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THEN AN ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION COURSE COULD BE FOR YOU.

Access to Higher Education courses are designed to give a route to degree-level study if you have been out of education for some time or do not have the entry qualifications for university.

We offer full and part-time study programmes to help you to fit your studies around existing family and work commitments. Different study pathways also enable you to focus on the core subjects that you will need for further study specialisms such as Teaching, Midwifery, Social Work, Nursing or Science.

We also offer a different way to study our Healthcare and Humanities pathways. Blended learning combines online tutorials with on campus classes, giving you the flexibility to choose how, where and when you study.
ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION PATHWAYS AT TRESHAM COLLEGE

Courses are based at our Corby, Kettering and Wellingborough Campuses and last 1 or 2 years, depending on the study basis.

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OUR PATHWAYS

BUSINESS
Progression: You could progress on to the Business HNC/HND at Tresham College or Bedford College or study a range of degrees such as Business, Human Resources or Marketing.

COMPUTING IN BUSINESS
Progression: You could progress on to the Business in Computing HNC/HND at Tresham College or Bedford College or study a range of degrees such as Business Information Technology and much more at university.

CREATIVE & DIGITAL ARTS
Progression: You could progress on to Photography, Graphic Design, Media (Journalism), Fashion Design HNC/HND at Tresham College or Bedford College or study a range of creative subjects at university.

HEALTH PROFESSIONS
Progression: You could study for a Foundation Degree in Health & Social Care at Tresham College or progress on to degrees in Nursing, Midwifery, Physiotherapy or Occupational Health.

HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES
Progression: You could study a Foundation Degree in Psychology & Crime at Tresham College or Bedford College or study a degree in a range of Humanities & Social Sciences fields, History, English Literature, Sociology, Criminology or Law at university.

PRE-ACCESS
Progression: Progression onto the Access to Higher Education course.

TEACHING
Progression: You could study undergraduate courses leading to Educational Practice Foundation Degree or a Certificate in Post Compulsory Education at Tresham College or Bedford College.
DID YOU KNOW?

94.7% of our Access to Higher Education students progressed onto university or employment after completing their course.

Visit www.tresham.ac.uk to find out more!
TRAICY’S STORY
ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION: HEALTH PROFESSIONS PATHWAY

As a housewife with four children I was looking to do something for myself. While it was scary coming back into education after 22 years, this Access course has already opened doors for me in the healthcare industry.

Since starting the course I have begun a Rehabilitation Assistant job in Northampton, working with people who have suffered brain injuries and helping them to live independently again. I wouldn’t have got this job without the Access course on my CV, and my tutors were a great help in sorting references for me.

I am fascinated by the Biology elements of the course, such as how cells form, how they’re affected and why things can go wrong. My future goal is to study Forensic Science at university following the course, and I know everything I am learning will help me with my ongoing studies.
WHAT QUALIFICATIONS DO I NEED TO STUDY THIS COURSE?
All students must be aged 18 or over. You will need a GCSE at grade C or above in English and maths and you will also be required to successfully complete a written test and supply a satisfactory reference at the information session.
If you wish to study on the Science Pathway you will also require a minimum of a grade B in maths and science, as well as a grade C in English. If you do not have a C in maths you will resit this during your course to obtain a B.
If you wish to go on to become a Teacher you will also need to have a grade C in science.

WHAT WILL I STUDY ON THE COURSE?
The course will cover a broad range of core subjects and study elements all designed to equip you with the necessary skills to study at degree-level and afterwards in employment. These include study skills and academic writing skills. In addition you will also study pathway specific subjects to enable you to pursue your chosen career/degree course specialism.

The Creative & Digital Arts Pathway consists of Graphic Design, Photography, Drawing and Image Making.
The Health Professions pathway includes the study of Human Biology and Psychology or Health Studies.
The Humanities & Social Sciences Pathway includes subjects such as History, Psychology, English Literature and Sociology.
The Teaching Pathway includes Teaching & Child Development, English, Maths, Research Project, English, School Based Experience Education, Curriculum and Early Learning.

HOW MANY HOURS A WEEK WILL I NEED TO STUDY?
If you are enrolled onto a full-time course programme then you will spend approximately 15 hours per week in College.
Part-time courses are based at our Kettering campus. You will be expected to attend classes two evenings per week.
Blended learning will be completed online with a personal tutorial offered in person once a half-term/month.
For full-time, part-time and blended programmes you will also be expected to complete three to six hours per week in private directed study, to ensure that you are fully prepared for the course assessments and tutorial sessions.
HOW WILL MY WORK BE ASSESSED?
Course assessment is carried out through a variety of methods including essays, projects, presentations, seminars and exams.

WHAT WILL I BE ABLE TO DO AFTER I COMPLETE THIS COURSE?
This programme is recognised by all UK universities and higher education establishments as an entry qualification for degree-level study. Previous students have progressed onto degrees and Higher National Diplomas both at Tresham College and other universities in a wide range of subject areas.

WHAT WILL MY COURSE COST?
The cost of studying the Access to Higher Education programme depends on your age and your existing qualifications.
If you are aged 19 – 23 and this is your first Level 3 qualification then you will not have to pay any course fees.
If you are aged 19 or over at the start of your course, you can pay for your course fees with an Advanced Learning Loan. This loan is not means tested, and is only repayable once you have completed the course and you are earning over £21,000 per annum. In addition, when you complete a higher education degree, this loan will be cancelled and will not need to be repaid.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR THE COURSE?
You can complete an application form online. Please note that when applying for this course you will be asked to complete the full-time application form (for full-time and part-time course options) to ensure that we collate the necessary, detailed information to process your application for this type of course.
Once we have received your application we will invite you in for an information session followed by an interview and initial assessment. It is helpful to have a good idea of your preferred university options prior to attending the interview so that we can make sure you are on the correct study pathway.

HOW CAN I FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION?
If you are unsure about your suitability for this type of course, or you would like more information about the Advanced Learning Loan or our monthly payment plans, please give us a call on 01536 413123 and we will be happy to help you.
My aim is to qualify as a trained Counsellor. I’m currently working full-time in an admin role at Northampton General Hospital and am studying this Access course part-time.

I am really enjoying the freedom of the course; having conversations with your tutors about where you want to get to and experiencing the passion they have for their subject. It’s not like school where you’re just about the grades, it’s all about you and their enthusiasm really helps you to succeed.

After the Access course I plan to continue in part-time study on the CPCAB Counselling Diploma here at College. This will qualify me to work in an agency and then if I choose to work for myself I’ll need to take additional qualifications with the Open University.
In order to be able to progress onto an undergraduate degree at a British university, you will need to have achieved a minimum of a grade C in maths and English (and science if you wish to train as a Primary School Teacher or Medical Professional). If you have not achieved these qualifications prior to enrolling onto the Access to Higher Education programme, you could qualify for our Pre-Access programme if you have the following:

- achieved a grade D (grade 3) in your GCSE retake subject,
- achieved a Level 2 in a respective Functional Skill
- achieved a Level 2 in maths and English in the Access to Higher Education Initial Assessment.
A COURSE DESIGNED TO FIT YOUR WORK AND LIFE COMMITMENTS

We appreciate the pace of everyday life is getting faster, which is why we’ve looked for new ways of teaching - ways that can make it easier to study alongside work and life commitments. We want to provide courses that fit with students, rather than the other way around.

Because of this, we’ve created an Access to Higher Education: Health Professions programme and Humanities programme which are a blend of online and on campus study.

On campus, classes provide the opportunity to learn from experienced lecturers, who will be at hand to answer questions and provide guidance on progress and assessment. Classes will also be an opportunity to interact, discuss and debate with fellow classmates, helping apply theories to real world problems.

Online, a team of academics and experts teach the course using video lectures, animations, exercises and interactive case studies; all of which are delivered through a bespoke virtual learning environment. Lessons are available on demand. You will also have regular contact with your tutor.

Disclaimer: While every effort is made to ensure that the information within this guide is correct at the time of printing, some details may be subject to change. Tresham College reserves the right to make amendments to the courses, dates, fees or other details, and to make cancellations or changes if student numbers are insufficient. In the unfortunate situation that we have to cancel a course, we will refund your fees in full, but we regret we are not able to offer any refund if you withdraw from your course or fail to start, and you will be liable to pay any outstanding fees that may be due.