Access course

Guernsey College
of further education

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Introduction to the course

The Access course will support you when you leave school by developing your life skills and preparing you for independence and employment. The Access course will help you to become more confident and build your self-esteem.

Progression opportunities

There are opportunities for progression within Access from Entry Level to Level 1, to transition onto other courses within the College and to be supported to move into the world of work.

Entry criteria

To come on to the Access course you need a good attendance record and a reference from your school.

Course duration

Access is a one year course with the opportunity to further develop skills in the Access area or progress onto other courses within the College

Campus

The course is based at Delancey, but classes will take place over the three campuses

Course outline

Qualifications
The Access course will give you the opportunity to gain qualifications from Entry Level 1 to Level 1 in employability. This qualification is portfolio based and assessed both internally and externally.

The Foundation Learning programme will support you in a personalised programme of study to enable progress onto higher level courses. It offers generic workplace skills for example:
- Working with other people
- Time keeping
- Communications

It will also include subjects students are interested in for example:
- Childcare
- Hospitality
- Construction
- Hair and beauty

Modules
- Working with others
- Rights and responsibilities at work
- Learning through work experience
- Maintaining work standards
- Customer service
- Communicating with others

- Health and safety in the workplace
- Travelling to work
- Exploring job opportunities

The Access course includes the opportunity to improve you functional skills in:
- English, including reading, writing, speaking and listening
- Maths, including time, money, weight, measurement, area, percentages and ratio

Practical experiences
The Access course will give you the opportunity to develop your practical skills in:
- Cookery
- Gardening
- Sport
- Drama
- Creative art
- Enterprise

This Access course will also give you the opportunity to do realistic work experience placements, with support if necessary.

The Access course promotes learning outside the classroom and practical experiences. Classes are held in different locations around the community.

Students who successfully complete all elements of their programme at College will be able to progress onto the next level, eg from Access to Level 1, Level 1 to Level 2, and from Level 2 to Level 3.

Additional learning support

As part of your learning programme, if you have not yet attained a grade C/4 or equivalent in mathematics and English language, you will be required to study a Functional Skill or GCSE in these subjects.

Students may require additional support for a number of reasons. At the start of your course you will be asked to complete an initial assessment in order for us to identify any additional needs that you may have. During your course, your personal tutor will be able to guide you on how best to access support.

We can offer the following:
- Progress Coaches
- Learner Support assistance (1:1)
- Learner Support assistance (group)
- Learner Support assistance (drop-ins)
- Specialist ESOL teaching
- Study lab sessions
- In-class support
- Special arrangements for exams

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