

BTEC First Extended Certificate in Public Services

This course is based on an integration of theoretical and practical lectures. At extended certificate level it is equivalent to two GCSEs at C and above. To successfully complete this qualification, the learner is required to complete both the single core unit, one of the mandatory specialist units and up to three optional specialist units.

Core Unit:

- Public Service Skills

The aim of this unit is to enable students to develop an understanding of public service skills and a variety of methods of instruction. Students will also explore teamwork and communication skills via hands-on activities enabling them to meet the needs of public expectations.

This unit allows students to develop a range of teamwork, communication, professional and personal skills and methods of instruction that form the basis of the essential transferable skills required across a wide range of careers in the public domain.

Specialist Units:

- Adventurous Activities and Teamworking for the Public Services
- Land Navigation by Map & Compass
- Expedition Skills in Public Services
- Improving Health & Fitness for Entry to the Uniformed Public Services
- Career Planning in the Public Services

Students will be required to complete two of the above specialist units

Additional Qualifications

It must be emphasised that although we endeavour to provide opportunities for students to complete additional industry recognised qualifications within the course, we cannot guarantee all students will meet the prerequisites nor can we guarantee they will achieve the assessment criteria as a high level of skills and knowledge are required to achieve the qualifications successfully.

- British canoe union star tests
- ASDAN Leadership Award
- Duke of Edinburgh's Award
- ASDAN Adventure and Residential Award
- First Aid

Assessment

Assessment is continuous through assignments. A range of assessment methods are used including written tasks, group and individual presentations, reports, video analysis and practical skill observations. All units are assessed, graded and internally verified. A sample of units may then be externally verified. An overall grade for the qualification is then awarded according to the accumulative score of all units achieved.

Where Next?

Public and private Outdoor Education / Activity Centres, Adventure parks, Armed forces, Emergency services, HND & BTEC National Level Study.

