

HIGHER EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL STUDY

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COURSES**



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INTRODUCTION

The Access department offers an alternative route into further study via a range of exciting Higher Education Foundation Courses (HEFCs). These programmes are designed to reduce barriers to Higher Education, enabling more students to explore how far their potential can take them. Each Access course is modular and credits are accumulated, a learning style that makes studying more flexible.

FACILITIES

All Access students enjoy the benefits of great facilities. Each of the department's courses has specific resources and a dedicated Higher Education Centre provides all students with the ideal learning environment. A welcoming student common room forms the heart of the college's Higher Education and Access community.

QUALIFIED TEACHERS

Each member of the department's teaching team has a wealth of practical experience. This means that Higher Education students benefit from a professional academic understanding that is strengthened by solid industry experience.

LINKS

TyneMet's Access courses are provided in partnership with Northumbria University. The college has strong, productive links with the university making the transition to higher education smoother for students.

SUCCESS STORIES

Ashleigh Brain



After the birth of her daughter, Ashleigh Brain decided to pursue her ambition to become a midwife. The new mum needed a flexible learning environment to provide for her family and gain the qualifications required to progress onto a midwifery

degree. She says: "I knew becoming a midwife wouldn't be easy, but I decided it was now or never. My Access course was the perfect bridge to a university place."

After researching the opportunities and support available on TyneMet's Access courses, Ashleigh realised she could fit part-time work around her classes and dedicate enough time to reaching her career goals: "Although I found studying, earning money and being a mum difficult at first, the excellent teaching and support I received helped me overcome the challenges."

STUDENT UNION

TyneMet's Student Union is your voice on all campus issues. As well as receiving great money saving offers and discounts, members can attend SU social events and really get involved in college life.

COURSES

All Access students complete Toolbox - a core module. In addition to this, they select three further modules to study. Completion of these four modules results in the full HEFC qualification. Access courses can be taken over one or two years, allowing students to work at their own pace and fit study around other commitments.

Optional modules

English Language

English Literature

Quantitative Methods

Psychology

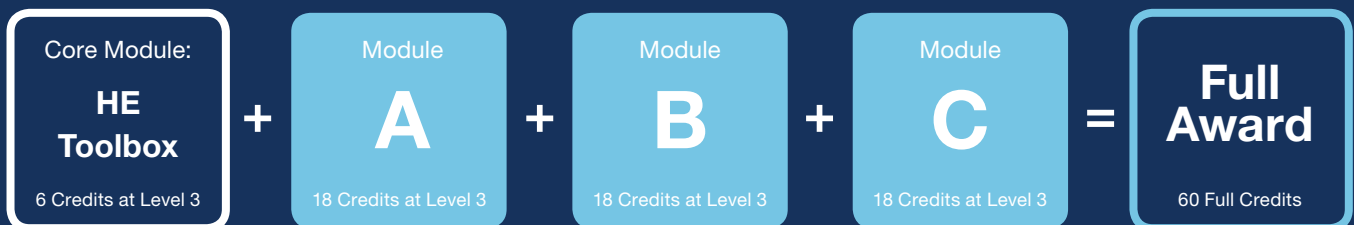
Sports Studies

Human Biology

Sociology

Criminology

Media



Level	Typical qualifications
ENTRY LEVEL	Skills for Life Skills for Work Word Power / Number Power
LEVEL 1	Skills for Life NVQ Level 1 Five GCSEs at grade D – G (or fewer at grade A* – C) GNVQ Foundation CSE below grade 1
LEVEL 2	Skills for Life NVQ Level 2 Five GCSEs at grade A* – C Five CSEs at grade 1 One A level or 2 / 3 AS Levels BTEC 1st Diploma GNVQ Intermediate Modern Apprenticeship
LEVEL 3	NVQ Level 3 Two or more A levels Four or more AS levels GNVQ Advanced HEFC Advanced Modern Apprenticeship
LEVEL 4	NVQ Level 4 Teaching qualifications including PGCE BTEC HNC/D Foundation Degree Nursing (SRN)
LEVEL 5	NVQ Level 5 Continuing Education Diploma Professional Development



NEXT STEPS

To apply for any course complete an application form or call 0191 229 5000 or email enquiries@tynemet.ac.uk