



Success for Sarah

When Sarah came for advice was employed as a counter assistant and looking to go into higher education and change her career. She decided she would like to go into full time education to study for a degree in social sciences. She has been away from learning for a number of years and has no formal updated qualifications.

Future Pathways gave Sarah advice on the different types of courses available in the department and the types of jobs that she is interested in and then explored options available to her at the University of Hull

We discussed the opportunities that would also fit in with her family commitments and further discussed the implications for full time study. We spoke in depth about the course load and entry requirements and discussed academic writing and expectations from HE.

During discussion Sarah said she was interested in forensic science and criminology and would like to gain entry in Oct 2008. Sarah was given advice about paying for learning and explored the types of funding she could access to help her with the cost of the course and living expenses.

The student finance calculator was also used to get an estimate of what she might be entitled to and looked through a list of other potential funding such as: Bursaries from the university, learning support fund and any trusts that may help with funding her studies.

Sarah was also given the course brochures for criminology and forensic psychology and Future Pathways advised Sarah to speak with the department if she wanted entry in 2008 and check about the entry criteria, as there was a chance she could gain entry as a mature student.

Sarah contacted the University to discuss her options further and she was advised that she could go on to the Criminology/Psychology Course in October 2008.

Sarah then returned to Future Pathways for advice on her funding application and some advice on writing and study skills. She has completed her first semester, is delighted with her marks and is generally enjoying the course. She is looking forward to next year and is glad she made a visit to Future Pathways. Sarah plans will use the service again if necessary.

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