

LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA ACCESS TO HE - PSYCHOLOGY

Subject Area
Student Type
Study Mode

Access to HE
Adults
Full Time

What is the course about?

Our Level 3 Diploma Access to HE: Counselling and Psychology is a one-year course, equivalent to three A Levels, specifically designed for adults aged 19 and above. It provides the essential foundation to progress to university and pursue a career in healthcare-related fields.

This course not only helps refresh your study skills but also builds your confidence, empowering you to succeed in a higher education environment and take the next step toward your academic and professional goals.

Why should I choose the course?

Are you looking to progress on to a job within psychology? This course is designed to enable you to gain the knowledge, skills, and behaviours to progress on to university to study in a number of fields such as sociology, psychology, and counselling.

You will be taught in a supportive environment by experienced tutors with subject expertise, who will guide you through your return to academic study and help you achieve the qualification required to advance to university.

Throughout the course, you will participate in guidance webinars for each module and receive valuable support in writing your personal statement and completing your UCAS application.

This qualification is widely recognised and accepted by UK universities. It is validated and moderated by Ascentis under licence from the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education, ensuring its credibility and quality.

What will I learn?

By studying the course, you'll build an extensive knowledge of subjects such as:

- Psychology
- Sociology
- Social work
- Counselling
- Health studies

In addition to this you will develop your academic skills in a supportive environment, which will allow you to make the transition to degree level. You will have access to outstanding academic and pastoral support, detailed online materials during your time with us.

You'll be taught by a team of specialist teachers with extensive knowledge of their subject areas. We have considerable experience and expertise working with adult learners who have taken either a short or a long break from formal education.

The course will be delivered through a mixture of face to face and online learning.



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What will the course lead on to?

Upon completion of the course you may go on to apply for a degree at University, with a guaranteed interview with Chester University.

Alternatively you may wish to pursue a degree apprenticeship in a related subject area.

Are there any links with industry and university?

The college works closely with health industries in the local area and have worked with them to design an effective curriculum. Close links to universities provide students with opportunities for visits and support with personal statements.

What support is available?

We have a welfare team that are on hand to offer guidance, support, and help when needed. Additionally, eligible students can access a wide range of finance and funding support to help them during their time at college.

Click here for learning support: <https://wvr.ac.uk/college-life/learning-support>

Click here for finance support: <https://wvr.ac.uk/college-life/financial-support>

All adult students have access to our online tutorial programme Amplify, and can seek support from our Careers Team.

Why should I choose to study the course at Warrington & Vale Royal College?

During your course your learning will be enhanced by dedicated tutors who have a wide range of industry knowledge and experience. Your diploma has been carefully constructed to maximise the possibility of you obtaining a place for your chosen degree. This diploma contains a large number of science units to ensure you are a desirable candidate to universities. We also use methods of assessment typically seen at university in order to prepare you for the transition into HE, for example, digital timed assessments. Current students comment on the level of support offered within this course and describe how they feel prepared for university. You'll be part of supportive group of learners, all of whom will have a mature attitude to learning.

The Access to HE team takes the time to know you, and because of this we're able to provide excellent information, advice, and guidance. We also provide mock interviews to prepare you for any interviews you may be required to attend for university. The Access team routinely adds the latest developments relating to your field, and training opportunities to your virtual learning environment to ensure you are equipped with industrial knowledge.

As an adult student, you'll gain access to our electronic library which provides you with online books and journal articles. For those students who like to have hardcopy books, don't worry, our library is well stocked with the books you may require. At WVR, we recognise that as adults, you may appreciate your own communal space to socialise with other adults studying at the college. We have an adult only zone above the library where you can enjoy a coffee and study.

The college also houses a dedicated Health & Social Care Academy, which contains state-of-the-art facilities including a mock hospital ward. These outstanding facilities will ensure you gain valuable skills in a realistic setting, preparing you for employment in the sector.



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What are the entry requirements?

Direct Entry Requirements

You will need to hold GCSE English and maths at grade C/4 or above, or equivalent.

However, please be aware that for midwifery, universities often do not allow GCSE equivalencies; it is common for them to only accept English Language and maths at a grade 4/C or above. If you hold equivalent qualifications to GCSE we strongly advise you to check university entry requirements to confirm they will accept your equivalent qualifications.

If you do not meet the entry requirements

- Don't worry - you can apply for our Level 2 Pre-access course which will prepare you for the Level 3 Access to Higher Education course in your chosen pathway. You will also work towards achieving your level 2 (GCSE) maths or English at the same time.

What are my funding options?

19+ students studying on a level 3 qualification may be eligible to apply for an Advanced Learner Loan. For finance support and enquiries please visit <https://www.wvr.ac.uk/higher-education/higher-education-help-finances/>

Are there any additional costs associated with the course?

Apart from the course and registration fees, you will need the usual student stationery such as pens, paper, and files. The purchase of textbooks is not compulsory - there is a wide selection of books available in our dedicated Learning Resource Centre. Should you wish to purchase textbooks, your subject tutors will recommend suitable books.



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