

Caring Professions

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, IETLS (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] 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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