



Important information to take into account when choosing your programme

Access to Health Sciences Diploma

When students are considering applying for the Access Diploma they should be aware of the following:

- This 60-credit part-time Diploma runs over weekends (Friday – Sunday).
- When undertaking observations students will be expected to adhere to the dress code in force at the organisation where the observations are undertaken. For those undertaking observations in the AECC University College clinic this will require the wearing of an approved Access Polo shirt.
- Students are expected to attend all taught sessions. We take registers of attendance and collate the results regularly.
Should students fail to meet the attendance requirement this will be considered by the Assessment Board at the end of the year.
- As with all Access Courses in the UK, students must complete all 60 credits within their registration period of one academic year. If a student fails to do so, they will not be able to complete the course, as it is not possible to repeat failed units in the following year. Students may however suspend their programme and return the following year to complete credits if they have valid mitigating circumstances, such as illness.

Additional costs

Additional costs' are mandatory or optional costs which students will need to meet in order to fully participate in and complete their programme. Students will need to budget for these costs separately as they are not included in the overall Tuition Fee they are charged.

Essential

- Students must meet travel and accommodation costs to attend classes.
- Students are required to purchase an approved Access Polo Shirt (approximate cost £20 for 2020) if they wish to undertake observations within the AECC University College clinic.
- Students require internet access while away from the University College in order to log in to the Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) and Learning Services.

Optional

- It is recommended that students purchase a tablet or computer/laptop for their personal use, as this will enhance their learning by giving them immediate access to the VLE.
- There is no requirement to purchase equipment and core texts are available in the

library; however students may wish to purchase some books from the recommended reading list provided.

- There may be other costs for activities which will enhance students' time here but are not directly related to their programme. For example, there is an annual fee (currently £60) to join our gym (gym membership is a requirement to join some AECC Students' Union (ASU)/University College sports societies). Some ASU-organised social events and activities through ASU Societies will be at an additional cost.
- You will be provided with a transcript for your year of study along with your diploma certificate upon completion of your course of study. If you require a replacement of any of these documents there will be a fee payable as set out below:
 - Replacement certificates: £39

Where 2020-21 prices are quoted these costs are not expected to increase by any substantial amount for 2021-22.