

Course Information

BTEC Level 3 Public Services



What is BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Public Services?

The BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Public Services is a practical, work-related course. Students learn by completing projects and assignments that are based on realistic workplace situations, activities and demands. It introduces students to the employment area that they are interested in but is not aimed at only those who wish to join the services. In fact, we would suggest that any future career path can benefit from the opportunities that this course provides. Teamwork, co-operation, communication, leadership and confidence-building are skills that this course provides in abundance.

What does the course involve?

The course is made up of a minimum of 6 units. Students can complete the course as a Single or Double option - the latter simply have double lesson time but are not expected to automatically cover more units. Some students find the extra time helps them to produce a higher standard of work, whilst others maximize the opportunity and cover their own bespoke units.

Students all study a minimum of 3 core units:

- ◆ Government, Policies and the Public Services
- ◆ Teamwork & Leadership within the Public Services
- ◆ Citizenship & Diversity

In addition a minimum of 6 specialist units will be studied, examples include:

- ◆ Discipline within the Public Services
- ◆ Fitness Testing in the Public Services
- ◆ Water-based skills for Outdoor & Adventurous Activities
- ◆ Land-Navigation
- ◆ Employment within the Uniformed Public Services

Course Delivery

We aim to make sure your studies are as interesting and enjoyable as possible. Teachers use a wide range of different methods including teacher-led sessions, case studies and class/group discussions. In addition, students will have the opportunity to experience a wide range of public service related visits and a programme of guest speakers. This has most recently included a week long 'Look at Life' course at the RM Commando Training Centre, Fire Service Recruit Training at the Mereway Fire HQ, visits from RM, Army and RAF education teams, a residential experience at Rock UK, Irthlingborough and much more.

How is it assessed?

This course is assessed through a range of activities such as projects, presentations, teamwork and practical activities. Assessment is continuous and suited to candidates who prefer this method of assessment to final exams.

Qualification Gained

On successful completion of the course students will be awarded the Edexcel BTEC Level 3 90 or 120 Credit Diploma in Public Services.

What next?

Students who successfully complete the Level 3 Diploma in Public Services could go into a wide range of public sector occupations in both the uniform and non-uniform sectors. We are proud to say that a number of our former students are either in training or have now completed service training, Prison Service, Coastguard or Rescue Services.

For more information about the course, your suitability for it, and possible career paths see the displays in the Public Services area or talk to Mr Beeby, Public Services.