

VENUE AND DURATION OF COURSE:

John Ruskin College, Selsdon Park Road, South Croydon, CR2 8JJ, 1 year full-time, 3 days a week.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

GCSE English and Maths at grade A*-C (9-4) and at least one of the following:

1. A full level 2 qualification.
2. Substantial work experience in a related field (to be discussed at interview).

N.B if you do not have GCSE English at grade A*-C (9-4) you may still be offered a place on the course but this will be at the discretion of the academic staff. There are opportunities to study adult GCSE courses at the College which you would be required to apply for separately.

It is important that you research the different university courses that you want to go on to study to ensure that the Access to Higher Education Diploma is an appropriate qualification to gain entry to these courses. Applicants will be invited to attend an interview to discuss their needs and suitability for the course. Completion of the course will require a high level of commitment and the specific demands of the course will be discussed at interview.

For students whose first language is not English, an assessment will need to be undertaken. For those with alternative qualifications, a NARIC conversion will be required.

All students will also be required to attend an initial assessment event prior to the start of their course. 'Get Ready for Access to HE' courses will be delivered three times prior to the start date of your programme. Dates and further details for this event will be discussed at interview.

WHAT QUALIFICATIONS WILL I GET?

Access to Higher Education Diploma – Nursing and Health Related Professions.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is designed for adults not already in possession of suitable Level 3 qualifications as an approved route to higher level qualifications, training programmes, and university degrees within nursing and other health related professions.

UNITS/TOPICS COVERED:

- Energy for Healthcare
- Digestion and the Liver for Healthcare
- Mammalian Control Systems
- Musculoskeletal System
- Cardiopulmonary System
- Cell Biology
- Biomolecules for Healthcare
- Disease and Body Defence
- Maths for Natural Science
- Chemistry Foundations

- Periodic Table, Intermolecular Forces and Redox
- Chemical Bonding
- Organic Chemistry
- Reaction Kinetics and Energetics
- Equilibria, Acids and Buffers
- Independent Academic Study
- Academic Study Skills
- Reviewing and Planning for the Future

TYPE OF ASSESSMENT:

Access to HE Diploma is a continual assessment programme that allows learners to constantly improve and develop their portfolio. Assessment comes in a range of forms including reports, debates, essays, projects and presentations.

EQUIPMENT NEEDED:

- Stationery – writing pad, file, pens and pencils and plastic wallets
- Having your own laptop is essential

WHERE CAN IT LEAD?

With successful completion of the Access course, you can apply to university to study for a degree in Nursing or other health professions, such as Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, Radiography, Midwifery and Paramedic Science. Please note that success on the Access course does not automatically guarantee a place at university. However, the vast majority of Access students' progress to their chosen university courses each year. Previously successful students have progressed to study for a degree at Kings, London Southbank, Bournemouth, Southampton, Bristol, Surrey, Portsmouth, City, Brighton University and Kingston.

COURSE FEE:

If you are under 19 on 31/08/2025, tuition is free. If you are 19 or over, please consult Client Services for advice and guidance on funding and eligibility.

Please be aware that there may be additional costs for equipment and educational visits. This information will be available from the curriculum staff at interview.

WHAT TO DO NEXT:

If you have any outstanding queries please contact our Client Services team on 020 8651 1131 or at clientservices@johnruskin.ac.uk.

To apply online for this course please visit www.johnruskin.ac.uk.

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