

HNC/D in Public Services

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

Course Overview:

Our HNC/D Public Services course offers a pathway for individuals aspiring to make a difference in their community through a career in the public services sector. With a focus on both theoretical learning and practical application, students explore topics such as crime reduction, emergency response, and mental health support, gaining invaluable insights into the complexities of contemporary society.

Guided by experienced instructors, students engage with enrichment activities and opportunities for real-world experiences - emerging from the course prepared to make meaningful contributions to their communities.

What's Covered:

The HNC/D Public Services 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, criminology, health and safety, your own personal efficiency and development in all situations where public services are utilised.

The course is made up of units at Level 4 (Year 1) and at Level 5 (Year 2), with credits awarded for each unit. In Year 1 these units are:

- Exploring Public Services
- Equality, Diversity, Inclusion and Ethics
- Mental Health & Wellbeing
- Planning a Public Services Project
- On-Scene Emergency Response
- Crime Reduction
- Theories of Crime
- Criminal Law & Justice Systems

As you progress through your HNC/D in Public Services, 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 embark on international trips/excursions. Recent learners have had the opportunity to visit the Western Front in France and Belgium, Auschwitz Concentration Camp in Poland, New York & Berlin to study the history of Germany's capital city.

Entry Requirements:

Typically, you'll need a relevant Level 3 qualification and at least 4 GCSEs at grade 4 (C) or above (including English Language and Mathematics). 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 grade in all units. It is imperative that all units are achieved on the programme in order to be awarded the qualification. This will be assessed twice per year at the NSCG HE Award Boards.

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 6% 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 which is is equivalent to the second year of a Bachelor's degree. The HND offered at NSCG is subject to numbers and may be offered at any of our campuses. We also have strong links with local universities who offer a Level 6 'top-up'year to achieved a full Bachelors degree. Alternatively you can progress directly into employment in a variety of careers.

How do I find out more?

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