



## Access to Higher Education - Biomedical Science - S152

This course is a preparation for entry to a Degree or Higher Diploma course in Science subjects that might require Biology and Chemistry. Past students have gone on to study Biology, Biochemistry, Zoology, Marine Biology, Biomedical Science, Forensic Science, Nursing, Nutrition and Animal Behaviour.

### COURSE DETAILS

Two modules are studied, these are:

- Biology
- Chemistry

In addition a research based assignment will be undertaken, chosen from one of the subject areas.

Credits are awarded for the Access course modules. To achieve the Access Diploma, you must gain all 60 credits, including a minimum of 45 credits at Level 3. There are 18 units of 3 credits each and one unit of 6 credits; 9 units of biology, 9 of chemistry plus the research unit. 14 units (45 credits) are graded, while 5 units (15 credits) must be passed but are not graded and used as introductory units to build confidence and knowledge. All units are level 3.

### ENTRY GUIDELINES

This course is for students aged 19plus.

4 GCSEs at grade 4/C or above including two GCSE Science subjects, Maths and English or BTEC Level 2 Applied Science/Pre Access and Grade 4/C or above in Maths and English.

Satisfactory interview and assessment (written/comprehension task)

*Office use only. Non Standard 43.*

### ASSESSMENT METHOD

Assessment is continuous with reports, essays, tests, assignments and laboratory work. The Access to HE Diploma is awarded by Openawards.org made up of 60 credits.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

In addition to lesson time, you will be expected to complete about 16 hours of independent study per week. You will need good organisational skills. It is preferable that you have some IT skills (you will have an opportunity to acquire these).

You should be aware that to meet the entry requirements for specific courses at University, you may need particular qualifications/work experience in addition to the Access qualification. You are advised to check the entry requirements for your intended degree course as soon as possible. When you attend your interview, you will be given the opportunity to discuss how any additional requirements could be met.

Useful websites:

UCAS - [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com).

NHS - [www.nhscareers.nhs.uk](http://www.nhscareers.nhs.uk), university websites.

Please note that the interview and assessment process will last approximately 2 hours.

## WHERE CAN I PROGRESS TO?

This course may enable you to progress onto the following Higher Education courses;

Zoology, Marine Biology, Biochemistry, Biomedical Science, Chemistry, Genetics, Environmental Science, Physiotherapy, Nursing, Pharmacy, Podiatry, Dental Therapy.

There will be opportunities to attend university open days and other suitable events throughout the course. Obtaining the Access to HE Diploma in Biomedical science does not guarantee entry into any HE course.

Explore potential careers via [Career Match](#) — it provides current local data on wages and employment prospects.

## WHEN DOES THIS COURSE RUN?

CAMPUS	ATTENDANCE	COURSE CODE	PLANNED TIME TABLE
	Full Time	S152Q001	

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<p><b>If you are aged 19 or over:</b></p> <p>Fee : £3384.00</p> <p><i>The fee quoted is for the academic year 24/25.</i></p>			

For advice and guidance, please contact Student Services via our [online enquiry form](#)

This information was current on 04th April, 2025 and may be subject to change.