

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;

- anatomy and physiology in health and illness
- psychology and mental health

- health and social policy
- professional practice and study skills

This course is 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 [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.

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.

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