

Why study BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Outdoor Education?

This course is a Specialist Qualification in Outdoor Education. It is a two year course that will lead to a Btec National Diploma which is equivalent to 1 A level. In this qualification you can either pass or fail as a final outcome. A pass is the equivalent of a C grade at A level.

What will this involve?

In Year 12 you will study:

Outdoor and Adventurous Activities
Skills for Land-based Outdoor and Adventurous
Activities Outdoor Adventurous Expeditions

These units will enable you to participate in activities in the outdoors, learning and applying practical skills and techniques and further developing your leadership skills and qualities. You will be able to put your skills to the test during the expedition.

In Year 13 you will study:

Principles and Practices in Outdoor Adventure, Skills for Water-based Outdoor and Adventurous
Activities and Alternative Pursuits for Outdoor Adventure

These units will develop your knowledge of the underpinning principles and practices of the outdoor industry. There will be water based activities and an expedition to enable you to demonstrate advanced skills. Finally you will prepare and participate in alternative pursuits for outdoor adventure.

This course is suitable for anyone who wants to develop their knowledge and skills in Outdoor Education. Students who have gained previous experience of outdoor and adventurous activities or who demonstrate a keen interest in outdoor and adventurous activities will be best suited to this course.

Some of the units are classroom based but the majority are practical and will involve off-site activities. You will learn these activities in the outdoors including practical and leadership skills in at least two land based (Orienteering, Mountain Walking and indoor Climbing) and two water based (Canoeing, Kayaking and Sailing) Outdoor and Adventurous Activities.

There will be an expedition each year.

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Where do I go from here?

After the course you can choose to apply for a job straight away with one of the large number of outdoor activity providers in North Wales, where you would need further training.

Alternatively you could go into higher education and use the UCAS points to apply to do other courses, unrelated to outdoor education.

Potential Career Paths

- Teaching
- Sports Science
- Free-lance Instructor
- Physiotherapy
- Outdoor Centre Manager
- Mountain Rescue
- Dietician
- Public Services