

# IS AN **ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION** DIPLOMA RIGHT FOR YOU?



Your course may be free\* student loans are also available.

If you'd like to study for a degree and are aged 19 and over, but don't have the qualifications you need, then an Access to Higher Education course could help refresh your study skills, build your confidence and open the gateway to a new career.

23,295 people with an Access Diploma  
were accepted onto degree programmes  
in September 2018

Source: Access to Higher Education Diploma Key Statistics 2017-18 document.

If you'd like to study for a degree but don't have the qualifications you need, then an Access to Higher Education course could help. Each year around 40,000 adults study an Access to Higher Education course, which is an ideal stepping stone to a university qualification.

- | Our courses are specifically designed for adults looking to return to study
- | Our timetable is built to help you balance work, family and other commitments
- | The qualification is widely recognised by UK universities and colleges

### **We offer a range of Access to HE Diplomas throughout Cornwall and Devon:**

#### **Bicton College**

- | Life Sciences
- | Science

#### **Cornwall College Camborne**

- | Art & Design
- | Behavioural Science
- | Chemistry & Biology
- | Computing
- | Engineering, Physics & Mathematics
- | Geography & Environmental Science
- | Nursing
- | Physiotherapy, Radiotherapy & Related Medical Disciplines
- | Science & Technology
- | Social Science

#### **Cornwall College St Austell**

- | Nursing
- | Science
- | Social Science

#### **Duchy College Stoke Climsland**

- | Life Sciences
- | Science

**If you feel you are not ready to start an Access course, Level 2 Pre Access and Return to Learn courses are also available, to help build your skills and confidence.**

For more details about Access diplomas [cornwall.ac.uk/adult](http://cornwall.ac.uk/adult)

## Helping you to be prepared

On an Access course you will study a subject of your choice with fellow adults. The course will be delivered in a flexible way with supportive staff who understand the challenges adults may face when returning to education.

As well as expanding your subject knowledge we will help you develop the study skills needed to succeed at university. We know we are good at this as our past students often tell us how confident they felt in their first year of university study, compared to some of their peers. Often our learners make long lasting friendships with fellow students and support each other throughout the Access programme and beyond.

## Helping you gain your university place

We will help you identify the best university courses for you and support you with your application. Our students progress on to a wide range of university courses; some with us, some at other institutions in Cornwall, and some further afield.



'My time at Cornwall College has quite literally changed my life, completing the Access course has allowed me to progress on to university. I am now working as a midwife having completed my degree.'

**Emma Dyer**  
Midwife

## **Fees:**

Your course may be fully funded if you are aged 19 - 23 and this is your first Level 3 qualification. Fees for 2022 entry are approximately £3,500, this is usually confirmed by the Skills Funding Agency in April/May each year. For anyone who is 19 years or over, you can apply for an Advanced Learning Loan to cover tuition fee costs. You do not have to repay the loan until you are earning a minimum of £27,295 a year.

The loan may also be written off by the Student Loans Company if you go on to complete a full higher education qualification. The College also has a limited bursary fund to support people with household income below £40,000 to help with costs such as childcare and transport, please contact us on 0330 123 2523 for more details.

## **Careers advice**

If you want to change your career but are not sure if an Access course is the right route please feel free to make an appointment with one of our advisers, they are totally impartial and will help you to explore all your options. To make an appointment please ring 0330 123 2523 or drop into one of our advice sessions run throughout the year, please see [cornwall.ac.uk](http://cornwall.ac.uk) for details.

## **Find out more:**

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