

**“I want to be  
a primary  
school teacher”  
HELEN WRIGHT**



## ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION DIPLOMA

This is an A Level equivalent programme for mature students (19 years or above) who are returning to education and who wish to progress on to a higher level such as a university degree. There are no formal entry qualifications to join, but each student is interviewed and assessed for suitability. You will be studying with like-minded students who, together with your tutor and teaching team, will create a supportive framework throughout your programme of study.

The programme is recognised by the QAA (Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education) and is well respected by Higher Education establishments. Although specifically designed for progression to university, the Access to Higher Education Programme is good preparation for a variety of advanced professional studies and for general career and vocational development.

Students in the past year have progressed to study Nursing, Dietetics, Biomedical Sciences, Biology, Environmental Science, American Studies, Law, Geography, Film and Social Work. The programme will build upon your personal experience and existing knowledge. It will help instil academic and personal self-confidence and independent learning skills. It is both demanding and enjoyable. The participants usually acquire a thirst for knowledge and find that the process can become addictive! Study may be on a full-time or a part-time basis. Full-time students normally complete the programme in a period of one year. Part-time students may take from two to five years to complete the programme.

### What subjects does the programme involve?

All students study the core, mandatory subjects of Information Technology, English and Study Skills, and Mathematics. The latter is only essential if you do not have GCSE Mathematics (or equivalent) at grade C or above. These core subjects ensure that you develop the skills required for higher education and also provide you with GCSE equivalent qualifications in English and Mathematics if you do not already possess these.

In addition to the core subjects, students select three or four academic subjects from the following: Biology, Chemistry, English Literature, Environmental Science, Essential Law, Geography, History, Human Physiology and Health, Psychology and Sociology.

### Assessment:

Assessment is by a combination of coursework and internal exams. Successful completion of the course results in the Access to Higher Education Diploma.

### Career Opportunities:

Successful completion of the Access programme opens the door to a large range of higher education courses. It can also assist you with progression to professional studies, career/vocational development or employment. Many past Access students have chosen to study nearby at the Universities of Warwick, Coventry or Birmingham, whilst others have chosen to travel further afield.

**For further information, please contact us on  
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