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Level 3 Access to HE Diploma (Health Professions)

Location	Stockport College
Course Type	University level
Department	Access to Higher Education
Start Date	Monday 14th September 2026
Duration	Full-time, 1 Year
Time	09:15:00 - 15:00:00
Fee	£ 3444.00 You may be eligible for support with your tuition fees - please visit the college website - funding and finance page for further information
Course Code	SFP-AH3D-1100

Course Overview

The Access to HE Diploma (Health Professions) course is designed for students who are interested in a future career in healthcare (nursing, midwifery, physiotherapy)

This is a QAA-compliant Access to HE course to prepare mature students for university level study in healthcare related fields. There are 60 credits of study comprising 45 graded credits of graded units and 15 ungraded units.

The course runs for an academic year and over three days a week for 32 weeks. There are 13 hours of lessons each week (12 hours of lessons and 1 hour of tutorial). Students will also need to allow at least 12 hours per week for private study and assignment completion.

Approximate times: 9.20am - 3pm (exact times to be confirmed)

Course Requirements

GCSE English Language and Mathematics at grade C/4 or better before enrolling on the Access Diploma. Please note that some degree courses will also require GCSE Science at grade C/4 or better.

In some circumstances, Functional Skills Numeracy level 2 instead of GCSE Mathematics is acceptable.

Students who meet these entry requirements can apply for the level 2 pre-Access course (and GCSEs in English and/or Mathematics) to prepare for the Access to Higher Education Course.

What You Will Learn

The content includes Human Biology, Health Studies and Psychology units, all delivered at advanced level, building upon skills and knowledge gained from GCSE level studies in Biology and English.

The course includes 15 graded units with titles such as "Human Cardiovascular System", "Human Reproduction and Genetics", "Access to Healthcare in Modern Britain" and "Ethical Issues in Health".

There are also ungraded units focusing on development of transferable skills such as presentation skills and essay writing.

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Assessment

Assessments include essays, practical reports, case studies, open or closed-book examinations and verbal, visual or IT-based presentations. All modules will include an element of time-constrained assessment which will contribute towards the final module grade.

Upon successful completion of this course you will be awarded an Access to Higher Education Diploma from Open Awards.

Progression

Most university admissions will accept the Access to HE Diploma as an entry qualification for Higher Education, but there may be some degrees for which this certificate alone may not be acceptable. The suitability of the course for your ultimate career aim will be discussed at interview.

Progression from this pathway can be on to degree programmes such as Midwifery, Adult Nursing, Children's Nursing, Physiotherapy, Paramedic Science, Social Work, Mental Health Nursing and many many more.

Career Options

Nurse, midwife, physiotherapist, paramedic, operating department practitioner, dental hygiene, other allied health professions.

Mandatory Units

There are two mandatory units designed to develop vital transferable skills for a future career in healthcare.

Professional Behaviours for Healthcare Professionals

Numeracy for Healthcare Professionals

Contact Details

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