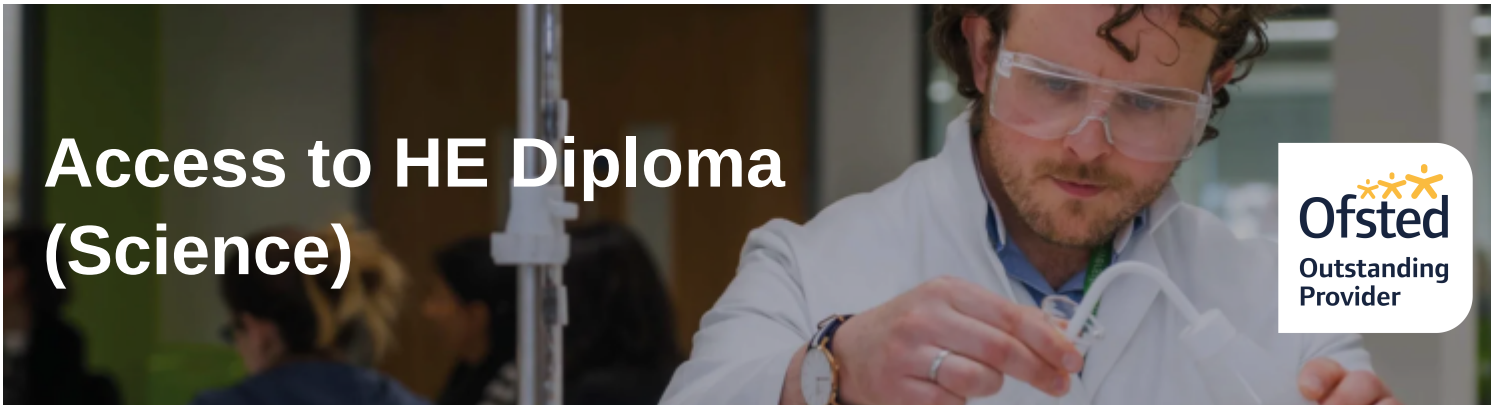


Access to HE Diploma (Science)

Ofsted Outstanding Provider

Course Level: Level 3 | **Campus: Stafford** | **Subject Type: Access to Higher Education**

Course Overview:

Do you want a career in science – from biomedical, to forensic or environmental science? Then the Access to HE Diploma (Science) could be the course for you. Students gain a comprehensive understanding of core scientific principles, preparing them for undergraduate studies.

What's Covered:

This a Level 3 qualification which is designed to give students a direct progression route into the following science or science related degrees, forensic science, chemistry, biology, environmental science, pharmacy, ophthalmology, chiropractor, biomedical science, natural sciences, sports and exercise sciences, physical sciences.

We will help you to develop research skills and the ability to gather, analyse and report on complex scientific data. Science graduates are highly employable, both in specialist areas such as forensic investigation, but also in other associated fields requiring an enquiring, scientific and legal mind.

Entry Requirements:

You are required to have a Grade 4 /Level 2 Functional skills in both GCSE English and GCSE Maths. In addition many universities will also insist on a GCSE Science at grade 4 or above, therefore we highly recommend applicants also hold this prior to the start of the course. During the interview process, you will receive an in-depth one to one interview where you will discuss any other qualifications and or industry experience, along with advice and guidance as to the programme best suited for you. It is essential that prepare for your interview by researching the entry requirements for your future degree course as this varies from course to course.

If you don't meet the entry requirements for Level 3 study you may be eligible for the Preparing for L3 study course. For more information relating to this course please contact our Adult learning team on 01782254289

All applicants need to be 18 from the 31st August 2027.

Assessment Information:

Our expert and enthusiastic team can chat to you to see what type of role you would like to progress into and are on hand to prepare, guide, and support you to be in your chosen field. There are no formal examinations within this course as all your coursework will be assessed through essays, reports, case studies, as well as practical elements. You will be given plenty of advice to help you develop your academic skills so that you will be fully prepared to take on a university degree or higher degree apprenticeship.

The course will be delivered over three days each week between core hours 09:30-2:30pm.

Fees and Financial Support:

Do not be put off by the cost of the course, as an Advanced Learner Loan is open to anyone aged over 19 studying a Level 3 or above qualification, is not means tested or subject to credit checks and you only start to pay it back when you are earning over £25,000 per year*.

If you successfully complete your Access to HE course, progress onto and complete a degree level programme, you do not have to pay back your Advanced Learner Loan. If you are aged 19-23 and studying your first full-time Level 3 programme your course will be completely free. For more details visit nscg.ac.uk/finance

If you have any queries with regards to the funding of your course, please contact Charlotte Robertson on 01782 254141 or email charlotte.robertson@nscg.ac.uk

*subject to Student finance adjustments for 27/28

Progression:

The course may enable progression onto degrees in biology, biological sciences, microbiology, applied medicine, pharmaceutical sciences, nutrition and dietetics, biomedicine, radiography, physiotherapy, nursing, midwifery, biochemical engineering, chemical engineering and related degrees in science, technology, maths and engineering.

What else do I need to know?

Following your successful application you will be invited to attend a return to learn day where you will get an introduction to the teaching staff. You will also be guided through the content of the course, be taught some introductory sessions from the modules you will study, participate in initial assessments, along with gaining advice on how to start to formulate your personal statements.

A full induction to the programme will also be provided for two weeks commencing September 2027.

Various delivery models will be available to support work and family commitments. As part of the formal interview process we can discuss this further and decide what is best to meet your individual needs.

A student loan may be applied for in order to cover the full cost of the course. On successful completion of the Access to HE Diploma (Psychology) and successful completion of a degree level course at university or higher apprenticeship, this initial student loan will be written off, meaning you would study the course for FREE!

Please note there may be additional costs for books, materials or other expenses.

How do I find out more?

Please contact Melissa Grocott by emailing melissa.grocott@nscg.ac.uk