

# Access to HE Diploma (Science)



**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 is 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. However 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 expert advice and guidance as to the programme best suited for you. It is essential that you research before your interview the entry requirements for your future degree course as this varies from course to course.

All applicants need to be 18 from the 31st August 2024

## 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](https://nscg.ac.uk/finance)

For any queries with regards to the funding of your course, please contact Charlotte Robertson on 01782 254141 or email [charlotte.robertson@nscg.ac.uk](mailto:charlotte.robertson@nscg.ac.uk)

### **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?**

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.

Following your application you will be invited to an Access open evening where you will begin to prepare for life as an Access to HE student and to learn more about possible careers and Access to HE course can lead to. Here you will meet the team, find out more about the course and begin to develop the basic skills needed to succeed as Access to HE student.

A full induction to the programme will also be provided for two weeks commencing September 2024.

## **How do I find out more?**

To find out more contact Michelle Davies by emailing [michelle.davies@nscg.ac.uk](mailto:michelle.davies@nscg.ac.uk) or calling 01785 275467.