

HNC/D in Public Services

Ofsted Outstanding Provider

Course Level: Level 4 | **Campus: Stafford** | **Subject Type: Sport & Public Services**

Course Overview:

Prepare for a rewarding career in protective services and criminal management. With a focus on practical application and real-world scenarios, students explore key topics such as risk assessment, intelligence analysis, and legal frameworks in criminal justice. From crime prevention strategies to crisis response planning, students gain practical insights and hands-on experience to succeed in roles within law enforcement, security, and criminal justice management.

What's Covered:

The HNC/D Protective Services and Criminal Management course is taught by experienced industry professionals and the aim of the course is to develop your theoretical and practical knowledge of the Public Services. This can lead to subsequent studies in higher education institutions or employment in the Public Services' sector.

Discipline, motivation, determination, and the ability to work under pressure are all essential attributes for anyone looking for a successful career in the uniformed public services. During your studies, the content of this course will help you to focus on your future career goals. If you would like a career in the police, prison and probation services, fire service, armed forces to name but a few, this course will offer you knowledge and understanding of what these careers will entail.

You will also develop a firm understanding about major incidents, human psychology and sociology, diversity, crime, counter terrorism and the opportunity to develop a research project. This enables you to showcase your own personal efficiency and knowledge in all situations where public services are utilised.

As you progress through your HNC/D, the experienced teaching team will offer enrichment activities that supplement the work you do in the classroom. Examples of this include considering how to plan for and respond to major incidents at some of the UK's biggest public spaces such as Christmas markets, sports stadiums, concert arenas and hospitals, as well as visits to the Crown Court to observe trials from the public gallery.

There will also be an opportunity to participate in an overseas trip. Previous destinations have included a tour of the Western Front in France and Belgium and visiting Auschwitz memorial site to pay respects as part of a trip to Krakow.

The course is made up of a variety of units including:

- Exploring Public Services
- Organisational Structures and Culture
- Mental Health and Wellbeing
- Equality, Diversity, Inclusion and Ethics
- Responding to Emergencies
- Crime Reduction and Community Safety
- Planning a Public Services Project
- Criminal Law and Justice Systems
- Theories of Crime
- Psychology of Behaviour
- On Scene Emergency Response
- Outdoor Skills Development

- Terrorism and Counter Terrorism

In addition to the course it is recommended that you seek out other relevant work experience and qualifications that will help you gain employment.

Entry Requirements:

Typically, you'll need a relevant Level 3 qualification and at least 4 GCSEs at grade 4 (C) or above (including English and mathematics). You must have 64 UCAS points. All students will be interviewed and assessed individually.

Assessment Information:

The course is accredited by BTEC. There is no final written examination as you achieve your qualification through continuous assessment. This involves carrying out assignments, project work, case studies and practical based assessments in which you collect evidence of your competence until you have gained a Pass grade in all units and skills. If your work is outstanding you may be awarded an overall Merit or Distinction grade. It is imperative that all units are achieved on the programme in order to be awarded the qualification.

Fees and Financial Support:

There are two types of loans to help students cover the costs of their higher education course in college - tuition fee loans and living cost loans (also called maintenance loans). You pay these loans back when you finish your course and earn over £25,000. If you earn less than that, you won't have to repay anything. If you're earning more than that, we'll work out your repayments at 9% of your income over that amount.

Maintenance loans are only available to students studying on a full-time basis. They are not available for students studying on a part-time basis. For more details visit nscg.ac.uk/finance

Progression:

The HNC is equivalent to the first year at university and is a recognised Level 4 qualification. On completion of the HNC, students may choose to progress onto a HND (Level 5) which is is equivalent to the second year of a Bachelors degree. The HND course is offered subject to numbers and could be offered at either Newcastle or Stafford campuses.

Following completion of the HND you can progress onto a 'top-up' degree at Wolverhampton University in Policing and Intelligence. Alternatively you can progress directly into employment in a variety of careers in the uniformed and non-uniformed public services.

What else do I need to know?

The HNC course lasts for one year and is studied over two full days each week.

To help you, there is a course team of friendly and approachable tutors committed to your success.

How do I find out more?

Attend one of our virtual or on campus open evenings. You can make an application and be invited into a welcome evening for an interview or alternatively feel free to email Marie Marsden at marie.marsden@nscg.ac.uk