

PUBLIC SERVICES (Uniformed) BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma

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Course Summary

This is a full-time programme designed for young people aged 16 – 19 to prepare them for a potential career in one of the Uniformed Public Services. Mature students are also welcome to apply. The course will introduce students to the disciplined culture of the public services whilst also providing an active programme including sports, teambuilding and outdoor activities. Students will also undertake structured volunteering activities to develop additional skills and qualities essential to the Public Services.

How will I be assessed?

The course is made up of 18 units with each unit being continually assessed by a range of methods including written assignments, role plays, fitness tests, discussions, presentations, and outdoor practical activities.

Entry Requirements

Students must have a minimum of five GCSE's at grade C or above, to include English or a full Level 2 qualification at merit grade. All applicants will be considered on an individual basis. Students are required to be self-motivated, disciplined and take responsibility for their own learning.

How much time will I spend on the course?

The timetable will consist of 18 diploma units, group and individual tutorials and the additional qualification of Level 2 Community Sports Leaders Award. This is usually spread over 3 1/2 days.

How is the course taught?

All teaching staff originate from the uniformed public services to deliver a diverse range of subjects. A variety of methods are used including visiting speakers from a range of Uniformed Public Services (British Army, Royal Navy, Royal Air Force and the emergency services), formal lectures, off-site residential visits, and practical sessions. Students are required to work both individually and as part of a team. A series of residential courses are mandatory and are essential in enabling you to develop skills and knowledge by putting theory into practice.

Where is the course taught?

Redditch Campus

Who is this course suitable for?

Anyone with an interest in a career in the uniformed public services (either front line or in support roles).

Applicants interested in a career in the British Army will be given the opportunity to join the Army Bursary Scheme to gain sponsorship through the qualification.

What are the mandatory modules or units?

Mandatory Units are:

- Government Policies and the Public Services
- Leadership and Teamwork
- Citizenship and Diversity
- Fitness Testing and Training

Optional units include;

- Employment in the Public Services
- Crime and its Effects on Society
- Outdoor and Adventurous Expeditions
- Planning and Management of Major Incidents
- Custodial Care Services and Physical Preparation
- Health and Lifestyle

What materials do I have to provide?

Learners will need to be prepared with writing materials and folders.

Are there any additional costs or specialist equipment required?

To cover residential visits and day trips over the two years, there is a cost of £450 per student (non-refundable). This also covers attendance at the end of year celebration. Students will be required to provide uniform at a cost of no more than £100. Full details will be available from Public Services staff at your Course Consultation.

Additional kit may be required for trips and events e.g. waterproofs, walking boots.

You may be able to get help with the costs from the College's Learner Support Fund. More details are available from the Student Advice guidance and Support team (01527) 572691.

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What can I do after this course?

Students achieving the full qualification may progress onto Higher Education either at NEW College or University. Students may also choose to progress to work-based training or employment.

What careers would this course be useful for?

The knowledge and experience developed within the course can be useful when seeking employment in Public Services such as Police, Fire, Ambulance, Prison Service, Customs and Excise, the British Army and the Royal Navy. The personal and teamworking skills gained on the course are also transferable to a range of job areas.

How do I apply / join this course?

You first need to complete an application form. You can find a form in the back of the Prospectus or you can call our Information Centre on (01527) 570020 and they will send you a form in the post. Alternatively you can complete the form on-line by visiting the College's website www.ne-worcs.ac.uk.

Once we have your form we will invite you to come into College and meet with a member of our teaching Team so you can ask any other questions you have. Usually at this meeting we will either offer you a place on the course you have applied for or, in some cases an alternative course.