

Level

Access to Higher Education Diploma (Social Work)

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Duration
1 year

Location
Rush Green Campus

Starting
Sept 2026

Age
Adult 19+

Careers
Access to Higher Education

Course fees per year

ADULT 19+

£3,384

The above fees include tuition and exam fees.
You may be eligible for an Advanced Learner Loan to help with the course fees. Contact us to discuss what Financial support is available.

Overview

Interested in studying social work, psychology, mental health nursing or a teaching degree at university but don't have the qualifications you need?

Perfect for those who have been out of education for some time, you will be able to progress directly onto a higher education course at university on completion of this Access programme.



What you'll learn

This Access to Higher Education Diploma (Social Work) aims to provide a balance of essential study skills with specialist subject knowledge to prepare you for university.

You will learn the following skills on this course:

- Social work
- Social policy
- Sociology
- Psychology

Assessments / Exams

Learners will be assessed through coursework, presentations, debates and exams.

Entry requirements

Access to HE Diploma courses are for students aged 19+ by 31st August in the year in which they start the Access programme.

You'll also need literacy and Numeracy skills - either via GCSE English and Maths or Level 2 Functional Skills.

We recommend finding relevant work experience in either voluntary or paid employment to support your UCAS application. Universities often expect students to have some work experience before they start a course, however this is not compulsory.

Although the Access to Higher Education courses are most suitable for ages 19+, they may also be available for 16- 18 learners with funding.

Don't worry if you don't currently meet the entry requirements, as you may be able to study our [Certificate in Progression](#) course specifically designed for adults returning to education.

What this course leads to

On completion of this Access to Higher Education Diploma, you will have the qualifications needed to apply to university, where you can study areas including:

- Social Work
- Youth and Community Work
- Social Policy
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Criminology and other related degrees.

Full 60 Credit Diploma with 45 credits graded units and 15 ungraded study skills.

Maximum UCAS 144 points from the course.

If you have a Level 2 functional skills qualification, it is important that you check with your chosen university to ensure it will be accepted as part of the entry requirements for your degree programme.

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