

Protective Services (Police Pathway) Edexcel BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma

Study Mode: Full-time | Course Level: 3

Is this course right for me?

Whether you are a school leaver looking to gain the qualifications necessary to apply to join your chosen police force, or an adult lacking the necessary entry requirements to make a direct application to the force, this course is the first step to your future career!

Policing is a complex activity characterised by the need to carefully consider how law, values, social policy and organisational priorities should be interpreted and applied and, as such, police forces in the UK are constantly adapting to meet the needs and challenges of today's ever-changing society.

The protective/public sector is becoming increasingly technical in terms of operation and, as such requires it staff to have a wide range of skills and abilities to support the provision of an efficient and effective service, whichever service you work in.

By choosing the Police Pathway, you will gain the necessary qualification, service awareness and key transferable skills to meet the operational requirements of the police service in the UK.

The course combines scenario-based learning and simulated service situations, together with lectures and seminars taught by experienced academic staff and retired experienced police officers, and will equip you with learning, confidence and experience that will be valuable in your future career.

Successful completion of the foundation diploma will enable you to progress to the second year of the qualification - the Level 3 extended diploma - and then apply for a Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship (PCDA) or BSc (Hons) Policing and Intelligence at the University of Wolverhampton or University of Staffordshire.

What's more, if you are committed to learning, driven to succeed, work hard and achieve excellent results on the foundation diploma course, you could achieve the required UCAS points to enable you to apply for a PCDA a year early - meaning you can join the police service as an apprentice police constable and start earning sooner!

You will be required to attend lessons to improve your English and Maths (or use the time for directed study if you already have Grade 4 or above) and have the opportunity to complete 30 hours of a work experience placement.

You will also be required to purchase a college-branded uniform costing approximately £70 - order forms will be provided before the start of the course and financial support may be available to help with these costs.

Entry Requirements

To access this course you are required to have:

- Five or more GCSEs at Grade 4 or above including English and maths OR
- Successful completion of the Level 2 Diploma in Public Services

You will also be required to purchase a college-branded uniform - details will be provided before the start of the course.

What will I learn?

During this course you will study:

- Citizenship
- Behaviour and discipline in uniformed protective services
- Physical preparation
- Teamwork, leadership and communication
- Custodial care
- Police powers and the law

What skills will I gain?

By studying this course you will:

- Develop knowledge of the broader criminal justice system
- Learn advanced skills in dealing effectively and sensitively with members of the public
- Gain an understanding of the public service sector
- Develop the knowledge, understanding and skills required by the sector, including essential employability skills
- Discover the levels of fitness required for the police force and how to improve your health and fitness for entry into the service
- Gain valuable leadership, team working and communication skills by taking part in team-building activities and educational visits
- Develop common core knowledge of government policies, crime and its effects on society and citizenship and diversity

How will I be assessed?

Throughout the course you will be assessed in the following ways:

- Individual and group presentations
- Case studies
- Assignments
- Reports
- Practical fitness testing

What can I do next?

The skills you will learn from this course will enable you to:

- Progress to the Protective Services Level 3 Extended Diploma (Police Pathway)
- Apply to join the Special Constabulary
- Apply for the Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship (if required level of UCAS points)

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Why study with us?

- Develop leadership, team working and communication skills
- Take part in a range of outdoor activities
- Visit public service organisations as part of your course
- Improve your own health and fitness
- Learn from tutors with many years' experience of working in uniformed public services

We have a high success rate on this course and receive excellent feedback from our past students, many of whom have gone on to successful careers in the police service.

As part of the course you will get to visit a range of destinations and organisations which, in the past, have included the National Justice Museum, Houses of Parliament, Bilston Fire Station and Cannock Chase; participate in riot training, driver safety and emergency response scenarios, and hear from guest speakers from a range of public services who will talk about career opportunities and their first-hand experiences to inspire and motivate you to get the most out of your learning and progress to a successful future in your chosen service.

Delivery

Location: Wellington Road Campus

Start Date: 01/09/2025

Day:

Time:

Course Fee:

Course Code: CP0017

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