

Level 2 First Diploma in Public Services



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Course Summary

- This nationally recognised qualification is a practical, industry-related one year course.
- Qualification is made up of seven units.
- Assessment for the course is by course work, assignments are based on realistic workplace situations, activities and demands
- Entry Requirements are 4 GCSEs at grade 3 (D) to include English and Maths or a BTEC Foundation Certificate in a related subject.
- You will develop a range of knowledge and skills, personal qualities and attitudes essential for a career in the public services.
- You will benefit from being taught by a well-qualified team of lecturers with substantial teaching and vocational experience

Programme of study

Adventurous Activities and Teamwork for the Public Services

Volunteering for the Public Services

Land Navigation by Map and Compass

Employment in Uniformed Public Services

Career Planning for the Public Services

Public Services Skills

Sport and Recreation in the Public Services



Industry Experience

- Experience in the workplace is important for any course. During the Level 2 course, we will include a variety of industry based activities to allow you to review your options for career paths or employments.
- Industry based activities include;
 - National Citizen Service 3 day residential and Community project.
 - Trips, activities, industry speakers from all the Uniformed Public Services
 - Land and water based activities and an expedition.



Activities & Trips

- Dorset Water Park/Burnbake Camping
- Weekly practical sport and team activities
- Weekly Enrichment activities led by high quality coaches
- College Football Academy

IMPORTANT: All trips & activities will be subject to student financial contribution & availability



Additional Activities/ Qualifications

- Sport and Recreation – tasters, fitness sessions, competitions & tournaments such as:
 - Ultimate Frisbee / basketball/ football/ circuit training / dodgeball / badminton/fitness tests / volleyball & more!
- Volunteering opportunities to enable you to make a difference to others
- GCSE Mathematics & English retakes
- Functional Skills Qualifications



Where do I progress?

Extended Diploma in Public Services

This qualification has been developed to meet the needs of a broad spectrum of public service areas from uniformed roles in defence, emergency, security and justice, to non-uniformed roles in central and local government, as well as related voluntary and private sector agencies.

You will gain a wide range of transferable skills needed for public service employment and have the opportunity to be involved in taster sessions, trips and visits. There will also be a programme of industry speakers. You will gain the knowledge, understanding and skills required for success in current and future employment, or for progression to courses such as BTEC Higher Nationals, Foundation degrees or Honours degrees.



Frequently Asked Questions

- How many days a week will I be at college?
 - Approximately 3 days a week in college and two independent study/industry experience days.
- Will I have to purchase a college public services kit?
 - Yes, this is approximately £40 and will be discussed at enrolment.
- Will I have the opportunity to resit my GCSEs?
 - Yes, unless you already have English and Maths at Grade 4, GCSE retakes will be built into your timetable.
- What is college life like?
 - College is an adult learning environment. We will support you in all aspects of your learning, however as an adult learner we want you take responsibility for your learning. You will have to ensure you are organised and adhere to all assessment deadlines.
- Will my attendance and punctuality be monitored?
 - Yes the sport and public services department instil the highest regards for attendance and punctuality as this is required in the workplace.
 - Your tutor will monitor your attendance weekly.
- Can I access extra help at college?
 - Yes, speak with your tutor at enrolment, induction or throughout any part of your course to gain extra help.