



CASE STUDY: Access to Higher Education Diploma (Health Sciences)



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Tallulah Webb is currently in her first year of studying Adult Nursing at Bournemouth University. In 2018, she studied on the year-long Access to Higher Education Diploma course at AECC University college.

Tallulah had the following to say about the course:

“I had wanted to study Nursing for a long time. I went into healthcare after College, working as a Healthcare Assistant in sexual health, post-mortem and palliative care departments. I went on to work in Research at Bournemouth University.

“I didn’t have the qualifications that I needed to do a Nursing degree, however, as I had taken a creative route in College and studied Theatrical Make-Up. I found out that I could do an Access course and had a look into the various ones available locally.

“It was difficult to find a course that would realistically allow me to work alongside it. This is definitely one of the benefits of the course at AECC University College. The course is scheduled Friday to Sunday and that made it possible for me to continue working in Research whilst studying. It was hard work, but I loved it.

“The Access course was really valuable for me. I had been out of school for a long time and I had never thought of myself as academic. I found writing essays quite difficult at the beginning of the course; things like learning to reference were challenging. I’m so glad I did it though, as it has made my transition into the first year of my Nursing degree really easy. I feel confident that I’ve got the academic skills I need.

“It’s a huge help that AECC University College is so focused on healthcare as a whole. The course itself spans a huge range of subjects, which I loved. That was one of the things that first drew me to the course. For example, the Anatomy and Physiology that we learned in the Chiropractic module was so extensive that it gave me a real advantage going into Nursing. I felt like I already knew a lot of the material when I started my degree.

“The people on the course were fantastic, I still miss the environment now! It was a great mix of male and female students and the dynamic was very relaxed. Hazel Jensen, the Course Leader, was brilliant too. She was so down to earth and approachable. She made learning easy.

“I would definitely recommend the Access course to other people looking to get into healthcare. It gives you a huge advantage going into higher education.”

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