alumni have gone on to study at redbrick universities and beyond including Cambridge, Durham, Warwick, Loughborough and Stirling.

Visit their websites to discover what subjects you could move on to study next:

 ntu.ac.uk

 lboro.ac.uk

 warwick.ac.uk

 cam.ac.uk

 durham.ac.uk

 stir.ac.uk



WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY

After choosing to stop studying for her A Levels, Georgina later chose to return to education to pursue her goal of becoming a solicitor.

"I saw the Access to University course as an opportunity to learn in an adult environment and, most importantly, a chance to gain the qualifications required for university.

"Whilst I initially signed up for the law side of things, the business side gave me the insight of leadership roles, presentation skills and a vast amount of transferable skills that I still use today. The two go hand in hand; it was perfect.

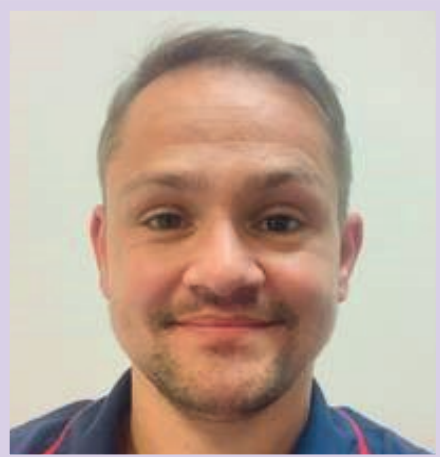
"I developed confidence within my work and I started believing in myself again. I genuinely feel I developed into the person I am today in various ways because of that course.

"I am truly grateful for not only the course, but the amazing set of tutors on it. I cannot recommend this course enough!"



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GEORGINA WRIGHT



“Take the plunge; it will be well worth it.”

ADAM STREET

Looking to change careers and become a nurse, Adam studied on the nursing course.

“I was frustrated in the role I was in as there was no career development. I wanted to have a new and exciting challenge.

“Going back to studying was initially a shock, but thanks to the support from the tutors, I found it easier to manage studying and working a full-time job.

“Now, I am the lead nurse for the COVID Medicines Delivery Unit at Nottingham University Hospital and Sherwood Forests Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

“I truly believe that everyone has the ability to fulfil their dreams and potential. If I can do it then anyone can if you truly put your heart and soul into it.”



SEE WHAT OUR
STUDENTS HAVE TO SAY





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ESTELLE EVASON-BACON

After being in full-time work for two years, Estelle decided to return to education to follow her aspiration of becoming a teacher.

"In 2014 I knew for certain I wanted to train to be a teacher, but I wasn't sure where to begin. This is where I found out about Access to University course at West Notts and knew this was my way in.

"The ability to commute to West Notts and complete the course whilst having a part time job and being able to stay at home suited my wellbeing and lifestyle.

"The course supported me by building my confidence in going back to education providing me with the resources, 1:1 guidance and communication to complete assessments and essays as well as plenty of classroom placement experience.

"I don't think I would have survived jumping straight into university and so glad I chose the route through college as they provide you with more support, as it was such a small friendly group."

ALUMNI

We're passionate about keeping in touch and seeing how well you do after you complete your studies with us. To discover that our students have gone on to happy and rewarding careers makes us proud and it enables us to showcase your success to future students.

Our exciting alumni scheme is designed to not only be a wonderful way to keep in touch with the successes of our past students, but also to inspire those people considering a return to education by sharing your stories and memories.

As a member of the alumni scheme, you will be invited to a range of events running throughout the year, as well as having opportunities to engage with current and future students, and you'll be able to keep up-to-date with news and benefit from a number of incentives such as the great referral scheme.

You will also be given the valuable opportunity to really make a difference to someone else's career goals, for example, by being a mentor, attending events or writing about your journey.

FEES AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT

For many, cost is a barrier to learning. However, this doesn't have to be the case.

Funding is available for eligible adults on most courses, so always speak to us on **0808 100 3626** to see if your circumstances mean that your fees can be waived or reduced.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Bursaries

If you have an annual household income below £40,000, you could be entitled to:

- Monthly attendance related bursary payments
- A West Notts College Travel Pass (find out more wnc.ac.uk/travel-pass)
- Childcare funding/Care to Learn
- Support for compulsory kit/uniform.

There are two different bursaries available to help with education costs, the **19+ Student Support Fund** and the **Advanced Learner Loan Bursary Fund***. Bursary payments don't have to be paid back.

SUPPORT FOR PAYING FOR COURSE FEES

Advanced Learner Loan

This loan is to help pay for course fees (where eligible), so no payment is required upfront to start the course. To be eligible you must:

- Be aged 19 or over at the start of your course
- Be studying an eligible course (includes Access to University)
- Be a resident in the UK for at least 3 years prior to starting the course.

You won't have to pay the loan back until you are earning over £25,000 per year and it will be written off after 30 years. If at any time your earnings fall below £25,000 – repayments will stop until you're earning over this amount again.

Best of all, if you successfully go on to complete a Higher Education qualification following an Access to University course, you won't have to pay the loan back at all.

For more information, please visit:

wnc.ac.uk/all or speak to someone from the college's enquiries team on **0808 100 3626**.

Skills for life

As part of a new government scheme, if you're aged 19 or over and don't already have existing A Levels (or a Level 3 qualification), are unemployed or earn below £20,319 you may be able to study for an Access to University course for FREE.

*Only available if taking out an Advanced Learner Loan.

APPLY TODAY!

Visit our website to submit your application or scan the code.

wnc.ac.uk/access



Keeping in touch

As soon as you have had your application accepted for the course you will be sent an email invitation to join our brand new Microsoft Team for Access students. Designed to offer you exclusive and unique access to the course, this will enable you to build a unique connection with your subject teachers, college support services and your classmates before you even start with us.

Subject content and activities will be uploaded regularly so you can really get your head into the study mode as early as possible. You will also have the opportunity to ask questions of not only student support services and your tutors, but also student mentors, all of whom have studied Access to University courses on each and every pathway.

APPLY TODAY!

Visit our website to submit your application.

 wnc.ac.uk/access

 **0808 100 3626**

 enquiries@wnc.ac.uk

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**APPLY
NOW!**