

Information about the Diploma for Progression at Level 2 leading to the Access to Higher Education Diploma at Level 3

These courses are designed for anyone who is planning to progress on to a degree course at university but who does not have the required Level 3 qualifications. Both the Diploma for Progression and the Access to Higher Education Diploma are one year courses, studying two days a week at Barking & Dagenham College.

You'll find information below about your options and entry requirements, but before you read on you may find it useful to familiarise yourself with the various qualification levels as it may help to inform your decision about how far you wish to progress in your studies:

Entry Level 1, 2 and 3

Level 1

Level 2: GCSEs; Diploma for Progression

Level 3: A Levels; BTEC Extended Diplomas; Access to Higher Education Diploma

Level 4, 5 and 6: Undergraduate degree such as a BA or BSc

Level 7: Postgraduate degree such as an MA

Level 8: PhD

Diploma for Progression, Level 2

Barking & Dagenham College offers these one-year Diploma for Progression programmes:

1. General – if you are unsure which Access to HE pathway is right for you
2. Health and Social Care
3. Social work
4. Science
5. IT

For all courses you must:

1. Have at least one Level 1 qualification in English, with the exception of Science where you must also have a Level 1 Science and a Maths qualification. A Level 1 vocational qualification would be advantageous.
2. Achieve Level 1 or above in your initial assessment
3. Be prepared to study for Level 2 Maths and English qualifications and possibly seek and undertake work experience relevant to your preferred career whilst studying for the Diploma in Progression.

Access to Higher Education (HE) Diploma, Level 3

Barking & Dagenham College offers these one-year Access to HE Diplomas:

1. Law
2. Nursing & Midwifery
3. Social Work
4. Science
5. Teaching
6. IT
7. Art & Design
8. Creative Media, Computer Games & 3D Modelling

For all Access programmes **you must:**

1. Have at least one GCSE grade A* - C in Maths or English, with the exception of Science where you must have A* - C in a Science subject **and** Maths.
2. If you are joining the Access to HE in Teaching, and you plan to move on to train as Primary School Teacher via a degree course, you will need 3 GCSEs A* - C in Maths, English and a Science subject. If you already have 2 of the required GCSEs you can study for the third alongside your Access course. **Due to the Access course workload, it will not be possible for you to study for more than one GCSE alongside your Access programme.**
3. Be able to **produce paperwork to prove** that your university choices will accept Functional Skills Level 2 qualifications, where you do not have the relevant GCSEs. For example, this can apply to Nursing & Midwifery, and to Social Work degrees. If you are planning to study for a degree in Law, Teaching, or Science, your university will require GCSE qualifications.
4. Undertake relevant work experience/placement if you are applying to study on the Access to HE for Nursing & Midwifery or the Access to HE Social Work. For the Teaching programme you must be prepared to source and secure your own placement as part of the course.
5. You must achieve at least Level 2 in your initial assessment for English and at least Level 1 in your initial assessment for Maths. This does not apply if you have GCSE certificates in these subjects showing passes at A* - C taken in the last 5 years.

Maths and English Qualifications

Due to the Access course workload, it will not be possible for you to study for more than one GCSE alongside your Access programme.

If you need Level 2 (GCSE) qualifications in English, Maths or Science we recommend that you achieve these qualifications before applying for an Access to HE programme. You can study for these Level 2 qualifications at Barking & Dagenham College.

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