

# Access to HE Diploma students

Join others who have succeeded with University of Worcester

In September 2013, 166 students with Access courses started here. In November 2013, 114 students who started their Access course in September 2009 graduated - of which 50 gained a First class or 2:1 Honours degree. The University of Worcester welcomes applications from students on the Access to Higher Education Diploma. We will support you in the following ways (your application should fall into one of the following three columns):

## Students applying to non-professional courses which don't hold interviews

We will offer a conditional place on that course or a similar course (this will include the achievement of certain grades and other minimum requirements).

## Students applying to non-professional courses which do hold interviews

We will either offer an interview or attempt to offer a conditional place on a similar course. If you are rejected after the interview, you can contact Admissions to discuss alternatives.

## Students applying to professional courses leading directly to a job, such as nursing, midwifery, physiotherapy or teaching

We recommend that you attend a taster day (where possible) and Open Day to talk with the staff. Find out the best way to maximise your chances of gaining an interview. Take advantage of any help your college provides on applying for these very competitive courses. Note: you will need relevant work experience before applying so you can discuss it at interview and demonstrate that you have made the right choice of course for you.

## How to apply

You need to apply for all courses through UCAS [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)

There is an official UCAS deadline for applications in January. If you have been unable to decide on which course is best for you, or you miss this deadline, don't worry! There will be a number of courses still taking applications throughout the remainder of the year.

Contact our Admissions Office to find out which ones via 01905 855111 or [admissions@worc.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@worc.ac.uk)

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## How to get help

Come to one or more of our [Open Events](#), where you can attend a talk on the subject you are interested in, learn about finances, and speak with someone from the course team to discuss any aspect of the course and find out what they are looking for in your personal statement. You will also be able to meet the Admissions staff who can answer any questions you have about qualifications or entry requirements, or receive pre-entry advice. You can pre-book, or just turn up for part or all of the event.

Your College Tutors and Student Services will provide you with a lot of support to help you decide which is the best course for you and then to apply for that course. They will assist you in preparing your personal statement and also help prepare you for interview (if you have one). Make use of their expertise! Some colleges also invite our staff in to give extra help to Access students.

Our website is a valuable source of information on the courses we offer, the entry requirements, and the content of the course: search for the course pages for any courses you are interested in.

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The University of Worcester offers a [£1,000 first year scholarship](#) to all new undergraduate students to the University who achieve at least 30 credits at Distinction and 15 credits at Merit in level 3 in their Access to Higher Education Diploma. This scholarship is awarded automatically to qualifying students and is paid in three instalments - £250 in October and February, and £500 in May.

The [National Scholarship Programme](#) was introduced to help students from low-income households and underrepresented groups to enter Higher Education. In 2014 all UK first years who come from households with an income of £25,000 or less (with the exception of students in receipt of NHS bursaries) were awarded a £3,000 scholarship in the form of a £2,000 fee waiver and a £1,000 payment, payable in three instalments - £250 in December and February, and £500 in May (or a pro-rata amount in the case of part-time students).