



# Access to Higher Education and Employment

## East Midlands Region

### What is Access to Higher Education?

Access to HE courses are designed for people who want to go to university but left school without the usual qualifications, such as A-levels. Providers of Access to HE, usually colleges of further education (FE), welcome people who have been out of education for sometime but have gained life-experience and now want to return to study. Often there are no formal entrance requirements other than good literacy and numeracy skills.

There are a variety of courses available throughout the East Midlands region, leading to a wide range of career choices. Most Courses consist of different pathways that prepare students for a specific profession or vocation. All Access to HE programmes lead to the award of the nationally recognised qualification: the QAA approved **Access to HE Diploma**. The specific profession or vocation pathway appears in the title e.g. Access to HE Diploma (Law) or Access to HE Diploma (Midwifery). The Access to HE Diploma is accepted by universities as an appropriate entry qualification for most undergraduate courses.

All Access to HE programmes aim to ensure that you are confident and well prepared for university study as well as future employment. So, in addition to studying the main subjects for your chosen pathway, all programmes include units to develop the skills and knowledge to:

- Manage your time
- Study
- Write essays and reports
- Undertake research projects
- Make presentations

For most university courses it is necessary to have GCSE English C or above. Sometimes Maths is required too. Primary teacher training requires English, Maths and Science. So most OCNEMR Access to HE courses give you the opportunity to do a GCSE alongside the Diploma or include GCSE equivalence units.

Learning will be assessed in a variety of ways to prepare you for study at university. Assessment methods include:

- Investigate / Research project and report
- Extended essay
- Presentation
- Case study
- Role play
- Demonstration
- Personal development review / Reflective diary
- Time constrained assessment under controlled conditions

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# Matrix of Access Programmes and Providers in the East Midlands 2011-2012



Provider	Pre Access	Art & Design	Business	Business & Travel	Counselling	Computing	Combined Studies	English	Engineering	Health Science / Health Care Professions	Humanities	Law & Criminology	Media	Nursing and Midwifery	Science	Social Science	Social Work	Teaching / Education
Chesterfield College	X	X					X			X			X	X	X	X	X	X
Derby College	X						X			X	X			X	X	X	X	X
University of Derby	X		X			X				X					X	X	X	X
Brooksby Melton College	X													X				
Leicester College	X		X			X			X		X			X	X	X		
South Leicestershire College							X				X			X	X	X	X	X
Stephenson College	X						X							X				
Boston College	X						X							X				
Grantham College	X	X					X											
Lincoln College						X					X			X	X	X		X
New College Stamford							X							X	X	X		X
Northampton College	X		X								X			X	X	X		
Tresham College	X						X							X	X	X		
Castle College Nottingham	X		X						X					X	X	X		X
Dukeries College	X				X									X	X	X		
New College Nottingham	X									X				X	X	X	X	X
South Nottingham College						X					X					X		X
Burton College	X									X	X				X	X		X