

Access to HE (Science)

Course Code: ML1ACSC

Level: 3

Type: Full Time

02/09/2027 - 23/06/2028 (VAR)

09:00 - 16:00

1 Year(s)

Cambridge Campus

£ 3380 (Funded Course)

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Progression and career opportunities

You may feel that you have not yet fully achieved your potential in terms of your education.⊠⊠This programme offers the chance to develop the skills and knowledge to succeed and we have an excellent track record of student progression into university or other higher education courses.

Former students on the programme have progressed onto a wide range of courses such as Veterinary Medicine, Zoology, Marine Biology, Biochemistry, Dietetics, Astrophysics etc. at a broad range of universities in the UK.

Entry requirements

You will need GCSE Maths and GCSE English grade 9 - 4 (A* - C) as a minimum before applying for this course. This is because most degree courses now require L2 in Maths and English e.g. GCSEs at grade 9 - 4 (A* - C), in addition to the Access to HE diploma.⊠⊠The programme is designed for students who wish to return to study with a view to going on to Higher Education so we need to make sure you are well prepared for this starting point.

Please research HE requirements very carefully. A STRONG COMMITMENT IS NEEDED AS THE COURSE IS VERY INTENSIVE.

Acceptance onto the Access to HE programme is conditional on you:

- attending a Welcome event where you will be interviewed by a member of the team
- providing a satisfactory reference
- attending Taster days, Tuesday 30th June and Wednesday 1st July 2026

Assessment

We want you to achieve to the very best of your ability at CRC. To make this happen we offer both learning and personal support by specialist staff tailored to meet your specific needs.

Assessment is by coursework and examinations. There will be at least 1 assignment for each unit. These assignments may be written such as essays / research projects and oral e.g. presentations and examinations at the end of some units.

This programme takes one year to complete, starting at the beginning of September and finishing in

late June the following year. In addition to timetabled classes, it is expected that students will complete at least 15 hours of further independent study per week.

Finance and Funding

Fully-Funded Level 3 Qualifications

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