



Brockenhurst College

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# Access to university

Your route to degree level study

# Start writing your HE success story here

Hello and welcome to our Access to HE Brochure.

The Access to HE programme is very special. Every year it gives a route to university to mature students who do not have traditional A Level qualifications.

Whether you are returning to study after a long break, planning to study alongside work and family commitments or changing your career, Access to HE is designed to prepare you for university by building your skills, knowledge and confidence.

We understand that returning to study can be daunting, which is why you are assured of a warm welcome, supportive and experienced teaching staff, and a team dedicated to helping you to make the most of your learning journey.

I look forward to meeting you soon.

**Charlie Woodsford**  
Head of Curriculum – Business and Access to HE



## What we can do for you...

### At Brockenhurst College we have everything you need to progress to higher education.

We run a range of Access Diplomas that are accredited by Ascentis and provide the ideal stepping stone to higher-level learning.

As an Access student you will normally study full-time over one year or part-time over two years. Importantly, we run a compact timetable to help you coordinate your studies with other commitments.

So why not join our learning community and share in these strengths to get to where you want to be?

#### Quality learning

All our teachers have expert knowledge and extensive professional experience. Each one is passionate about his or her subject and will strive to help you realise your potential.

We also keep class sizes small to ensure you get the attention and support you need to do well.

#### Support

Your Personal Tutor will give you advice and support on every aspect of your course. Furthermore, they will work with you to develop your skills, expertise and career plans.

You can also ask for specialist support if you need it. In addition, our Student Services team will be on-hand to address any questions or concerns you may have.

Finally, our Careers Advice Service will offer one-to-one sessions to help you plan your professional progress.

#### Facilities

Access courses are based on the main college campus, with some lessons taking place at a dedicated building a short walk away. There you will find modern facilities that are regularly reviewed and updated to deliver the optimum learning experience.

Students have access to our Learning Resource Centre, a spacious independent study environment with specially trained staff.

#### UCAS University applications

A series of sessions with our dedicated Access Progression Advisor in the autumn term will give you the support, advice and guidance you need to complete a strong UCAS university application.

#### University partnerships

We have strong links with Bournemouth, Chichester and Southampton Solent universities, which all offer solid higher education opportunities.

#### Travel to college

As a student you can benefit from discounted passes on South West Trains services to the nearby Brockenhurst mainline station. You can also benefit from subsidised bus services directly to and from our main campus.

There is more information about travel options on our website. [www.brock.ac.uk/travel](http://www.brock.ac.uk/travel)

# Access courses

## Diploma in Allied Health Professions

This diploma is ideal if you wish to progress into areas such as occupational therapy, speech therapy, podiatry or paramedic science.

The course will help you develop your skills through the study of biology and social issues in healthcare. **Fees £3,384**

## Diploma in Humanities

This diploma can open doors to a career in teaching, marketing, journalism, and business and management. It can also enable you to study a humanities subject at degree level. As a learner you will study English and psychology. **Fees £3,022**

## Diploma in Nursing and Midwifery

Success on this popular course usually leads to a career in nursing or midwifery. You will study biology and social issues in healthcare. **Fees £3,384**

## Diploma in Primary Teaching

This course covers English and psychology, and is designed for people aiming to complete a degree in primary teaching.

We recommend you complete between five and eight hours of voluntary work experience in a primary education setting during your studies. We also recommend you already hold GCSE qualifications in English, Maths and Science before you begin your studies. This is because these qualifications will be part of the entry requirements for most primary education degree programmes. **Fees £3,384**



## Diploma in Science

This study option is perfect for you if you have an interest in biology and if you wish to pursue a science-based career. This could include job roles in biomedical science, marine biology, environmental science, veterinary science, forensic science and chemistry. As a student you will study biology and chemistry.

**Fees £3,384**

## Diploma in Social Science

This diploma provides the grounding for a variety of careers including social work, counselling, psychology, sociology and teaching. You will study psychology and social issues in healthcare.

**Fees £3,022**

## Key facts

### Course fees

Fees range from £3,022 to £3,384. Access courses are free for students under 24 who do not have a full Level 3 qualification. If you are aged 19 or over you will be able to apply for an Advanced Learning Loan.

### Entry requirements

To be successful at this level we recommend you already hold GCSE English and Maths qualifications at grade A-C (9-4). We recommend you contact university admissions offices to confirm specific course requirements.

# Preparation for Access courses

We offer several additional courses to help you achieve what you need to get into university. These may run alongside your course. However, you might wish to spend a year completing these preliminary phases before beginning your Access Diploma.

## GCSE Maths (free)

GCSE Maths is required by most higher education institutions. Therefore, we recommend that you take this course if you don't already hold this qualification. A good grasp of basic mathematical concepts and techniques is essential to support work across the full range of HE courses.

## GCSE English (free)

GCSE English gives you the opportunity to develop the Level 2 literacy and communication skills that are essential for further study and employment. It is designed for people who wish to progress to a high-grade pass of A\*-C (9-4). This course uses a varied selection of materials suitable for learners aged 16 or over.

## GCSE Single Science

A GCSE Science qualification is generally needed for careers in medical services, public and armed services, and for teacher training. This single science qualification will give you the opportunity gain a high-grade pass of A\*-C (9-4).  
**Fees £300**

## Functional Skills – English (free)

This course aims to ensure you have functional skills in reading, writing, speaking and listening. It will also help you to apply these skills in both the workplace and everyday life.

## Functional Skills – Maths (free)

Functional Skills in Maths is designed to give you essential abilities in numeracy that will allow you to work confidently, effectively and independently. This qualification also helps you to apply these skills in both the workplace and everyday life.



## Applications

You can download an access course application form from our website [www.brock.ac.uk/he](http://www.brock.ac.uk/he) or order one by telephone on **01590 625500**.

# Advanced learning loans

Advanced learning loans give you access to financial support to cover tuition fees. This means that rather than having to pay for your course at the start, you can pay with a loan from the Student Loans Company.

You will only start to repay the loan once you have left the course and are earning over £27,295 a year.

## If you are aged 19 or over you will have the option to:

- Pay the course fees personally.
- Have an employer/sponsor pay the course fees for you.
- Apply for an advanced learning loan to cover the complete cost of the course.

## Advanced learning loans are for anyone who is:

- Aged 19 or over at the start of the course.
- Studying at Level 3 to Level 6 in further education or training and is resident in the UK.

## Please note:

- You will not be eligible for a loan if you have already taken one to complete the same type and level of qualification.
- If you are aged 19-23 and are applying for your first Level 3 qualification, this may be free. Please contact us to check your eligibility.
- If you are taking out a loan for an Access course, you will not have to repay it if you then go on to complete a higher education qualification.
- Loans are available irrespective of your current employment status and will not be means tested or subject to any credit checks.

For more information about advanced learning loans and how to apply, please visit: [www.gov.uk/advanced-learning-loans](http://www.gov.uk/advanced-learning-loans)



# FAQs

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## How much time a week will I need to spend studying?

Full-time students will have approximately 12 hours of lessons a week. We then expect you to study independently for a further 12 hours a week.

## Is it possible to juggle my Access Diploma with work and family commitments?

Yes. In fact, many of our students do exactly that. Importantly, we recommend you consider the time required so you can manage all your commitments.

## I haven't studied for a long time, does that matter?

Not at all. Every Access to HE Diploma includes two units of study devoted to academic writing and study skills.

## Open events

You can visit us at one of our open events and speak to our higher education staff. You will also be able to discover more about the College and its facilities by exploring the campus.

Our Student Services team will be on-hand to answer any questions about study and support, including those related to finance and student loans.

You do not need to book a place, but we do advise you to allow plenty of time for your visit because our open events are always busy. You can find dates and times of open events on our website.

## Application

To apply for an Access course, please visit our website to download and complete an application form.

For more information or advice on your application, or to discuss any course in more detail, please contact Admissions.

**E: [admissions@brock.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@brock.ac.uk)**

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