



BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate Uniformed Protective Services

Exam Board: Pearson

Demand for Public Services in the UK remains high, despite the increased involvement of the Private or third sector in their delivery. Public Services, provided by Government such as law enforcement, health, defence and central and local Government remain in demand and whilst growth has slowed, will continue to have a vital role in the economic and social welfare of the nation.

The Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Public Services has the purpose of helping people to become occupationally ready to take up employment in the public services sector at the appropriate level. This can follow either directly after achieving the qualification, or via the stepping stone of Higher Education (HE) in university or college. By studying a BTEC National, students develop knowledge, understanding and skills required by the sector, including essential employability skills, and apply them in real work contexts. With a combination of written tasks and practical exercises that encourage students to demonstrate skills related to the public services, this course is ideal in providing learners with the relevant tools needed to pursue a rewarding and successful career in whatever service they choose.

Course summary:

Unit 2: Behaviour and Discipline in the Uniformed Protective Services

Unit 5: Teamwork, Leadership and Communication in the Uniformed Protective Services

Unit 15: Introduction to Criminology

Unit 19: Professional Development in the Uniformed Public Services

Qualifications:

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate Equivalent to 1 A-level.

Grading:

Distinction* (D*)

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Merit(M)

Pass(P)



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Assessment:

P360 GLH (455 TQT) Equivalent in size to one A Level.

Four units, two of which are mandatory and one is external.

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External assessment (33%).

Entry requirements:

Five passes at GCSE including English Language and Mathematics. An interest in joining or working alongside a particular service although not compulsory.

Other Course Information:

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What is this qualification for?

The Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Uniformed Protective Services is intended to support progression to further study. Its primary purpose is to support post-16 learners in accessing higher education in public services and related areas. It is ideal for learners who would like an introduction to the uniformed protective services sector, with a view to ultimately securing employment within the sector.

Career progression

This qualification is primarily designed to support progression to employment following further study at university. However, it also supports learners progressing directly to employment, if studied as a one-year full-time study programme. It will give learners the knowledge and understanding required to apply for a range of entry-level roles within the uniformed protective services sector, or for employment as an apprentice within the sector, where learners will complete additional training and qualifications to gain the skills and knowledge required to progress in their chosen profession.

"My second year on the course has been full of new experiences, opening new ideas and views on different subjects such as the structure and purpose of government, the impact of war and terrorism, and criminology. My favourite unit has been 'Unit 2: Leadership and Teamwork in the Public Services' as it forced us to build our confidence when briefing our classmates on how to complete a team task. Furthermore, this allowed us to demonstrate leadership qualities, and allowed us to develop better communication skills."

