Course Information



Level 1 Public Services Edexcel BTEC Extended Certificate

Study Mode: Full Time

Is this course right for me?

If you want to work in uniformed public services, this course is the first step to your future career!

You will learn important skills – including communication, planning and team work – which are vital for a career in the armed forces, police, fire and ambulance service, prison service or customs and revenue, as well as if you want to work in the leisure industry or do community or youth work. You will also have the opportunity to complete 30 hours of a work experience placement.

Trips, visits and enrichment:

Learn new skills and gain experience through our compulsory trips, visits and enrichment activities. These include:

- Fitness activities
- Outward-bound expedition
- One-day Armed Forces Midlands Challenge
- Visit the Emergency Services Museum in Sheffield
- Visit RAF Cosford
- Hear from guest speakers from a range of public services including West Midlands Police and The British Army etc.
- Stop and search workshops
- Participate in a crime investigation workshop
- Take part in a multi-day camping expedition

Costs:

- Compulsory study visits: £120 per year*
- Uniform: A college branded uniform is compulsory and will cost around £123 per person*
 Order kit here: www.laclothing.co.uk/wolvcoll

*Financial support may be available to cover *some* of these costs

Entry Requirements

To access this course you are required to:

- Have three GCSEs, including Grade 1 in maths and/or English
- Attend an interview with a member of college staff to determine your suitability for the course
- Show a willingness to learn.

What will I learn?

During this course you will study a variety of units including:

- Investigating public services
- Being organised
- Developing a progression plan
- · Working with others
- · Research skills
- Security Searching
- Responding to an incident
- Plan and navigate a route
- Contributing to your community
- Taking part in sport and adventurous activities

What skills will I gain?

By studying this course, you will:

- Gain vital teamwork / building skills
- Improve your communication skills
- Develop skills in navigation
- Improve your fitness
- Learn how to plan and lead a team
- Take part in expeditions
- · Basic first aid skills
- Developing your confidence by exposure to a range of new and challenging experiences

How will I be assessed?

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

- Individual and group presentations
- Case studies
- Role play
- · Question and answer sessions
- Displays
- Assignments
- Video and audio recordings

You will also be required to build a portfolio of evidence gathered throughout the course.

What can I do next?

These are the skills you will learn from this course which will enable you to:

- Progress directly to the Public Services BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate
- With further qualifications, pursue a career in the police service, the armed forces, the fire service, prison & probation service, UK Border Force, revenue and customs or youth and community work.

Delivery

Location: Wellington Road Campus

Start Date: 07/09/2026

Day:

Time:

Course Fee:

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