



BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Uniformed Public Services

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Overview of the course:

This programme is ideally suited for students who are seeking a mainly academic experience with some practical input in order to better prepare themselves for service life.

Students wishing to experience a disciplined and organised environment, and to prepare themselves for working life, will also benefit from this course.

Guest speakers from a number of emergency services are invited in throughout the year to give presentations. Specialist activity centres are frequently used to deliver sessions of rock climbing, abseiling, canoeing, walking and expeditions. Visits / residential visits also take place at various uniformed services establishments (Army, Royal Navy). Military Circuit training is used to test all round fitness.

What will you study?

There are eighteen units of study which will be taught through classroom lecturers, discussions, presentations and practical activity. Delivery of the programme will be supported through an interactive teacher/student forum, and downloads of work are accessed through the student internet.

Further information about the National Certificate and National Award will be discussed at interview.

There are six core units which *must* be taken:

- Government, Policies and the Public Services
- Leadership and Teamwork in the Public Services
- Citizenship, Diversity and the Public Services
- Physical Preparation, Health and Lifestyle for the Public Services
- Understanding Discipline in the Uniformed Public Services
- Fitness Testing and Training for the Uniformed Public Services

and twelve specialist units that include:

- Skills for Land-Based Outdoor and Adventurous Activities
- Outdoor and Adventurous Expeditions

Specialist units continued:

- Skills for Water based Outdoor and Adventurous Activities
- Health Exercise and Lifestyle
- The planning for and management of major incidents
- Responding to Emergency Service Incidents
- Employment in the Uniformed Public Services
- Practical Team Sports
- Land Navigation by Map and Compass
- Instructing Physical Activity
- Career Planning for the Public Services
- Volunteering in the Public Services

Assessment

100% Course work based assessment. All units are internally assessed and verified. All assessment for the Public Services course is criterion referenced, based on the achievement of specified learning outcomes. A summative unit grade is awarded at pass, merit or distinction.

Possible career path?

Students who wish to enter any of the uniformed services including those who have aspirations of entry at Officer level in the armed services, or those who wish to progress onto university.

Our current students are enjoying practical activities such as; Hill Walking, Scuba Diving, Kayaking and Fitness Assessment to back up their theoretical understanding. They are now looking forward to Climbing, IBEX outdoor leadership and other outdoor adventurous activities.

Entry requirements

Ideally five GCSEs Grade 9-5, including English and Mathematics.