

Award Title	Access to HE Diploma (Vocational Science)
Qualification level	Level 3 within the NICATS framework of levels.
Total credit value	60 credits.
Number of credits at specific levels which comprise the Access to HE qualification	A minimum of 45 credits must be achieved at Level 3, with the remaining 15 credits to be achieved at Level 2 or above.
Credit value and level of mandatory units	For the Level 2/Level 3 mixed model, a minimum of 3 credits at level 3 and 3 credits at level 2 to be achieved through specified named mandatory units. For the Level 3 model, a minimum of 3 credits to be achieved through specified named mandatory units
Credit value and level of optional units	The remaining credits to be achieved through a choice of named optional units.
Credit value and level of credits permitted through credit transfer and the award of credit through APL	The APL rules apply to both mandatory and optional units. No more than 30 credits required for the award of the Access to HE Diploma may be awarded through APL or credit transfer. For the mixed Level 2/Level 3 model, no more than 21 credits required at Level 3 for the award of the Access to HE Diploma may be awarded through APL or credit transfer. For the Level 3 model, no more than 30 credits for the award of the Access to HE Diploma may be awarded through APL or credit transfer. No credit is awarded where previous learning has already been certificated; students will be exempted from relevant credit requirements. APL or credit exemption will normally be awarded only for subjects or units relevant to the named Diploma.
Other requirements	Centres should advise learners to contact their intended receiving HE institution before the commencement of their Access to HE programme to ensure that the subject choices made and any APL awarded are appropriate for progression to their proposed undergraduate course. Full completion of a subject must occur within three years of initial enrolment. Full completion of the Diploma must occur within five years of initial enrolment. There is no time restriction imposed on the date when level 2 and level 3 qualifications submitted for exemption were achieved. Centres must assure themselves that the related skills are still current and are not obliged to accept applications for APL exemption where they consider this is not the case. The Ascentis Accreditation of Prior Learning (APL) and Concurrent Learning System must be adhered to. Centres must ensure that any qualifications submitted for APL meet the intended receiving HEI's policy relating to <u>validity and currency</u> . The Literacy and Numeracy test at Level 2 will not count towards the QAA-recognised Access to HE Diploma.

Titles of mandatory units	Level	Credit value
HE Toolkit	3	3
Study Techniques	2	3

Titles of optional units

Set 1

Foundations in Biology	3	3
Theories and Perspectives in Biology	3	6
Topics and Themes in Biology	3	6
Practical Skills in Biology	3	6

Set 2

Foundations in Chemistry	3	3
Theories and Perspectives in Chemistry	3	6
Topics and Themes in Chemistry	3	6
Practical Skills in Chemistry	3	6

Set 3

Foundations in Digital Imaging	3	3
Theories and Perspectives in Digital Imaging	3	6
Topics and Themes in Digital Imaging	3	6
Practical Skills in Digital Imaging	3	6

Titles of optional units	Level	Credit value
Set 4		
Foundations in Drugs Disease and Biological Defences	3	3
Theories and Perspectives in Drugs Disease and Biological Defences	3	6
Topics and Themes in Drugs Disease and Biological Defences	3	6
Practical Skills in Drugs Disease and Biological Defences	3	6
Set 5		
Foundations in Engineering Science	3	3
Theories and Perspectives in Engineering Science	3	6
Topics and Themes in Engineering Science	3	6
Practical Skills in Engineering Science	3	6
Set 6		
Foundations in Environmental Science	3	3
Theories and Perspectives in Environmental Science	3	6
Topics and Themes in Environmental Science	3	6
Practical Skills in Environmental Science	3	6
Set 7		
Foundations in Forensic Principles	3	3
Theories and Perspectives in Forensic Principles	3	6
Topics and Themes in Forensic Principles	3	6
Practical Skills in Forensic Principles	3	6
Set 8		
Foundations in Human Physiology	3	3
Theories and Perspectives in Human Physiology	3	6
Topics and Themes in Human Physiology	3	6
Practical Skills in Human Physiology	3	6
Set 9		
Foundations in Information & Communications Technology	3	3
Theories and Perspectives in Information & Communications Technology	3	6
Topics and Themes in Information & Communications Technology	3	6
Practical Skills in Information & Communications Technology	3	6
Set 10		
Foundations in Law	3	3
Theories and Perspectives in Law	3	6
Topics and Themes in Law	3	6
Practical Skills in Law	3	6
Set 11		
Foundations in Mathematics	3	3
Theories and Perspectives in Mathematics	3	6
Topics and Themes in Mathematics	3	6
Practical Skills in Mathematics	3	6
Set 12		
Foundations in Organic Chemistry	3	3
Theories and Perspectives in Organic Chemistry	3	6
Topics and Themes in Organic Chemistry	3	6
Practical Skills in Organic Chemistry	3	6
Set 13		
Foundations in Outdoor Education and Adventure Experience	3	3
Theories and Perspectives in Outdoor Education and Adventure Experience	3	6
Topics and Themes in Outdoor Education and Adventure Experience	3	6
Practical Skills in Outdoor Education and Adventure Experience	3	6
Set 14		
Foundations in Physical and Inorganic Chemistry	3	3
Theories and Perspectives in Physical and Inorganic Chemistry	3	6
Topics and Themes in Physical and Inorganic Chemistry	3	6
Practical Skills in Physical and Inorganic Chemistry	3	6
Set 15		
Foundations in Physics	3	3
Theories and Perspectives in Physics	3	6
Topics and Themes in Physics	3	6
Practical Skills in Physics	3	6

Titles of optional units	Level	Credit value
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Set 16

Foundations in Recreation in the Mountain Environment	3	3
Theories and Perspectives in Recreation in the Mountain Environment	3	6
Topics and Themes in Recreation in the Mountain Environment	3	6
Practical Skills in Recreation in the Mountain Environment	3	6

Set 17

Foundations in Science for Forensic Science	3	3
Theories and Perspectives in Science for Forensic Science	3	6
Topics and Themes in Science for Forensic Science	3	6
Practical Skills in Science for Forensic Science	3	6

Titles of optional units	Level	Credit value
LEVEL 2 GCSE EQUIVALENTS		
Set 1		
Foundations in Level 2 GCSE Equivalent English	2	3
Theories and Perspectives in Level 2 GCSE Equivalent English	2	3
Topics and Themes in Level 2 GCSE Equivalent English	2	3
Practical Skills in Level 2 GCSE Equivalent English	2	3
Set 2		
Foundations in Level 2 GCSE Equivalent Mathematics	2	3
Theories and Perspectives in Level 2 GCSE Equivalent Mathematics	2	3
Topics and Themes in Level 2 GCSE Equivalent Mathematics	2	3
Practical Skills in Level 2 GCSE Equivalent Mathematics	2	3
Set 3		
Foundations in Level 2 GCSE Equivalent Science	2	3
Theories and Perspectives in Level 2 GCSE Equivalent Science	2	3
Topics and Themes in Level 2 GCSE Equivalent Science	2	3
Practical Skills in Level 2 GCSE Equivalent Science	2	3
Introduction to Biological Concepts and Mathematics for Forensic Science	2	6
Introduction to Chemical Concepts and Laboratory Skills	2	6
Introduction to Citizenship (Institutions and Society)	2	6
Introduction to Citizenship (Law and Employment)	2	6
Introduction to Computing, Practical Skills, Database & Spreadsheets	2	6
Introduction to Criminology	2	6
Introduction to Digital Imaging Input, Output and Processing Skills	2	6
Introduction to Digital Imaging Research, Design and Image Manipulation	2	6
Introduction to Ecology, Tourism, Recreation and the Environment	2	6
Introduction to English Language	2	6
Introduction to Food Science and Nutrition	2	6
Introduction to Health Education	2	6
Introduction to Health and Safety in the Workplace	2	6
Introduction to Health Studies (Health Concepts and Health Care)	2	6
Introduction to Human Growth and Development	2	6
Introduction to Human Physiology	2	6
Introduction to Interpersonal Skills	2	6
Introduction to Law	2	6
Introduction to Maths for Chemists and Analytical Techniques in Chemistry	2	6
Introduction to Physics	2	6
Introduction to Psychological Concepts	2	6
Introduction to Psychological Methodology	2	6
Introduction to Reflective Practice Skills	2	6
Introduction to Sociological Concepts and Perspectives	2	6
Introduction to Sport Science	2	6
Introduction to Statistics	2	6
Introduction to Word Processing, Internet and Email	2	6