

Public Services National Extended Diploma Level 3

Qualification: BTEC **Subject Area:** Sport and Public Services **Level:** 3
Attendance details: Full Time **Location:** Bede

Course Information

Who is this course for?

This course is for people who are looking to enter careers in a uniformed service such as Armed forces, Police, Fire and Rescue and Prison service.

What do you need to apply for the course?

Four GCSEs (English Language or Maths at grade 4 is preferred but not essential) or a merit grade in the Public Services Diploma Level 2.

You will also need to be medically fit without any condition that would prevent you from joining the uniformed services and be able to cope with the arduous training elements of the course. A medical questionnaire and parental consent is needed to fully participate in the course elements. You should not have any criminal convictions which would prevent you from joining the uniformed services. Please note the new grading system for GCSE maths and English from 2017 will be numbered 1 to 9, 9 being the highest. Grade C or above will equate to Grade 4/5 or above.

What are the key things you'll learn?

This qualification has been designed to provide highly specialist work-related knowledge and skills (common values and core competencies) sought by employers in a range of public services, such as: communications; teamwork; leadership; problem solving; citizenship; diversity and discipline.

How will you learn?

You will learn through a large range of practical units followed by opportunities to

practice and develop skills and experience outside of the classroom environment. This could include residential Army 'look at life' trips, adventurous activity courses, hill walking and other educational trips.

This is a very busy and varied course which demands commitment but rewards students with activity and fun elements.

If you're interested in sport, we also have opportunities for anyone who shows a good level of ability in a particular sport to join one of our successful development centres gaining you further skills and qualifications.

Where could this course take you?

After successfully completing the course you could go on to apply for jobs in the services or apply to universities. Past students have joined the armed services, gone to universities such as Durham to study Law and Criminology or Outdoor Adventurous Activity, and some have joined the Special Constabulary.

What costs will you incur?

A uniform in college colours is available to purchase as an option, (*current cost is £45*).

Contributions are asked of when attending Adventurous expeditions, Outdoor Activities and other out of college trips, to cover the cost of transport, own food and accommodation.

If you are aged between 19 and 23 years old (on the first day of your course) and do not already have a full Level 3 of higher qualification, you will not have to pay course fees. This may be different for learners studying on a course in the workplace.

If you are aged 19 or over, on the first day of your course, studying at Level 3 or above, you are able to apply for an Advanced Learner Loan to cover the costs of your course, similar to arrangements for higher education students.

I thoroughly enjoyed the whole course, especially the practical and adventurous activity elements. I was well supported by my Lecturers and achieved an overall Distinction Grade. I was able to secure my preferred University place and I'm now studying Criminology at Durham University.

Heidi Lindsay (Durham University Student)