

# Health and Social Care

## Access to HE Diploma Health Science Professions

**Campus:** Dearne Valley College

**Code:** D08HE02

**Level:** 3

### About This Course

This qualification prepares adults, without traditional qualifications, with the knowledge, skills and behaviours for higher-level study at university.

It is a fast-track pathway condensed into 1 year of study providing you with a holistic overview of the key subjects within health and science.

It is ideal for you if you are interested in the science behind health and want to make a positive difference to people and their local communities and will enable you to study a wide variety of academic and professional undergraduate degree programmes.

Due to the fast-track nature, it is intense and we expect that you will also work independently, in your free time, to research, revise and complete assignments.

### What Will I Study?

You will study biology, psychology, health and social policy, typically taught over 2 teaching days per week.

### Why Study Here?

You'll benefit from:

- Studying locally.
- Learning in our new £330,000 state of the art health suite, including in our simulated operating area with recovery ward, assessment unit with consultation area and biomedical laboratory.
- A small and friendly campus, including free car parking.
- Access to our Access to Higher Education Alumni Events.
- Careers guidance and skills workshops delivered by specialist tutors, guest speakers and employers with real life experiences in the industry.
- A caring and compassionate learning environment.

## Entry Requirements

Prior to starting the programme, applicants need to evidence achievement of:

- GCSE English at Grade C (4) and above (or recognised equivalent 1)
- GCSE Maths 2 at Grade D (3) and above (or recognised equivalent 1)

Additional information:

1. Recognised equivalents include Functional Skills Level 2, Key Skills Level 2, IELTS (7.0) or a NARC Verified qualification.
2. If you have GCSE Maths at Grade D (3), it is expected that you also enrol onto a GCSE Maths course at Dearne Valley College.

## How To Apply

You can apply using our online application form and clicking the **Apply Now** button at the top of this page.

For more information support with your enquiry or application please contact Student Services by emailing [learn@dearne-coll.ac.uk](mailto:learn@dearne-coll.ac.uk) [mailto:learn@dearne-coll.ac.uk] or by calling **01709 513355**.

## Tuition Fees

If it's your first-full Level 3 and you're aged 19-23, you may be entitled to fee-remission.

Alternatively, you can self-fund or opt to fund the course through the Advanced Learner Loan. If you need further advice or guidance, please contact the Enquiries Team on 01709 513355.

### PLEASE NOTE

We make every effort to ensure information within our online course directory is accurate and a true representation of the courses we are offering in 2025-26. However, we do reserve the right to make changes if necessary.

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