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## ACCESS TO HE DIPLOMA INFORMATION FOR LEARNERS

### ACCESS TO HE DIPLOMA (MEDICINE)

Qualification Aim Number:

40012487

Credit Value:

60

#### OVERVIEW

What will you learn and achieve by doing this qualification?	<p>As a learner on this qualification you will be offered a coherent, integrated and supported year of study through which you will gain the knowledge, awareness, skills and confidence necessary for successful undergraduate study in a range of medicine and medical biosciences related progression routes.</p> <p>The qualification aims:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• to provide HE progression opportunities for adults who, because of social, educational or individual circumstances, do not have the necessary qualifications;</li><li>• to give learners a general introduction to the basic concepts, methods, and key areas of knowledge within the core disciplines taken and offer a coherent and stimulating framework within which they can broaden their intellectual outlook and make connections between subject areas;</li><li>• to help learners to develop and consolidate the various skills required to enable them to cope successfully with the demands of undergraduate study and to become independent, self-directed learners;</li><li>• to establish a positive and supportive learning environment within which learners can build their confidence through successful learning and the sharing of their experience.</li></ul> <p>If you successfully complete the qualification you will achieve a QAA recognised Access to HE Diploma.</p>
Entry requirements	<p>There are no centrally specified formal requirements for qualifications on entry the Access to HE Diploma; however, learners progressing onto HE Medicine courses will likely need to hold at least 5 GCSEs at grade 9-5/4 (A*-C) including English, Maths and Science, as these qualifications usually form part of the entry requirements for the degree courses that learners progress to. Learners should also be strongly advised to contact HE institutions to confirm specific entry requirements onto degree courses.</p>
Age restrictions	<p>There are no age restrictions, although most colleges would expect you to be 19 or over.</p>
Fees	<p>Fees may vary between colleges. If you are 19 or over, you may be eligible for a Advanced Learning Loan. The loan you take out for your Access to HE</p>

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	Diploma will be written off once you have completed a Higher Education course. You can apply through your college or directly to the Student Loans Company. If you are between 19 and 23, you may be eligible for some funding if this is your first full level 3 qualification. Please check with your college.
Is this the right qualification for you?	<p>The Access to Higher Education Diploma (Medicine) is a qualification which prepares people without traditional qualifications for study at university.</p> <p>It is designed for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• adults with a current or previous role or interest in a medicine related area;</li> <li>• adults who, because of social, educational or individual circumstances, were unable to participate in or benefit from initial education;</li> <li>• adults from groups under-represented in higher education;</li> <li>• adults seeking a change of direction including for example, because of unemployment or lack of career opportunities in their previous field and who have a demonstrable interest in entering the medical profession.</li> </ul>
Where can you study this Access to HE Diploma?	<p>This qualification is delivered by OCN London centres including Further Education Colleges, and Adult and Community Education Centres. You can find details on our website on our Access to HE Courses Directory pages: <a href="http://www.ocnlondon.org.uk/access-to-he/access-to-he-course-directory.aspx">http://www.ocnlondon.org.uk/access-to-he/access-to-he-course-directory.aspx</a></p>

## QUALIFICATION STRUCTURE

How is the qualification structured?	<p>The qualification is structured so that it meets the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education's (QAA) Access to HE Specification requirements.</p> <p>All Access to HE Diplomas are made up of units of assessment that amount to 60 credits. Each credit represents 10 notional hours of learning. Most units are for either 3 or 6 credits.</p> <p>The qualification's 60 credits include 45 graded credits at level 3 that must be achieved from units that have academic subject content. The remaining 15 credits will be from study skills units that will both provide you with the skills to study the Access course and prepare you for study at Higher Education.</p> <p>Learners must meet the Qualification Rules of Combination which will require you to achieve all the mandatory units as well as the required credits in other modules.</p> <p>In addition, The Access to HE Diploma (Medicine) meets the requirements</p>
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of the **QAA approved Subject Descriptor for Medicine**. The subject descriptor has been approved by QAA and was developed in consultation with The Medical Schools Council (MSC) and other HE and FE specialists.

The purpose of the subject descriptor is to define the minimum requirement of content for a Diploma that is designed and publicly claims to provide the preparation needed for progression to undergraduate study in Medicine.

The aim of the subject descriptor is to bring greater standardisation to Diplomas titled Access to HE Diploma (Medicine). This will allow the medical schools currently accepting Access to HE students for direct entry to have greater confidence that an unfamiliar Diploma will be very similar in selection, content and assessment to those that they currently accept. It may also encourage those medical schools not currently accepting Access to HE students to review their admissions policies based on a clear definition of an Access to HE Diploma (Medicine) student.

For further information please read the [Access to HE Diploma Subject Descriptor for Medicine](#) document.

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PROGRESSION	
Where would you progress from this qualification?	Learners primarily progress to Higher Education study in areas related to Medicine. These may include some of the following areas of Degree level study: Applied Medical Sciences, Biological Sciences, Biomedical Sciences, Biomedicine, Bioscience, Dentistry, Medical Biochemistry, Medical Bioscience, Medical Physiology, Medical Sciences, Medicine, Neuroscience, Nutrition and Dietetics, Occupational Therapy, Ophthalmic Dispensing, Optometry, Pharmaceutical Science, Pharmacology and Physiology, Pharmacy, Physiotherapy, Podiatry, Veterinary Medicine and Science and a range of other combined and related degrees.
Further information	<p>Please see the OCN London website: <a href="http://www.ocnlondon.org.uk/access-to-he.aspx">http://www.ocnlondon.org.uk/access-to-he.aspx</a></p> <p>If you want to know where you can study this qualification, please get in touch with us at <a href="mailto:enquiries@ocnlondon.org.uk">enquiries@ocnlondon.org.uk</a></p>
About us	OCN London is a leading national Access Validating Agency and Awarding Organisation. We are a not-for-profit organisation that works in partnership with educators, training providers, charities and employers to help transform people's lives through learning. We have been helping organisations to develop and validate their education and training provision for over 25 years. Our focus is on providing opportunities for people – many of them 'second chance' learners who have missed out on traditional education – to progress and achieve their potential. This is at the heart of our mission. Each year we certificate thousands of Access to HE learners.

**Please contact our Access to HE team at OCN London if you require any further information. Email us at [enquiries@ocnlondon.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@ocnlondon.org.uk) or call us on 020 7278 5511.**