

It's easy to join one of our Access courses

The first step is to make an enquiry and book onto an information session. If you're applying to our Medicine pathway you will be required to provide a supplementary application form along with evidence to support your application.

- You'll need to attend a compulsory information session, which run several times throughout the year.
- Once you have attended one of these sessions and met our entry requirements we will invite you for an interview. During your interview, we'll ask you to complete a writing task.
- Once you have successfully complete the interview stage we'll offer you a place on the course. There may be certain conditions to this offer, but these will be made clear in your offer letter.

If you have any questions, or you'd like to book onto an information session, please email Francesca Garnett on access.enquires@escg.ac.uk or call 030 300 39075.

Pre-Access courses

We also offer a number of short courses designed to get you ready for the Access Level 3 course. It is ideal if you are returning to education after a number of years away, or you wish to refresh your skills vital to study at a higher level. These courses will run in June/July the academic year prior to starting your Access course and will require an application form to be completed, this form is available on the college website. Course fees apply.

- Study Skills (evening class)
- Study Skills (day class)
- Preparation for Science
- Preparation for Medicine (Medicine applicants only)

GCSE English and Maths

You can only re-take either GCSE Maths or English whilst studying an Access course.

- GCSE Maths and English classes are double lessons but will be an additional day of study to the three days of Access
- Course fees and exam registration fees apply but these must be self-funded and do not form part of the Advanced Learner Loan.
- You must undertake an assessment to check for suitability before being able to apply for a GCSE course. To book an assessment please email Carmen Creasey carmen.creasey@escg.ac.uk or call 030 300 39148.

Finance

If you are over 18 years-old but under 23 and have no prior Level 3 qualification, then you may be entitled to a tuition fee waiver.

If over 19 years-old and have a Level 3 qualification you have two options: an Advanced Learner Loan or self-funding.

Advanced Learner Loans

- This Government loan will be paid directly to the college, and is linked to your attendance.
- You will start to repay your loan when you start to earn over £25,725 per annum (correct at time of printing).
- If you go on to complete a Degree programme, your Advanced Learner Loan will be written off.

For more information about Advanced Learner Loans visit www.gov.uk/advanced-learner-loan.

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Are you ready for a change of career?
Do you want to advance your current career, but don't have the qualifications?
Maybe you want to do a degree course, but need to update your study skills?

If any of the above apply to you and you are a mature student (18 years +), our Access courses could be for you!

The Access to Higher Education course is designed specifically for mature students, who very often have considerable external commitments (such as paid or voluntary work). The course is structured in such a way that enables students to engage and continue in employment. This provides them with valuable experience to support their university application and intended career.

Our courses runs three days per week from 9:00am until 3:00pm. College half-terms are in-line with those of local schools which means, if you have children, you will still have the opportunity to achieve educational progression. We offer seven pathways that are run by a supportive and inspiring Access team in an environment which enables you to reach your academic and career goals.



Our Lewes campus offers different pathways leading to different degree courses. Each pathway is made up of:

- **Core modules** - designed to support you in developing skills which are vital for degree-level study, regardless of the subject. These skills include referencing, research skills, essay and report writing, and critical thinking.
- **Subject-specific modules** - designed to ensure that your subject knowledge is at the required level for your chosen degree course.
- **We also provide regular tutorial times to offer academic and personal support** - We will also offer help and guidance with UCAS applications and personal statement writing, along with university interview preparation.

Access is an intensive, challenging and demanding course, which has been developed in collaboration with both the Universities of Sussex and Brighton. All of our Access courses are QAA approved and validated by LASER Learning Awards (formerly OCNSER). All Access pathways are Level 3 courses.

We keep in contact with many of our previous students who tell us how wonderful the Access course has been in preparing them for degree-level study. Many of these previous students have been able to achieve their career goals and are now working as Nurses, Teachers, Social Workers, Midwives, and in a variety of other career paths.

For further information about any of our courses, or to make an application, please contact our Access administrators on:
030 300 39075 or at access.enquiries@escg.ac.uk

Choose to study one of our seven different pathways:

Nursing & Healthcare Professions

This pathway is designed for those who wish to progress onto Nursing (Adult, Child or Mental Health) degree courses, or Midwifery degree courses. Students who successfully complete this course are guaranteed an offer for our Complementary Healthcare Foundation Degree course or our Health and Social Care HNC/HND course.

Combined Sciences

This pathway is designed for those who wish to progress onto Chemistry, Biology or Biochemistry related degree courses and Pharmacy and Dietetic degree courses.

Counselling

This pathway is designed for students wishing to progress on to a variety of counselling degree courses. There is an in-house progression route from this pathway to our Person Centred Counselling Foundation Degree course.

Social Work

This pathway is designed for those wishing to progress onto social work, youth work and criminology degree courses. Students who successfully complete this course are guaranteed an offer for our Health and Social Care HNC/HND course.

Medical Sciences

This pathway is designed for those who wish to progress on to allied medical professions such as podiatry, paramedic practice, physiotherapy and occupational therapy.

Medicine

This pathway is designed for students wishing to progress onto Medicine or Dentistry degrees.

Humanities Combined with Social Sciences

This pathway is designed for those who wish to progress onto degrees in a wide variety of areas. Typically, graduates from this pathway go on to study degrees in Social Work, Psychology, Sociology, Criminology, English, Geography, History and Media Studies (but this list is not exhaustive!). Students who successfully complete this course are guaranteed an offer for our Health and Social Care HNC/HND course.

Please note: All Access pathways are subject to student numbers. In some cases pathways may be combined.

