

It's easy to join one of our Access courses

The first step is to complete a college application form and you will be invited for an informal interview.

Suitable applicants will be invited to attend a compulsory taster/selection day which run several times in the Spring/Summer term.

Once you have successfully completed the taster/selection day we'll offer you a place on the course. There may be certain conditions to this offer, but these will be made clear in your offer letter.

If you have any questions, please call student services on 01424 458475.

GCSE English and Maths

GCSE English grade C/4 or above usually required to be accepted onto the Access diploma, however functional skills equivalency will be considered for otherwise suitable candidates.

Maths GCSE is preferred, however you can re-take GCSE Maths whilst studying an Access course. GCSE Maths classes will be an additional hours of study on top of the Access diploma hours.

Course fees and exam registration fees apply but these must be self-funded and do not form part of the Advanced Learner Loan. Most students, however, will be eligible for a fee waiver.

Finance

If you are **over** 18 years-old but under 23 and have no prior Level 3 qualification, then you may be entitled to a tuition fee waiver.

If over 19 years-old and have a Level 3 qualification you have two options: an Advanced Learner Loan or self-funding.

Advanced Learner Loans

- This Government loan will be paid directly to the college, and is linked to your attendance.
- You will start to repay your loan when you start to earn over £26,725 per annum (correct at time of printing).
- If you go on to complete a Degree programme, your Advanced Learner Loan will be written off.

For more information about Advanced Learner Loans visit www.gov.uk/advanced-learner-loan.



Are you ready for a change of career?
Do you want to advance your current career, but don't have the qualifications?
Maybe you want to do a degree course, but need to update your study skills?

If any of the above apply to you and you are a mature student (19 years +), our Access courses could be for you!

The Access to Higher Education diploma is designed specifically for mature students, who very often have considerable external commitments (such as paid or voluntary work). The course is structured in such a way that enables students to engage and continue in part-time employment. This provides them with valuable experience to support their university application and intended career.

Our courses family-friendly running 2 - 3 days per week from 9:30am until 2.45pm, term-time only in line with East Sussex schools.

We offer two pathways that are run by a supportive and inspiring Access team in an environment which enables you to reach your academic and career goals.



For further information about any of our courses, or to make an application, please contact student services on:
01424 458475

Our Hastings campus (Ore Valley) offers different pathways leading to different degree courses. Each pathway is made up of:

- **Core modules** - designed to support you in developing skills which are vital for degree-level study, regardless of the subject. These skills include referencing, research skills, essay and report writing, and critical thinking.
- **Subject-specific modules** - designed to ensure that your subject knowledge is at the required level for your chosen degree course.
- **We provide regular tutorials to offer academic and personal support** and also offer help and guidance with UCAS applications and personal statement writing, along with university interview preparation.

Access is an intensive, challenging and demanding course. Our Access courses are QAA approved and validated by LASER Learning Awards as Level 3 courses.

We keep in contact with many of our previous students who tell us how wonderful the Access course has been in preparing them for degree-level study. Many of these previous students have been able to achieve their career goals and are now working as Nurses, Teachers, Social Workers, Midwives, and in a variety of other career paths.

Choose to study one of our three different pathways:

Humanities Combined with Social Sciences

This pathway is designed for those who wish to progress onto degrees in a wide variety of areas. Typically, graduates from this pathway go on to study degrees in Social Work, Psychology, Sociology, Criminology, English, Geography, History and Media Studies (but this list is not exhaustive!). Students who successfully complete this course are guaranteed an offer for our Health and Social Care HNC/HND course. You can also choose study during the day or evening with this pathway.

Nursing & Healthcare Professions

This pathway is designed for those who wish to progress onto nursing, midwifery, paramedic sciences, physiotherapy, biomedical science, radiography, occupational therapy and other health or science-related degree courses.

SIMON SAYER

FORMER ACCESS TO HE, HEALTH & HEALTH SCIENCES STUDENT

“Studying an Access course at the college has given me the ability to follow my dream career to become a paramedic.

The course was intensive, but the tutors were very supportive. I found that they went above and beyond to offer extra tuition and help.

I quickly learnt the importance of time management, along with the importance of teamwork, and leadership. The course was great at teaching me vital academic skills, such as referencing, skim reading, and academic style writing, as well as a fantastic base of knowledge of anatomy and physiology, biology and nutrition.

I am now a Year 1 Paramedic Science student at the University of East Anglia, having had 5 offers from various other universities! I have just completed my first placement out on the road and I’m extremely thankful to the tutors on the Access course.”

