

## **CERTIFICATE FOR ENTRY INTO THE UNIFORMED SERVICES**

### **What do these courses offer?**

They provide informed and prepared potential recruits for the Armed Forces, Police, Prison Fire and Ambulance services as well as developing life skills and personal qualities suitable for all areas of employment. It is also the basis for further study and motivation towards career development in the uniformed services.

### **What will I study?**

All levels contain compulsory and optional units incorporating the following subjects:

#### **NCFE Level 1**

- Investigate employment opportunities in the Uniformed Services
- Well being and physical fitness
- Develop team working skills
- Self discipline and development
- Map reading
- Health Safety and emergency care
- Adventurous outdoor activities
- Exercise studies

#### **NCFE Level 2**

- Investigate employment in the Uniformed Services
- Explore aspects of physical fitness
- Develop team working and problem solving skills
- Show an understanding of health and safety and hygiene
- Map reading and navigation
- Follow uniformed services routine, including drill
- Adventurous outdoor activities
- Explore aspects of telecommunications
- Personal exercise and nutrition

#### **Functional Skills**

Through your studies you will be given the opportunity to improve and receive certification of your functional skills in Communication. Note that key skills, which are compulsory, are nationally recognised qualifications that will not only improve your employability skills but they may also assist your university application by attracting additional UCAS points.

### **What entry qualifications will I need?**

The course structure allows continuous progression with successful completion of each level and **an interview before acceptance** onto the next level. Previously obtained or additional qualifications and experience will be taken into consideration during applications.

**Level 1:** no qualifications are required, just an interest in the Uniformed Services and a strong desire to succeed.

**Level 2:** 3 GCSE grade D or completion of a level 1 programme

**How long is the programme?**

Level 1 – 1 year

Level 2 – 1 year

**How will I be assessed?**

Level 1 – Successful completion of 6 mandatory units plus 1 optional unit

Level 2 – Successful completion of 6 mandatory units plus 2 optional units

Candidates will have to provide an extensive portfolio of evidence which is both internally and externally moderated.

**What will it cost?**

All costs will be discussed at interview. Students under 19 do not pay tuition or exam fees..

**What should I do now?**

If you wish to be interviewed for a place on these courses please complete an application form and return it to **The Advice Centre**.

If you have any queries please ring The Advice Centre on freephone 0800 854 695

**It is the policy of the College that everyone is entitled to equality of opportunity in education and training.**

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# **OCR NATIONAL DIPLOMA IN PUBLIC SERVICES**

## **What does this course offer?**

The OCR Level 3 National Diploma in Public Services is a 2 year programme which aims to introduce candidates to the range of opportunities available within the uniformed public sector and to the breadth of work that is carried out.

The qualification offers opportunities for candidates to explore issues and concepts that are contextualised and relate to career paths whilst still providing opportunities to develop skills that would be of benefit whichever career path candidates choose. The skills developed through achieving these qualifications will enhance candidate's knowledge and understanding of the sector and provide opportunities to develop appropriate skills.

## **What will I study?**

All levels contain compulsory and optional units incorporating the following subjects:

### **Compulsory units**

- Investigating public services
- Current affairs for public services
- Leadership and teamworking in public services
- Health, safety and fitness awareness for public services

### **Optional Units**

Varieties are available but could typically include:

- Physical fitness for public services
- Role of outdoor activities in the public services
- Dealing with human behaviour for public services
- Working with the community in public services
- How public services contribute to international operations
- Career planning in public services
- Police operations
- Armed Forces operations
- Fire and rescue service operations

### **Functional Skills**

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**What entry qualifications will I need?**

The course structure allows continuous progression with successful completion of each level and **an interview before acceptance** onto the next level. Previously obtained or additional qualifications and experience will be taken into consideration during applications.

**Level 3:** 3 GCSE grade C or completion of a level 2 programme

**How long is the programme?**

2 years

**How will I be assessed?**

Level 3 (Diploma) – Successful completion of 4 mandatory units plus 8 optional units

Candidates will have to provide an extensive portfolio of evidence which is both internally and externally moderated.

**What will it cost?**

All costs will be discussed at interview. Students under 19 do not pay tuition or exam fees.

**What should I do now?**

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