

# Protective Services

## Access to HE Diploma in Criminology

**Campus:** Dearne Valley College

**Code:** D14HE04

**Level:** 3

### About This Course

Unlock Your Future with the Access to HE Diploma (Criminology)

Are you passionate about understanding crime, justice, and the forces that shape our society? The Access to HE Diploma (Criminology) is your gateway to an exciting career in criminology, policing, law, psychology, and beyond.

This qualification provides a comprehensive foundation in criminology-related fields, covering essential topics such as policing, sociology, social policy, psychology, law and health studies, gaining a well-rounded perspective on crime and justice.

With a strong emphasis on practical learning and real-world application, you'll develop critical thinking, research and analytical skills, as well as the ability to work collaboratively and evaluate evidence, essential for careers in law, social work, or policy-making.

### What Will I Study?

During the programme, you will cover a wide range of units:

- Psychology: studying the Brain and Nervous System
- Criminology: Aspects of Situational Crime
- Criminology: The Prison System
- Law: Criminal Court Procedures, Personnel and Sentencing

- Sociology: Exploring Family Structure and Changes

## Why Study Here?

A flexible hybrid delivery model which provides opportunities for learners to develop theoretical underpinning and application of knowledge and skills needed to progress in higher/further education.

## Entry Requirements

- GCSE Grade C/4 in Maths and English equivalent qualification

## How To Apply

You can apply using our online application form and clicking the **Apply Now** button at the top of this page.

For more information support with your enquiry or application please contact Student Services by emailing [learn@dearne-coll.ac.uk](mailto:learn@dearne-coll.ac.uk) [mailto:[learn@dearne-coll.ac.uk](mailto:learn@dearne-coll.ac.uk)] or by calling **01709 513355**.

## Career Opportunities

- Solicitor, Barrister or Paralegal
- Community worker
- Correctional officer
- Crime analyst or Crime scene technician
- Criminologist
- Forensic Policing or Forensic scientist
- Government officer or Immigration officer
- A police officer or Private investigator
- Prison officer or Probation officer
- Social researcher
- Charity worker
- Counsellor
- Social worker or Youth worker

## Tuition Fees

Those aged 19 or over may not need to pay fees depending on their circumstances. Find out if you qualify for help with fees.

If you need further advice or

guidance please contact the Enquiries Team on **01709 513355**.

#### **PLEASE NOTE**

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