

Getting Ready for College

Thank you for deciding to study at Coleg y Cymoedd. We are looking forward to meeting you in September. The information below will help you to prepare for your first couple of weeks with us.

Course	Skills for Further Study – Health Pathway	Level	2
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Welcome from your Head of School.

Welcome to the School of Access, Business, Finance and Higher Education at Coleg y Cymoedd.

Within our School we offer a wide range of courses from Level 1 to Higher Education that will provide you with the skills and confidence that you will need to help you make progress in your studies, prepare for University and the world of work. You will have opportunities to explore different areas within Business such as Marketing, Accountancy and Law. The School can also offer opportunities to prepare you for the Health Profession, Social Work and Science. Our learners within the School have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in practical work undertaken in the labs and the digital learning that now takes place within courses across the School.

As a student within our School you will benefit from being taught by experienced professional staff who will bring teaching and learning to life whilst preparing you for the next stage of your journey. Some of our legal subjects for example are taught by a qualified Barrister. You will also be encouraged where possible to take part in work experience. Our learners have undertaken placements within local companies, finance firms and even film studios.

Enterprise is also an important part of the School activity and many Business learners have enjoyed success taking part in and winning enterprise competitions. This is a fantastic chance to take part and develop skills such as team work and problem solving.

We believe that learning should be fun and where possible we provide every possible opportunity for you to succeed in achieving your chosen course.

I look forward to meeting you in September

Best wishes

Helen Jones (Head of School)

Useful information about my course

The level 2 Skills for Further Study Diploma is a qualification which prepares learners for study at level 3. It has been designed to give you relevant academic subject knowledge and the opportunity to improve and build upon existing skills, that will fully prepare you for either employment or for further study on one of our Access to HE, or other level 3 courses.

The Skills for Further Study Diploma is taken by learners of all ages and backgrounds. Returning to education can be a very daunting prospect, but rest assured that your tutors will be there to support you, every step of the way.

The most important factor to your success is your commitment to study, keep up to date with the course content and hand in assignments on time and you will succeed. The course team are highly experienced in their subject areas. We pride ourselves on the level of support we give to our learners, so if you have any queries, concerns, or feel you need any extra support at any time please let your course tutor know; we are here to help you succeed.

Tanya Gordon
Skills for Further Study Co-ordinator

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The Skills for Further Study course at Coleg y Cymoedd operates at the following campuses: Aberdare, Rhondda, Nantgarw and Ystrad Mynach.

This particular course allows you to study a number of units in Science, Psychology, Sociology, Numeracy, ICT, Study Skills, as well as developing both oral and written Communication Skills. The Skills for Further Study Diploma can also be used as a stand-alone qualification, which is also favoured by numerous employers.

The Skills for Further Study Diploma (Health Pathway) allows for progression on to any of our Access to HE courses at Level 3, such as: Access to HE Health Care, Access to HE Health Science, Access to HE Social Science, Access to HE Bioscience, Access to HE Science, Access to HE Business and Access to HE Humanities, as well as a number of other Level 3 courses, such as BTEC. On completion of any Access to HE Diploma there is also an opportunity for individuals to progress, going on to study a variety of degrees at university.

Some of the careers that our previous learners have embarked upon are as follows: Adult Nursing, Children's Nursing, Midwifery, Social Work, Youth and Community Work, Paramedic Science, Marine Biology, Policing, Psychology, Law, Criminology, Teaching, Events Management and many, many more.

Pre-course activities

You may find it useful to undertake some study before the course start date, below is a website on Study Skills which you may find useful.

Open Learn Study Skills: <https://www.open.edu/openlearn/skills-for-study>

BBC Bitesize: <https://www.bbc.co.uk> (Bitesize for Post 16)

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