

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

Study Mode: Full Time

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 every-changing society.

The protective/public sector is becoming increasingly technical in terms of operation and, as such requires its 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. You will also have the opportunity to complete 30 hours of a work experience placement.

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.

Core Skills Framework:

During your time at college, you'll develop essential CORE employability skills. You can find out more in the college handbook [here](#). You'll build your CORE skills through:

- Practical, engaging lesson activities
- Tutorial sessions to learn, discuss, and share ideas
- One-to-one meetings with tutors and personal targets to track your progress
- Enrichment activities

Costs:

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

For external applicants:

To access this course, you are required to:

- Five or more GCSEs at Grade 4 or above including English and maths OR Successful completion of the Level 2 Diploma in Public Services
- Purchase a college-branded uniform – details will be provided before the start of the course.
- Demonstrate how you have previously had good attendance and punctuality and a good attitude to learning

For internal progression learners (already studying with us):

Learners must be able to demonstrate that they:

- Have successfully completed a relevant course that naturally progresses onto this programme, achieving a good standard
- Have improved their English and maths grades since enrolment
- Have maintained good attendance and punctuality
- Show a consistently positive attitude to learning

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 achieved)

Delivery

Location: Wellington Road Campus

Start Date: 07/09/2026

Day:

Time:

Course Fee:

Course Code: CP0017

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