

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Uniformed Protective Services

The uniformed protective services sector is diverse and encompasses uniformed public services such as the police service, the fire and rescue service, the armed services and the prison service.

Why choose this course?

The Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Uniformed Protective Services has been developed in consultation with academics and employers to ensure that it supports progression to higher education. Employers from the uniformed protective services sector have also been consulted so that the qualification content is appropriate and consistent with current practice for those who choose to enter direct employment in the sector.

What will I learn?

Over the two years of the course, you will cover thirteen units which are assessed by a combination of written and practical assignments or by exams (units in bold are examined units):

Unit 1 Citizenship and Diversity

Unit 2 Behaviour and Discipline in the Uniformed Protective Services (1st year exam)

Unit 3 Global Affairs, the Media and the Uniformed Protective Services

Unit 4 Physical Preparation, Health and Wellbeing

Unit 5 Teamwork, Leadership and Communication in the Uniformed Protective Services

Unit 6 Government and the Protective Services (2nd year exam)

Unit 7 Planning for and Responding to Emergency Incidents

Unit 8 Custodial Care

Unit 10 Skills for Outdoor Activities and the Uniformed Protective Services

Unit 11 Expedition Skills

Unit 12 Developing Personal Fitness Programmes

Unit 13 Introduction to Criminology

Unit 15 Police Powers and the Law

The course will aid understanding of the Government and the wider uniformed protective services sector and encourages consideration of current affairs and media in a global context. Course content will help to develop essential skills and knowledge, such as research, presentation and report-writing. The building of confidence, through understanding and improving ability in outdoor activities, physical fitness, discipline, teamwork and communication is a core aim. Students will also learn that sensitivity and openness are equally important assets when working with diverse groups is also explored.

In addition, the qualification will develop your transferable and higher-order skills, including: Cognitive and problem-solving through the application of critical thinking, systems and technology. Interpersonal skills including Negotiation, Influence, self - presentation, communication and collaboration, Intrapersonal skills such as self-management, adaptability, resilience, self-monitoring and development.

Assessment Arrangements

Over the two year course you will complete compulsory assignments for the internally assessed units which could include written reports, presentations and practical demonstrations. The externally assessed units will involve formal examinations and controlled assessments.

Information and support

Throughout the course you will be required to complete at least 10 hours of independent study time per week. To support you in this you will have access to lecturers via email and will be able to access support materials and resources via our virtual learning environment - Moodle.

As a vocational Protective Services course, you will be expected to wear appropriate sports kit for relevant units, which can be purchased from the College at an additional cost. Purchase is not compulsory, but we would expect one item of Callywith College kit to be available to wear when representing the College. There is also a refundable charge for library resources and locker key.

Where will it take me?

This qualification is intended to support progression to employment in the uniformed protective services. The shift towards increased graduate employment in the sector, for example in the police service dictates that suitable study to provide Higher Education options is essential.

The qualification carries UCAS points and is recognised by universities as providing the admission requirements for many relevant courses. Previous students have gone on to study in a range of disciplines, for example:

- BA (Hons) in Public Services
- BA (Hons) in Policing
- BA (Hons) in Criminology
- BSc (Hons) in Fire and Rescue
- BA (Hons) in Social Work
- BA (Hons) in Sociology
- LLB (Hons) in Law

However, the course also develops the individual for direct progression into employment. It provides the knowledge and understanding required to apply for a range of entry-level roles or an apprenticeship. for example:

- British Army
- Royal Navy/Royal Marines
- Royal Air Force
- The Police Service
- Fire and Rescue Service
- HM Revenue & Customs
- HM Prison Service
- Coastguard / Lifeguard
- Local Authorities
- Central Government
- Travel & Tourism
- Retail Management
- Hospitality
- Fitness Industry

What will I need?

You will need four GCSEs at Grade 4, to include either English Language or Literature and/or Maths. A level 2 Diploma at Merit in an appropriate subject can also be considered (plus English and/or Maths at grade 4).

Additional Information

Awarding body: Edexcel