



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 students who are aged 21 years old and above who are aspiring to follow a career path that requires university level qualifications. At Riverside College we offer Level 2 and Level 3 Access courses 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

**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 intensive 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?

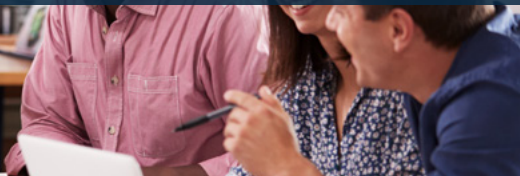
This is a full-time course with Level 3 courses taking place over three days and Level 2 courses taking place over two days.

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 2021.

Name	Course	Where are they now?
Sean Hearty	Access to Nursing and Midwifery	Liverpool John Moores University, Mental Health Nursing
Samantha Molyneux	Access to Nursing and Midwifery	Liverpool John Moores University, Midwifery
Demi Louise Chapman	Access to Social Science	Liverpool Hope University, Psychology
Alexander Evans	Access to Allied Healthcare	University of Central Lancashire- Paramedic Science
Daniel Sampson	Access to Humanities	Liverpool John Moores University, English Literature
Emily Stone	Access to Teaching	Liverpool Hope University, Primary Teaching with QTS

100% PASS RATE IN 2021

with 90% of students offered a place at their first-choice university.

Lois Keeton

Course:
Access to Nursing
and Midwifery

Destination:
Edge Hill University,
Adult Nursing



"Nursing and Midwifery Access course gave me the confidence and opportunity to successfully gain a place at my chosen university."

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.

Contact our Admissions Team at advice@riversidecollege.ac.uk or call **0151 257 2053** to find out if you are eligible.

MANY OF OUR STUDENTS STUDY FOR FREE!



*Conditions apply

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.*

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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

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 GCSE's Grade C/ 4 or above in English Language and Maths. Please check specific entry requirements of your chosen university.

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



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/4 or above in English Language.
(GCSE Maths at Grade C/4 may be required by
some university courses). Please check specific
entry requirements for your chosen university.

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 English,
Maths and History. 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/4 or above in English Language.
Please check specific entry requirements for
your chosen university as some university
courses may require GCSE Maths at Grade C/4
or above.

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).

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 English, Maths, History, 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?

You will need 2 GCSE's Grade C/4 or above in English Language and Maths. Primary School teaching requires GCSE Maths, English Language, and Science at Grade C/4 or above. Please check specific entry requirements for your chosen university.

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 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?

You will need GCSE Grade C/4 or above in Maths. Please check specific entry requirements for your chosen university as some universities may require GCSE English Language at Grade C/4.

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?

You will need GCSE Grade C/4 or above in Maths. (GCSE English Language at Grade C/4 may be required by some university courses). Please check specific entry requirements for your chosen university.

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?

You will need GCSE Grade C/4 or above in English Language and Maths. Please check specific entry requirements for your chosen university.

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 Language GCSE, Maths GCSE and L2 Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care Professions.

What are the Entry Requirements?

Level 2 in Maths and English or you will be required to demonstrate that you are working at level 2 in English and Maths via our college assessment.

Start date: September
(Timetable – various)

What will I learn on this course?

Many employers require GCSE English Language 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 Language 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:

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

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 Language, Level 2 Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care, Essay Writing and Study Skills.	Level 2 qualification in English and Maths or Level 2 on college assessment in English and Maths.
Nursing and Midwifery	Midwifery, Adult Nursing, Children's Nursing, Mental Health Nursing.	Biology and Social Issues in Healthcare (Study Skills, Academic Writing and Academic Research).	English Language and Maths GCSE at Grade C / 4 or above.
Allied Health Care Professionals	Paramedic, Occupational Health, Speech Therapy.	Biology and Social Issues in Healthcare (Study Skills, Academic Writing and Academic Research).	English Language and Maths GCSE at Grade C / 4 or above.
Social Science	Social Work, Psychology, Youth Studies, Criminology, Sociology, Law and Criminal Justice, Psychotherapist, Probation officer, Legal and Government careers.	Psychology and 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. English, History, Law, Journalism, Creative Writing, Education.	Two Level 3 subjects from: English/Maths/History (Study Skills, Academic Writing, Academic Research).	English Language GCSE Grade C/4 or above.
Teaching	Primary or Secondary Education with QTS (Teaching), Early Years, English, History, Law, Journalism, Creative Writing, Education.	Two Level 3 subjects from: English/Maths/History/Physics/Biology (Study Skills, Academic Writing, Academic Research).	GCSE English Language and Maths at Grade C/4 or above. For Primary Teaching you will require Science at Grade C/4 or above.
Science	Maths, Biology, Environmental Studies, Animal Management, Primary/Secondary Teacher, Marine Biology, Astro Physics, Pharmaceutical.	Two Level 3 subjects from: Maths/Physics/Biology (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 and 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 (Study Skills, Academic Writing, Academic Research)	GCSE English and Maths at Grade C/4 or above.

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