



## ACCESS TO HE: SCIENCES

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| Course Mode | Full-time                    |
| Location    | Milnthorpe Road Campus (MRC) |
| Duration    | 1 Year                       |
| Level       | 3                            |



## Course Overview

This course offers progression onto higher education degree level courses and a chance to change your career and prospects. You could progress to courses in, for example, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Engineering, Pharmacy, Radiography, Biomedical Sciences and a range of related degrees.

You need to be at least 19 years of age to study on this course and a student loan is available to cover the cost of tuition fees. If you subsequently progress on to a degree course and successfully complete it, this loan will be written off.

The OCN London Access to HE Diploma programme is designed to enable progress to higher education degree level courses. You will attend college for typically two days per week, but should also set aside additional time for private study required for background reading and completing assignments. Progression to HE will depend on the grades you achieve in your assignments..

The Access course is made up of separate modules, each contributing towards the Diploma. The main subjects are Biology (e.g. Anatomy and Physiology, Botany, Zoology and Ecology), Chemistry (e.g. Organic, Inorganic and Physical) and Physics (e.g. Energy, Electricity and Atomic Structure) together with Mathematics relevant to scientists. The modules have been selected to maximise your chances of progressing onto your desired University course. Within these subjects there will be some choice of study. You will also learn the study skills required for both this course and the next one.

If you feel that you have studied similar material previously you may claim Accredited Prior Learning (APL) for such study (subject to approval by the awarding body. Our tutors would be happy to advise you about this.

Assessment varies according to each module, but is typically written assignments and controlled assessments. Each assignment is graded pass,

merit or distinction and contributes to the overall grade for the course.

## Entry Requirements

The Access course is designed for adults who want to progress to higher education, degree level courses, but do not have the necessary qualifications. You must be 19 at the beginning of the course and be able to demonstrate that you are ready to study at this level. You must hold English and Maths GCSE Grade C (or equivalent). As part of the application process you will be offered an interview with the course tutor. Adult returners are particularly welcomed onto this programme.

## After your course

Higher education courses in science subjects open up a tremendous range of opportunities including: aerospace; agriculture; automotive industries; biochemicals; computing; conservation and environmental protection; energy production; engineering and manufacturing; fisheries; food and drink industries; forensics; health; land and water management; marine protection; materials research; medical research; meteorology; mineral extraction; pharmaceuticals; product development; sustainability; telecommunications and waste management.

It is important to check with the university of your choice about eligibility for their courses and we will be able to advise you if you need further information.

## Fees

£3384.00

Course fees are per year. The current fee information is related to the 2019/20 academic year and is subject to change before the start of the course. Fees for 2020/21 will be updated in the Spring Term. There may also be additional costs associated with the course.

**This course is funded by the government and may be free if you are:**

- Aged 16-18 on 31/08/19
- Aged 19-23 on an Entry Level or Level 1 course with intent to progress to a Level 2 course
- Aged 19-23 on your first full Level 2 or Level 3 course
- Aged 19-23 on your first Level 4 course (if you haven't already got a Level 3 qualification)
- Aged 19+ on Functions Skills or GCSE English or Maths
- Unemployed and in receipt of JSA/ESA(WRAG)/Universal Credit or another eligible state benefit on an Entry Level, Level 1 or Level 2 course
- Member of a low income household & in financial hardship on an Entry Level, Level 1 or Level 2 course