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Diploma in Preparing for Further Study Level 2 - IT

What will I learn?

This course is to prepare you for the 1 year Access Course.

If you are you a mature student (aged 19 and over) who has the ambition to go to university but needs to improve both your ICT skills and English & Maths skills, then this is for you.

Computers are essential to all businesses and this course will give you a great grounding. You will learn about Website Design, Mobile Devices and software applications and how they are essential to the business world today. From web design through to databases and spreadsheets this course is very comprehensive.

You will also cover the important and current topic of IT Security and how we all need to keep our information and data safe and secure from 21st century cyber threats.

The units you will study include:

- IT security for users
- using mobile IT devices
- database software
- spreadsheet software
- website software
- improving productivity using ICT

If you do not have GCSEs in English and Maths, but want to go on to university, you will cover these subjects on the course to bring you up to a GCSE level.

How will I be taught?

The teaching style is varied and includes:

- class meetings
- discussion groups
- project work
- assignments and open (home-based) learning.

Individual advisory support is an integral part of this course.

How will I be assessed?

You will complete assignments throughout the year.

Your career interests, strengths and areas for development are analysed in the first term, and you will take part in regular tutorials to assess your progress and support you in your studies.

What qualifications do I need to qualify for this course?

You must be a mature student aged 19 or over.

You must have a keen interest in ICT and experience in using software applications like MS Office would be an advantage.

You must also have a high level of English and Maths (these are now called Functional Skills) at Level 2, or a GCSE at grade D in both subjects. You will be expected to study for your GCSE A* - C in English & Maths alongside the main IT course.

What can I do after this course?

If you successfully complete this course, you can move on to study for the Access to Higher Education in IT at Level 3 (which we offer here) and from there you can move on to study for a degree at university.

Will I need any special equipment?

You will need access to a PC or laptop at home.

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