

Access to Higher Education (Public Services) Diploma

Study Mode: Full Time Programme Component | Course Level: 3

Is this course right for me?

If you want to pursue a career in policing, but lack the necessary qualifications, our Access to Higher Education (Public Services) Diploma will give you the skills you need to go on to obtain your dream career.

The Access to Higher Education Diploma is widely recognised by universities and bridges the gap between existing education and what is needed to study at degree level.

The Access to Higher Education (Public Services) Diploma is an intensive and challenging one-year course that will give you an overview of Public Services sector, and help you to develop the skills, knowledge and confidence needed for university.

To succeed on this course, you will need to be committed and focused and have a zest for learning, as well as good time management skills, particularly if you work and have family responsibilities.

Before you embark on the diploma it is important that you know what you want to study at university, have thoroughly researched your chosen course and attended university open days.

You will also have the opportunity to develop your Maths and English skills via our Functional Skills qualifications.

Entry Requirements

To access this course you are required to:

- Have English at Level 2 (eg GCSE grade 4/C or above / equivalent Functional Skills qualification depending on individual university requirements)
- Have maths at Level 2 (eg GCSE grade 4/C or above / equivalent Functional Skills qualification depending on individual university requirements)*
- Show commitment to the course and be motivated and determined to be successful on this intensive programme of study

*Applicants without this level of qualification will be required to complete a diagnostic assessment to determine their level of maths skills and knowledge and, if necessary, study for the Level 2 qualification alongside the Access course.

What will I learn?

The Public Sector Service and Policing Diploma will focus on:

Citizenship & Diversity

- Explore the key features of society
- Explore the rights and responsibilities of individuals and the protective services
- Investigate the role of protective services in ensuring equality of service
- Investigate the changes in society that impact on citizens and the protective services

Professional Development

- Investigate career and job opportunities in the uniformed protective services
- Explore own skills, using a skills audit, to inform a career development plan
- Undertake a recruitment activity to demonstrate the processes that can lead to a successful job offer in a selected career pathway

Physical Preparation, Health & Wellbeing

- Explore components of fitness and the effect of different methods of training on body systems
- Examine lifestyle factors that are important in maintaining health and wellbeing
- Carry out tests for personal fitness levels and fitness requirements for entry to the uniformed protective services
- Design a fitness programme that meets personal fitness goals for entry to the uniformed protective services

Teamwork, Leadership and Communication in the Uniformed Protective Services

- Explore teamwork and leadership styles used in the uniformed protective services
- Explore theories and techniques used for the development of effective uniformed protective services teams
- Demonstrate the use of communication methods and systems relevant to the uniformed protective services
- Apply team working and leadership skills within uniformed protective services contexts.

Police Powers and the Law

- Examine the legal framework surrounding the powers of the police to tackle criminal behaviour
- Investigate the roles undertaken by the personnel of the courts
- Explore the criminal trial process to be followed once an individual has been charged with an offence

What skills will I gain?

By studying this course you will:

- Develop your understanding of the underpinning skills, knowledge and academic conventions needed for Higher Education
- Learn how to research, design, plan and write educational assignments as well as developing your critical and evaluative thinking skills
- Develop an appreciation for the promotion of active reading to identify relevant information and take part in discussions and debates based on informed reading
- Develop your analytical skills to give you the confidence to participate in verbal and written educational debate
- Develop your practical skills and appreciate the need for attention to detail
- You will also develop your ICT skills

How will I be assessed?

This is an assessment-based course and will include a combination of essays, reports, presentations, group discussions and timed examinations.

What can I do next?

The skills you will learn on this course will enable you to:

- Progress into the Police Apprenticeship
- Progress into a Policing Degree
- Or gain direct entry into the Police (Subject to interview process)

Why study with us?

We have excellent feedback from past students on our Access to Higher Education courses and many have gone on to become nurses, midwives, psychologists and radiologists, as well as social workers, probation officers and teachers.

Delivery

Location: Wellington Road Campus

Start Date: 01/09/2025

Day:

Time:

Course Fee:

Course Code: CP0218A

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