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, the knowledge, skills and behaviours for higher-level study at university, who have aspirations to become the health and social care professionals of the future.

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. 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 anatomy and physiology in health and illness, psychology and mental health, health and social policy, professional practice and study skills, typically taught over 2 teaching days per week.

Why Study Here?

- Dearne Valley College is the hub for higher skills in health and social care, we have a **health suite** that consists of a simulated

ward, in which students are able to have hands-on practice of their newly developed skills, as well as a lab and clean and modern classrooms for theory studies. These facilities will enable you to aim high with your education and get practical experience in a learning environment.

- Our campus is small, friendly and includes free car parking.
- Private childcare provider on-site.
- You will gain 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.
- Support in applying for university courses (via UCAS).
- Visits to major universities.

Entry Requirements

Prior to starting the programme, applicants need to evidence the following academic entry criteria:

- GCSE English at Grade C (4) and above (or equivalent),
- GCSE Maths at Grade C (4) and above (or equivalent).
- Recognised equivalents include Functional Skills Level 2 and Key Skills Level 2, IETLS or a UK ENIC Verified qualification. We may accept GCSE Maths at Grade D (3) if the universities and courses that you're wanting to apply for currently accept this grade.

Additional information:

- We may also pursue academic references from your current/previous educational provider(s).
- We advise learners to conduct their own research, initially with universities, to ensure that their qualifications are accepted by universities. We accept no liability for this.

- Due to the total of guided learning hours for this qualification, this course is only eligible for those who have finished post-compulsory education.

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 or by calling **01709 513355**.

Tuition Fees

Course fees are £3,384.00

Funding options:

- If you're aged 18 and have finished post-compulsory education, you may be eligible for fee-remission.

- If you're aged between 19-23 and is your first full level 3, you may be eligible for fee-remission.

This course is eligible for the Advanced Learner Loan. Apply via Student Finance England. For further information, , click here [https://www.dearne-coll.ac.uk/information/student-support/finance/advanced-learner-loan/] .

Additional Information

To support you during your time at College, you can apply for bursary support (including childcare fee support), which offers a contribution towards the costs of studying. Although funding is limited and allocated on a first come first served basis, we would encourage learners to apply.For further information, click here [https://www.dearne-coll.ac.uk/information/student-support/finance/]

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