

# Protective Services

## Access to HE Diploma in Criminology

**Campus:** Dearne Valley College

**Code:** D14HE04

**Level:** 3

### About This Course

The qualification is designed to:

This qualification is designed to unlock your future and act as a gateway to an exciting career in criminology, policing, law, and psychology. It provides a comprehensive foundation in criminology-related fields, covering essential topics such as sociology, social policy, and the criminal justice system.

### What Will I Study?

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**Psychology:** Studying the Brain and Nervous System

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**Criminology:** Aspects of Situational Crime and The Prison System

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**Law:** Criminal Court Procedures, Personnel and Sentencing

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**Sociology:** Exploring Family Structure and Changes

## Why Study Here?

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Valley College offers a “total personal evolution”. We provide a “launchpad” for adult learners where life experience is valued and support is built on a foundation of excellence, integrity, and inclusivity. We operate as “one team,” providing a high-energy environment where industry-expert tutors and peers help you exceed your expectations.

## Entry Requirements

- GCSE Grade C/4 in Maths and English or equivalent qualification. Applicants must be aged 19 or over by the course start date.

## 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] or by calling **01709 513355**.

## Career Opportunities

This qualification can lead to progression towards careers such as:

Solicitor, Barrister, or Paralegal; Crime Scene Technician; Criminologist; Forensic Scientist; Police Officer or Private Investigator; Prison or Probation Officer; Social Worker or Youth Worker.

## Tuition Fees

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apply; however, those aged 19 or over may qualify for help with fees or an Advanced Learner Loan (which may be written off upon completion of a Higher Education course). Contact 01709 513355 for specific financial details.

**PLEASE NOTE**

We make every effort to ensure information within our online course directory is accurate and a true representation of the courses we are offering in 2026-27. However, we do reserve the right to make changes if necessary.

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