

Interested in Access to Higher Education?

You can study on an Access to Higher Education course at your local college

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Woodhouse Lane, Bishop Auckland,
Durham DL14 6JZ
www.bishopaucklandcollege.ac.uk

City of Sunderland College
Shiney Row Centre,
Success Road, Philadelphia,
Houghton-le-Spring DH4 4TL
www.citysun.ac.uk

Darlington College
Central Park, Haughton Road,
Darlington DL1 1DR
www.darlington.ac.uk

Derwentside College
Consett Campus, Front Street,
Consett, Durham DH8 5EE
www.derwentsite.ac.uk

East Durham College
Burnhope Way Centre,
Burnhope Way, Peterlee,
Durham SR8 1NU
www.eastdurham.ac.uk

Gateshead College
Baltic Campus,
Baltic Business Centre, Gateshead,
Tyne & Wear NE8 3BE
www.gateshead.ac.uk

Hartlepool College of FE
Stockton Street, Hartlepool,
Cleveland TS24 7NT
www.hartlepoolfe.ac.uk

Middlesbrough College
Dock Street, Middlehaven,
Middlesbrough TS2 1AD
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New College Durham
Framwellgate Moor Centre,
County Durham DH1 5ES
www.newdur.ac.uk

Newcastle College
Scotswood Road,
Newcastle upon Tyne NE4 7SA
www.ncl-coll.ac.uk

Prior Pursglove College
Church Walk, Guisborough,
Cleveland TS14 6BU
www.pursglove.ac.uk

Redcar & Cleveland College
Corporation Road, Redcar,
Cleveland TS10 1EX
www.cleveland.ac.uk

South Tyneside College
St. Georges Avenue, South Shields,
Tyne & Wear NE34 6ET
www.stc.ac.uk

Stockton Riverside College
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Thinking about going to University?



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Then think about an Access to Higher Education Diploma!

What is an Access to Higher Education Diploma?

An Access to Higher Education Diploma is used as preparation towards university for students who may have few, if any, qualifications.

Nationally, around 20,000 Access to Higher Education students apply to universities across the UK every year. Each year, around 1500 Access students in the north east will have completed their courses with colleges validated by OCN North East Region.

Why Access to Higher Education?

The Access to HE Diploma is a fully unitised and credit based qualification. Although many courses are run over only one year, credits can be gathered from 3 years of study, making the course flexible and ideally suited to students looking to accommodate studies, work and family life. A research study* looking at the destination of Access to Higher Education students after their course found that:

- **87% went on to Higher Education**
- **21% went onto further study**
- **11% went into employment**

(multiple responses were allowed)

“Doing my Access course enabled me to achieve a professional qualification that as being a mature learner with a family and no experience in my chosen professional pathway I would not have thought possible. Now proud to say that I gained a first class honours degree and now working as a paediatric nurse after 18 years of working in a factory environment.”

How to get to where you want to be

You don't have to have any qualifications to study on an Access to Higher Education Diploma, there are no exams and you may be able to get help with the fees. If you're looking to retrain, take the next step in your job, or change career, an Access to Higher Education Diploma could be your first step to success. 92% of students that went on to Higher Education from an OCNNEER Access to Higher Education Diploma were accepted onto their first choice of degree.

“I would advise any mature learner intending to go on to study HE to seriously consider undertaking on Access to HE course as a means of enabling to enrol on HE course, and as a good foundation to go on to study giving both preparation and insight of what HE studying will entail.”

What do Access to Higher Education students study?

Access to Higher Education Diplomas are run by local colleges throughout the north east. They consist of essential study skills combined with subject specific modules to help prepare for particular degrees. There are Access to Higher Education courses in:

- Nursing
- Sports Studies
- Humanities
- Science
- Performing Arts
- ICT
- Social Sciences
- Children and Young People
- Health
- Combined Studies
- Art and Design
- Music
- Education
- Engineering
- Business and ICT

“I enjoyed my Access course; it opened my mind to many issues and to the enjoyment of learning. I now see learning as a lifelong process. The course helped me to focus on time management, study skills, research methods etc required for a University degree. I would not have had the opportunity to become a teacher if I had not completed the Access course.”

Preparing for success

The courses are specifically designed to make sure that students are well prepared for university and are able to make the most of their opportunities. 93% of Access to Higher Education students said their course met their expectations:

“I found the Access course to be a good foundation and preparation for study at a higher level. The help and encouragement from the course tutors was excellent and the subjects studied were in depth and formed a basis of knowledge that I found invaluable once I studied my degree course. This helped me to achieve a final result of a 1st class honours degree.”

