

Student Profiles

The Access Course at the Newtownabbey Campus of NRC gave me the confidence and ability to enter university to pursue a degree. It had been 18 years since I had been in a classroom and the Access Course was the perfect platform to test if further study was right for me. From the first day, I loved it. Learning new topics gave me a buzz and it was satisfying to revise essential English and Maths skills. I gained skills in assignment writing and coursework preparation, which are vital for work at university. I am thankful to the Access course for putting me on the pathway to academic success and three years later I am thrilled to have achieved a degree in Psychology from Queen's University Belfast.

Nicola Fowler BSc Hons

The Access course gave me the learning bug and also gave me the qualifications and self confidence to go on and study a fulltime degree in Computer Science with first class honours. Before doing the Access course I had worked in a factory for 11 years, but I now have a job as a software engineer for a leading IT company in Belfast. I cannot thank the staff at NRC enough.

Neil Watters

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Access Diploma in Combined Studies (Access to University) Newtownabbey and Larne

Validated by the University of Ulster



Who can do the Course?

Anyone aged nineteen years or over. No previous qualifications are necessary but evidence of ability and commitment must be established through an informal interview and short written assessment with the Course Director – Briege Keane, Tel: 028 9085 5000 or e-mail: briege.keaney@nrc.ac.uk.

How long will I take to complete the course?

The two year programme runs over thirty four weeks per year in two sessions per week. Limited places are available on the Accelerated Pathway over one year. This mode of study will involve four sessions per week.

Where can I do the course?

The course is held at both the Newtownabbey and Larne Campuses.

What will I study?

Eight modules from the following must be completed over 2 years. This course may be offered on a 1 year basis – Accelerated Pathways.

Year 1:

Semester 1

- Communication Studies
- Introduction to Mathematics

Semester 2

- Curriculum Studies
- Accessing Mathematics

Year 2:

Three modules chosen from:

- Psychology
- Sociology
- Caring Science
- Contemporary Literature
- History of Northern Ireland

The above modules are offered subject to viable numbers.

- Personal Research Project (compulsory).

How is the course assessed?

Assessment is split equally between coursework and written examinations, except for the research module – 100% coursework.

What career and progression opportunities are available?

The programme is recognised by universities as being equivalent/alternative to three A levels and enables successful students to progress to Further and Higher education courses. A wide range of disciplines will be accessible e.g. teaching, nursing, law, social work, business and other undergraduate programmes. Students may choose to study on both a full-time and part-time basis.

Next Step

Complete the application form opposite and return to:

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Application Form

Newtownabbey and Larne
Please complete using **BLOCK CAPITALS**.

Access Diploma in Combined Studies
(Access to University)

Surname (Block Capitals):

Title (Mr/Mrs/Miss):

Forename(s):

Address:

Postcode:

Telephone:

Date of Birth:

Signature of Applicant

Date:

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