

## **Protective Services (MAFA Pathway) Edexcel Level 3 National Foundation Diploma**

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

### **Is this course right for me?**

If you want to work in the ambulance, fire & rescue, or prison service, get a job with the UK Border Agency, or join the British Army, RAF, Royal Navy or Royal Marines, the MAFA (military, ambulance, fire and other services) pathway is your first steps to a successful career in the uniformed protective services.

The protective services sector is becoming increasingly technical in terms of operation and, as such requires its staff to have a wide range of skills and abilities to support the provision of an efficient and effective service, whichever service you work in.

By studying the Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Protective Services (MAFA pathway), you will gain the necessary educational qualification, service awareness and key transferable skills to meet the operational requirements of a range of uniformed protective services in the UK.

The course combines scenario-based learning and simulated service situations, together with lectures and seminars taught by experienced academic staff and retired experienced police officers, and will equip you with learning, confidence and experience that will be valuable in your future career.

Successful completion of the foundation diploma will enable you to progress to the second year of the qualification - the Level 3 extended diploma.

What's more, if you are committed to learning, driven to succeed, work hard and achieve excellent results on the foundation diploma course, you could achieve the required UCAS points to enable you to apply for a Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship a year early - meaning you can join the police service as an apprentice police constable and start earning sooner!

You will be required to attend lessons to improve your English and Maths (or use the time for directed study if you already have Grade 4 or above) and have the opportunity to complete 30 hours of a work experience placement.

You will also be required to purchase a college-branded uniform costing approximately £70 - order forms will be provided before the start of the course and financial support may be available to help with these costs.

### **Entry Requirements**

To access this course you are required to have:

- Five or more GCSEs at Grade 4 or above including English and maths OR

- Successful completion of the Level 2 Diploma in Public Services
- If you are interested in a career as an ambulance paramedic /technician you would also benefit from having a Level 2 qualification in science/biology

You will also be required to purchase a college-branded uniform - details will be provided before the start of the course.

## **What will I learn?**

During this course, you will study the following modules:

- Citizenship
- Behaviour and discipline in the uniformed protective services
- Physical preparation and fitness
- Teamwork, leadership and communication in the uniformed protective services
- Adventurous activities
- Technology

## **What skills will I gain?**

By studying this course, you will:

- Gain an understanding of the public service sector
- Learn advanced skills in dealing effectively and sensitively with members of the public
- Develop knowledge, and awareness of skills required by the sector, including employability skills
- Discover the levels of fitness required for entry into your chosen service and how to improve your health and fitness to support your progression within the service.
- Gain valuable leadership, team working and communication skills by taking part in team-building activities and educational visits
- Develop skills in navigation and map reading.
- Develop common core knowledge of government policies, and their effect on society and citizenship and diversity

## **How will I be assessed?**

Throughout the course you will be assessed in the following ways:

- Individual and group presentations
- Case studies
- Assignments
- Reports
- Practical fitness testing
- Practical application of map and compass work

## **What can I do next?**

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

- Progress to the Protective Services Level 3 Extended Diploma (MAFA Pathway)
- Apply to join your chosen public/protective service, subject to entry requirements
- Apply for the Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship (if required level of UCAS points achieved)

## Why study with us?

- Develop leadership, team working and communication skills
- Take part in a range of outdoor activities
- Visit public service organisations as part of your course
- Improve your own health and fitness
- Learn from tutors with many years' experience of working in uniformed public services

We have a high success rate on this course and students completing this course have progressed to careers in:

- Royal Marines
- Royal Air Force (Aircraft Technician)
- British Army (Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers)
- West Midlands Fire & Rescue Service
- West Midlands Ambulance

As part of the course you will get to visit a range of destinations and organisations which, in the past, have included the National Justice Museum, Houses of Parliament, Bilston Fire Station and Cannock Chase; participate in riot training, driver safety and emergency response scenarios, and hear from guest speakers from a range of public services who will talk about career opportunities and their first-hand experiences to inspire and motivate you to get the most out of your learning and progress to a successful future in your chosen service.

## Delivery

**Location:** Wellington Road Campus

**Start Date:** 01/09/2025

**Day:**

**Time:**

**Course Fee:**

**Course Code:** CP0017

**Study Mode:** Full Time Programme Component

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