



CHANGE YOUR CAREER
IMPROVE YOUR JOB PROSPECTS
EQUIP YOURSELF TO STUDY A DEGREE

RETURNING TO LEARNING

Course Guide 2017/2018



ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT A CHANGE OF CAREER?
HAVE YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO GET A DEGREE?

Our 'returning to learning' courses can help!

At the College of West Anglia, we know that returning to learning can be daunting. We offer **Routes to...** courses to help you get over that first hurdle, and **Access to Higher Education** courses for people wishing to change career, get back into education or progress in the workplace.



'Routes to...' Courses

Why not consider a free 10-week part-time **Routes to...** course at the College of West Anglia? These courses are designed for anyone aged 19 and over who wish to return to education; they will improve your confidence and study skills, whilst helping to prepare you for those first steps towards a full-time course, Access course or other training for work.

Access to Higher Education

Access to Higher Education courses can provide the opportunity for career progression and further study at undergraduate level, including full honours degrees, foundation degrees and Higher National Certificates or Diplomas. Many Access students go on to succeed at university and beyond, with a large number pursuing new careers and seeing changes in their lives they had previously never thought possible.

Access courses are for anyone aged 19 and over who want to gain a level 3 qualification. They run over the course of a year, from September to June, and are designed for people who would like to study in higher education but left school without the qualifications needed to progress to university.

You will achieve an **Access to Higher Education Diploma** which is validated by the Cambridge Access Validating Agency and recognised as meeting the entry requirements for university.



NELSON RAY

From CWA to the University of Cambridge

Nelson previously worked full-time, but began to question whether he had made the right choice in his career and decided to change his future.

He decided to return to education, studying the **Access to Humanities and Social Sciences** course.

"CWA's facilities are modern and comfortable, the learning resource centre is comprehensive and the lecturers are willing to go out of their way to help... I couldn't ask for more. The experience has helped me to rediscover my academic capabilities and encouraged me to think intellectually about a range of subjects.

"It has been nearly thirty years since I left education - it's never too late to learn and no time devoted to education is ever wasted. If you are considering making a change - what are you waiting for? Get stuck in - you won't regret it!"

After Nelson completed his course, he decided to continue his studies and secured a place at the University of Cambridge, where he is currently reading English Literature.

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Course title	Description	Entry requirements
Routes to Business	<p>This is a part-time 10 week return-to-study course aimed at people aged 19 or over</p> <p>These programmes are designed to help you prepare to return to learning, improving your confidence and study skills</p>	<p>No qualifications are required. However you should have the potential to achieve level 1 and 2 in English and maths by the end of the course</p>
Routes to Science and Nursing		
Routes to Computing		
Routes to Humanities and Social Sciences		
Routes to Learning		

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Access to Business	<p>Our Access to Higher Education courses aim to equip you with the necessary qualifications, skills and self-confidence to progress on to your chosen higher education course</p> <p>For more information, please visit cwa.ac.uk</p>	<p>Suitability for our Access courses is discussed at interview. Prior qualifications and experience will be taken into account.</p> <p>If you do not have a GCSE (or O level) in English language at grade C or above, you will be asked to submit a 750 word essay for assessment. If you do not have a GCSE (or O level) in maths at grade C or above, you will be asked to take an online assessment.</p> <p>Some courses, such as Access to Science and Nursing and Access to Medicine and Dentistry also have additional entry requirements.</p> <p>For full details, please visit cwa.ac.uk</p>
Access to Computing		
Access to Humanities and Social Science (English, History, Sociology and Psychology)		
Access to Medicine and Dentistry		
Access to Professional, Leadership and People Studies		
Access to Science and Nursing		
Access to Landbased Studies		
Access to Veterinary Nursing		

EARNING COURSES

Start date	Location	Qualification Achieved	What can the course lead to
<p>April 2017</p> <p>Run over 3 days from 9.30am – 3pm each day for 10 weeks</p>	King's Lynn campus	You will gain an English and maths qualification at level 1 or 2	<p>Most of our 'routes to...' students go onto study one of our Access to Higher Education courses</p> <p>We also offer a range of level 1, 2 and 3 courses, as well as apprenticeships</p> <p>For more information, please visit cwa.ac.uk</p>

Start date	Location	Qualification Achieved	What can the course lead to
September 2017 Access courses are full-time (12 – 15 hours per week) Access to Humanities & Social Sciences, Professional, Leadership and People Studies and Business are also available part-time, during the evening (subject to demand)	King’s Lynn campus	Access to Higher Education Diploma, validated by the Cambridge Access Validating Agency and recognised as meeting the entry requirements for university	BSc (Hons) Business Management A wide range of careers in business, leadership and management
			BSc (Hons) Computer Science A wide range of careers in the computing sector, such as programming and networking
			BA (Hons) Psychosocial Studies BA (Hons) History & English Literature BA (Hons) History & Sociology BA (Hons) Sociology & English Literature A wide range of careers, including counselling, teaching, law, management, military and political
			Higher education courses at a medical/dental school A career in medicine/dentistry For more information, please visit cwa.ac.uk
			BA (Hons) Psychosocial Studies We are currently developing a specialist degree pathway in this area
			Higher education courses in science (including biomedical or forensic) or nursing A career in nursing/midwifery, pharmacy, speech therapy, radiography or occupational therapy
	Cambridge campus		BSc (Hons) Equine Science with Rehabilitation Therapies
			BSc (Hons) Veterinary Nursing with Applied Animal Behaviour

WHY CHOOSE THE COLLEGE OF WEST ANGLIA?

The College of West Anglia is one of the largest and most successful education and training providers in the Eastern Region and amongst the top colleges in the country.

Our facilities

We constantly invest in our facilities to ensure we offer state-of-the-art learning environments and have recently opened a £10million university centre at our King's Lynn campus.



Our staff

All of our staff are industry-experienced so they can pass on their knowledge to our students, whatever their age and ability.

Our support

We are committed to allowing those with family commitments to continue their studies - half-term breaks coincide with Norfolk and Cambridgeshire schools whenever possible and courses run during school hours. Evening courses run once or twice a week; attendance at a number of Saturday schools (10am-5pm) and for a week during the day in June or July, may also be required. Our King's Lynn campus is home to Applewood Nursery; for more information, please visit applewood-nursery.co.uk



We also welcome applications from students who have a disability or other additional needs. All applications from students with disabilities are considered fairly and against the same academic criteria as other applicants. Please contact us if you consider that you may have a disability that will require additional support.

CAN I AFFORD TO RETURN TO LEARNING?

Routes to... free information

All of our **Routes to...** courses are **free** for everyone aged 19 and over.*

Access to Higher Education free information

If you are aged 19-23...

If you are aged between 19 and 23 when you begin your course and have not already gained a full level 3 qualification (e.g. 2 A-levels, BTEC National Diploma) the course will be free of charge. You may also be able to re-take maths and/or English GCSEs at no cost if you do not already hold a grade C or above. If you already have a full level 3 qualification and want to take another course at this level, you will need to take an Advanced Learning Loan to cover the fees or pay the full fees yourself. For more information on Advanced Learning Loans, visit **cwa.ac.uk/all**

If you are aged 24 and over...

Most learners aged 24 and over who wish to study an Access course will qualify for an Advanced Learning Loan to help cover tuition costs. If you then go on to study and complete an undergraduate degree, the cost of the Advanced Learning Loan is written off. For more information on Advanced Learning Loans, visit **cwa.ac.uk/all**

More information on fees can be found at **cwa.ac.uk/fees** - you can also call student services on 01553 761144 for more information.

Financial support

Learner Support Fund

The Learner Support Fund can help eligible students with costs related to transport and resource fees. Eligibility is dependent on household income. For more information visit **cwa.ac.uk/feesupport**

Professional and Career Development Loans

Professional and Career Development Loans are bank loans that can be used to help pay for work related learning. You can borrow between £300 and £10,000 to help support the cost of up to two years of learning (or three years if it includes one year's relevant unpaid practical work). For more information visit **gov.uk/career-development-loans**

*Unless you already hold a C grade in GCSE English and mathematics



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Following her dream to go to university by studying at CWA

Angele moved to the UK without being able to speak English so enrolled on an English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) course at CWA.

She then continued her education and completed an Access to Science and Nursing course in order to achieve her goal of studying at university.

"I enjoyed studying at CWA, the facilities are excellent and the tutors are always there to help you. I have gained confidence and knowledge, met lots of wonderful people, and achieved things I didn't expect to achieve."

"I would highly recommend studying at the College of West Anglia, if you have a dream, then they will help you realise it!"

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Changes to published programme

The information contained in this guide is correct as far as can be ascertained at the time of publication. Whilst the college will make every effort to provide all courses as planned, it is obliged to reserve the right to cancel a course, amend a course delivery or reduce the student numbers thereon. This could result in the withdrawal of a place at the college. Any offer of a place is, therefore, conditional on the college being able to provide the course and in the unlikely event that it is not able to do so, applicants will be informed.