Leicester College

Course Overview

This course is for adults aged 19+. This is an adult evening course based at the Abbey Park Campus; you will be timetabled on a Tuesday evening from 5.45 pm to 8.45 pm every week. This is an intensive GCSE evening course which provides an understanding of the key concepts in chemistry at level 2. This qualification could prepare you to study for an Access Diploma or provide the qualification in science you need for employment or further education. Many of the people who choose to study these courses require a science subject for progression to a PGCE and choose to take GCSE chemistry alongside their undergraduate studies.

What you will learn

GCSE Chemistry provides an understanding of the key concepts of chemistry. There are two units covering the fundamentals of chemistry: atomic structure, periodic table, quantitative chemistry and its applications. These two units are assessed by two written examinations in May and June. There is no coursework element. The AQA specification is followed. You will be expected to study for at least six hours outside your timetabled classes.

Entry Requirements

You will preferably have a basic knowledge of scientific principles or have studied sciences at GCSE level previously to grade 3 (D). All applicants should be 19+ with a good level of written English. Pre-entry assessments will be given to gauge your suitability for the course during part-time enrolment.

How you will be assessed

You will be assessed throughout the course to enable your tutor to set and review learning targets. Summative assessment is by two separate, externally marked examinations in May and June. As this is such a detailed and intensive course, you will be expected to study outside your timetabled classes for at least 6 hours per week; we will encourage you to use Moodle and 'blend-space' to support your studies.

Course Fees

It is recommended you buy a course text book and revision book, details of which will be given in the first taught session. There may be a material fee to cover some of the costs of practical sessions.

Course Progession

Following successful completion of this course, it may be possible to study for advanced science courses, such as Access to Health Professions or Access to Science diplomas (for suitably qualified candidates). This course enables you to meet the requirements for a PGCE or other university programmes which ask for a science qualification at level 2. In some cases, employers in health-related industries require science qualifications, such as GCSE chemistry.

What Happens Next

Apply online via the College website. You will be contacted to attend a pre-entry assessment which will gauge your suitability for the course. If successful, you will be invited to enrol. For enrol and pay courses: Once you have decided to take the course, you need to fill in a short student details form online and pay the course fee. Once you have done this, you will receive an electronic confirmation of enrolment and payment. All applicants should be 19+ with a good level of written English.

Course Details



