

The Pre Access Diploma Guide

This is a nationally QAA recognised qualification validated by LASER, our regional validating agency . All of your work is marked by your lecturer, internally moderated within the team and externally moderated by LASER.

If you left school with few or no qualifications or have been out of education for a number of years and are keen to prepare for studying on one of our Access to Higher Education programmes then this is the course for you. You'll have the opportunity to realise your potential, plan and prepare for progression. It will enable you to develop your ability in a range of skills including English, Maths, ICT, alongside a 'taster' unit in Psychology, Business and Social Science. You will also be given the opportunity if appropriate to study a GCSE in either English or Maths alongside this qualification.

Achieving the Diploma

To achieve this Diploma you will need to gain 45 credits at level 2. You will complete a variety of assignments as you progress through the year and each of these will contribute to gaining the required credits.

Entry Requirements

Both your English and Maths needs to be at level 1; you can provide previous qualifications to prove this or if you do not have these you will be invited in to take an initial assessment.

Teaching, Learning and Assessment

We use a range of teaching and learning techniques as well as methods of assessments which might include essays, case studies, practical reports, exams, presentations, pair work, group work, discussions.

Expectations

You can expect to receive a high quality of teaching from us; we are an experienced team who are motivated, well organised, enthusiastic and really committed to supporting you and providing you with the best experience of returning to education and preparing for progression. We expect full attendance and engagement in classes throughout the course.

Your timetable

This will be sent to you in the term prior to the start of your course.

Finance

If you require any information on finance please see attached document.

Preparing for your Course

If you receive an unconditional offer then I advise you to enrol as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. In the meantime in preparation please practice your English and maths skills; you should find these websites useful for this.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise>

<http://www.move-on.org.uk/>