



ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION

THE FIRST STEP TO
YOUR DREAM CAREER



Riverside College

Widnes & Runcorn



WELCOME TO RIVERSIDE COLLEGE

A CENTRE OF
VOCATIONAL EXCELLENCE.

Access to Higher Education

Access to Higher Education Courses are aimed at mature students who are aspiring to follow a career path which requires university level qualifications. At Riverside College we offer Level 2 and Level 3 Access course and have an established track record of achieving excellent results for our Access students, supporting them to change their lives by progressing on to university on a wide range of degrees including highly competitive courses (for example Nursing and Midwifery).

Access Courses at Riverside College are designed to develop your study skills, build confidence, allow you to experience different subject areas within your chosen pathway and to prepare you for study at university. They are ideal if you have missed out on an opportunity to study previously or are choosing to change your career.

**It's never too late to follow
your dreams!!**



ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION

If you would like to study one of our Access Courses, you should be motivated, enthusiastic and be able to manage your time effectively. You should also be able to demonstrate commitment to your chosen pathway through work experience or volunteering. In return, we will provide a supportive and caring environment, where you can study with like-minded people and be taught by our outstanding specialist tutors.

What is the Access to Higher Education?

The Access to Higher Education is a 1 year intense course designed to provide you with the qualifications to start a degree course and also give you the relevant skills to be successful during your time at university.

This Level 3 qualification provides you with UCAS points for entry into university.

Is there any learner support available for Access students at Riverside College?

We have a dedicated Study Support Team who are always on hand to assist you with a variety of study needs, you will also be allocated a personal tutor to monitor your progress and ensure you reach your potential on the Access course.

When do I apply for University?

You start applying for university within your first weeks of the Access course. We have an experienced Advice and Guidance Team who will support you through the UCAS university application process.

How often will I be in college?

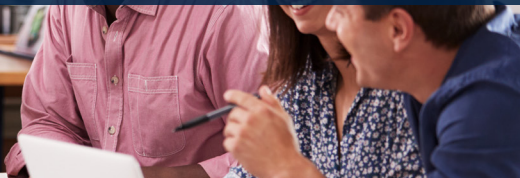
This is a full-time course with Level 3 courses taking place over three days and level 2 courses taking place over two days.

How will I be assessed?

Assessment is through subject based assignments, portfolio building, presentations and final exams.



Visit our website for up to date information on how to sign up for any of our courses!



SUCCESSFUL ACCESS STUDENTS

Each year our Access to Higher Education students receive offers for some of the top universities and courses in the country, see below a selection of our successful students from the Class of 2020.

Name	Course	Where are they now?
Michelle Crowley	Access to Humanities	Liverpool Hope University, Business Management
Rebecca Giblin	Access to Allied Healthcare	The University of Manchester, Speech and Language Therapy
Corey Henry-Griffiths	Access to Science	Liverpool John Moores University, Computer Science
James Kennedy	Access to Humanities	University of Chester, LLB Law
Danielle Mafi	Access to Social Science	Liverpool John Moores University, Psychology
Terri Owen	Access to Nursing	Edge Hill University, Nurse Paramedic
Hannah Walmsley	Access to Allied Healthcare	Liverpool John Moores University, Paramedic Science

Susan Ellis

Course:

Access to Nursing

Destination:

Liverpool John Moores University,
Adult Nursing



"I made the decision to start the Access course because I wanted to progress my career and gain access to university".

"It was the best decision I ever made. I made so many lifelong friends and the tutors went above and beyond to support me and help. I will be forever grateful".

Rachel Doodson

Course:

Access to Nursing

Destination:

Liverpool John Moores University, Midwifery



"The course was challenging at times, but it definitely prepared me for university. I found setting a clear timetable for independent study/ assignment work really helped me complete work within deadlines. Riverside College helped me prepare for university with, mock interviews, personal statement assistance and teaching study skills. I am absolutely over the moon that I achieved distinctions in all modules, this enabled me to gain a place on an extremely competitive university course".

COURSE FEES & FUNDING

Don't be put off by the cost of study, many of our students study for free. Eligibility depends on your individual circumstances and the course you have chosen to study.

Call our Admissions Team on: **0151 257 2053** to find out if you are eligible.

MANY OF OUR STUDENTS STUDY FOR FREE!

Level 2 courses, Pre Access and GCSE English and Maths

You no longer have to be unemployed to study for free: Entry, Level 1 and Level 2 courses that are eligible for fee remission may also be free for you if you are employed or self-employed and one of the following applies:

- You earn less than £338 per month and are in receipt of a state benefit
- You earn less than £18,135 per year and live within the Liverpool City Region
(Liverpool, Halton, Knowsley, St Helens, Sefton and the Wirral)
- You earn less than £17,004 per year and live outside of the Liverpool City Region

Level 3 Access courses – Advanced Learner Loan

An Advanced Learner Loan is available for students in England to cover the fees for an Access to HE course from Student Finance England.

Loan eligibility does not depend on your income and there are no credit checks.

The loan will fully cover your fees - with no repayments until you are earning £27,295 or over per year.

For more information, please visit
<https://www.gov.uk/advanced-learner-loan>

Student Finance England will 'write off' any outstanding Advanced Learner Loan balances you owe for an Access to HE course once you complete your degree which means you do not have to repay this loan.*

PAYING FOR YOUR COURSE

If you are paying for your course you will do so at enrolment by cash or card. Some courses can be paid for by instalments.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

During your course you could be eligible to apply for a College Bursary and help with childcare.

*Conditions apply

Access To Nursing & Midwifery



Degree Progression and Career Opportunities:
Midwifery, Adult Nursing,
Mental Health Nursing

Level 3 | Duration: 1 Year

Start date: September - Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (*Timetable – subject to change)

What will I learn on this course?

You will study two Level 3 subjects; Biology and Social Issues in Health Care. The diploma also includes modules in study skills, academic writing and academic research to prepare you for your degree.

What are the Entry Requirements?

You will need 2 out of 3 GCSE's (Grade C or Grade 4 or above) in either English, Maths or Science.

From September 2020, new annual payments of at least £5,000 will be available to help eligible undergraduate and postgraduate student nurses fund their studies while they are in university studying for their degree. You will not have to pay this back. See www.gov.uk

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Access To Allied Healthcare Professions



Degree Progression and Career Opportunities:
Paramedic, Occupational Health,
Speech Therapy

Access To
Social Science, Criminology and Psychology



Degree Progression and Career Opportunities:
Social Work, Psychology, Youth Studies, Criminology, Sociology, Law and Criminal Justice, Psychotherapist, Probation officer, Legal and Government careers.

Level 3 | Duration: 1 Year

Start date: September – Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (*Timetable – subject to change)

What will I learn on this course?

You will study two Level 3 subjects; Psychology and Criminology. The diploma also includes modules in study skills, academic writing and academic research to prepare you for your degree.

What are the Entry Requirements?

GCSE grade C or Grade 4 or above in English.

Level 3 | Duration: 1 Year

Start date: September - Monday / Tuesday / Thursday (*Timetable – subject to change)

What will I learn on this course?

You will study two Level 3 subjects from a choice of English, Maths and History (depending on previous qualifications already held). The diploma also includes modules in study skills, academic writing and academic research to prepare you for your degree.

What are the Entry Requirements?

GCSE Grade C or Grade 4 or above in English.

Access To
Humanities



Degree Progression and Career Opportunities:
Degrees in Humanities including, History, Geography, English Literature or Politics English, History, Law, Journalism, Creative Writing, Education. e.g. teacher / lawyer / HR manager

Access To Teaching



Degree Progression and Career Opportunities:
Primary or Secondary Education with QTS (Teaching), Early Years, English, History, Law, Journalism, Creative Writing, Education.

Level 3 | Duration: 1 Year

Start date: September - Monday / Tuesday / Thursday (Timetable – subject to change)

What will I learn on this course?

You will study two Level 3 subjects from a choice of English, Maths, History, Physics and Biology (depending on qualifications already held). The diploma also includes modules in study skills, academic writing and academic research to prepare you for your degree.

What are the Entry Requirements?

You will need 2 out of 3 GCSE's (Grade C or Grade 4 or above) in either English, Maths or Science. Primary School teaching requires GCSE Maths, English Language, and Science at Grade C or Grade 4 or above.

Level 3 | Duration: 1 Year

Start date: September - Monday / Tuesday / Thursday (Timetable – subject to change)

What will I learn on this course?

You will select to study two level 3 subjects from a choice of Maths, Physics and Biology. The diploma also includes modules in study skills, academic writing and academic research to prepare you for your degree.

What are the Entry Requirements?

GCSE C or Grade 4 above in Maths.

Access To Science



Degree Progression and Career Opportunities:
Maths, Biology, Environmental Studies, Animal Management, Primary/Secondary Teacher

Access To Science (Engineering)



Degree Progression and Career Opportunities:
Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Aeronautical Engineering, Astrophysics

Level 3 | Duration: 1 Year

Start date: September - Monday / Tuesday / Thursday (Timetable – subject to change)

What will I learn on this course?

You will study two level 3 subjects: Maths and Physics. The diploma also includes modules in study skills, academic writing and academic research to prepare you for your degree.

What are the Entry Requirements?

GCSE C or Grade 4 or above in Maths.

Level 3 | Duration: 1 Year

Start date: September - Monday / Tuesday / Thursday (Timetable – subject to change)

What will I learn on this course?

You will complete two Level 3 subjects; Business Studies with either English or Maths (depending on qualifications already held.) The diploma also includes modules in study skills, academic writing and academic research to prepare you for your degree.

What are the Entry Requirements?

GCSE grade C or Grade 4 or above in English.

Access To Business



Degree Progression and Career Opportunities:
Business Management, HR/Personnel, Advertising, Marketing, Accounting and Finance, Entrepreneur

Preparation for Access



Progression Opportunities:

Excellent progression to Level 3 Access to Higher Education at Riverside College

Level: 2 | Duration: 1 Year

Start date: September - Wednesday / Thursday
(Timetable subject to change)

What will I learn on this course?

You will study English GCSE, Maths GCSE and L2 Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care Professions.

What are the Entry Requirements?

You will be required to demonstrate that you are working at level 2 in English and maths via our online assessment. This will take place at your admissions interview.

Start date: September
(Timetable – subject to change)

What will I learn on this course?

Many employers require GCSE English and Maths as a qualification before your application can be considered, particularly in the public sector. Most universities also require these qualifications as they are mandatory for Higher Education courses.

You can also study GCSE English or Maths at Riverside College with day and evening courses to prepare for the Access to Higher Education courses.

Part time GCSE English and Maths



Degree Progression and Career Opportunities:

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ACCESS COURSES AT RIVERSIDE COLLEGE

Access Course	Progression and career opportunities include:	You will study	Entry Requirements
Level 2 Preparation for Access	Level 3 Access to Higher Education, see below.	GCSE Maths and/or English (depending on previous qualifications already held) Essay Writing Skills Study Skills Level 2 Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care	Level 2 qualification in English and maths/ Level 2 on an initial assessment in English and maths.
Nursing and Midwifery	Midwifery, Adult Nursing, Children's Nursing, Mental Health Nursing	Biology Social Issues in Healthcare Study Skills Academic Writing Academic Research	2 out of 3 GCSE's (Grade C/4 or above) in either English, Maths or Science
Allied Health Care Professionals	Paramedic, Occupational Health, Speech Therapy	Biology Social Issues in Healthcare Study Skills Academic Writing Academic Research	2 out of 3 GCSE's (Grade C/4 or above) in either English, Maths or Science
Social Science, Criminology	Social Work, Psychology, Youth Studies, Criminology, Sociology, Law and Criminal Justice, Psychotherapist, Probation officer, Legal and Government careers.	Psychology Criminology Study Skills Academic Writing Academic Research	GCSE grade C/4 or above in English
Humanities	Degrees in Humanities including, History, Geography, English Literature or Politics.	Two Level 3 subjects from a choice of: English/Maths/History (depending on previous qualifications already held). Study Skills Academic Writing Academic Research	GCSE Grade C/4 or above in English.
Teaching	Primary or Secondary Education with QTS (Teaching), Early Years, English, History, Law, Journalism, Creative Writing, Education.	Two Level 3 subjects from a choice of: English/Maths/History (depending on previous qualifications already held). Study Skills Academic Writing Academic Research	2 out of 3 GCSE's (Grade C/4 or above) in either English, Maths or Science.
Science	Maths, Biology, Environmental Studies, Animal Management, Primary/Secondary Teacher.	Two Level 3 subjects from a choice of: Maths/Physics/Biology (depending on previous qualifications already held). Study Skills Academic Writing Academic Research	GCSE C or Grade 4 or above in maths.
Science (Engineering)	Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Aeronautical Engineering, Astrophysics	Maths Physics Study Skills Academic Writing Academic Research	GCSE C/4 or above in Maths.
Business	Business Management, HR/ Personnel, Advertising, Marketing, Accounting and Finance, Entrepreneur	Business Studies Maths or English (depending on previous qualifications already held). Study Skills Academic Writing Academic Research	GCSE grade C or Grade 4 or above in English.

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