

Community Justice Learning

Community Justice Learning (CJL) offers flexible and inclusive opportunities to join the probation qualification programme.

De Montfort University, University of Portsmouth and Sheffield Hallam University have been awarded the contracts for the provision of the academic element of CJL. Ofqual has approved the updated vocational qualification (VQ5), following wide consultation and piloting.

To qualify as a Probation Officer in the National Probation Service (NPS) you will undertake a Professional Qualification in Probation (PQiP), which comprises of a Higher Education level 6 award and a level 5 vocational qualification in Probation Practice. It will be undertaken over 15 months, during which time you will be employed as a Probation Services Officer.

To access the PQiP you will need:

- Experience of working with people exhibiting challenging behaviour
- A degree or other qualification at level 5 or above
- To have completed the required knowledge modules in at least 3 of the areas:
 - The Criminal Justice System
 - Crime and Criminal Behaviour
 - Policy and Punishment of Offenders
 - Rehabilitation of Offenders.

Before you can apply for a place on the PQiP programme, you will need to obtain a Gateway Assessment Service confirmation that you meet these criteria. Please contact any one of the universities to begin the process of getting your unique GAS ID Number or to find out more about the services and learning they can offer you and their fees.

If you do not yet meet the criteria to apply for the PQiP, there are a number of access route qualifications which you can undertake by distance learning whilst in employment. Details are available from the above NOMS' contracted universities whose contact details are on the following page and on the recruitment website www.traintobeprobationofficer.com.

CJL also offers the opportunity to anyone interested in probation qualifications to fund their own development via distance learning study. Full information about CJL, including a Frequently Asked Questions section www.traintobeprobationofficer.com/faqs, is available on the recruitment website www.traintobeprobationofficer.com.

University Providers of Community Justice Learning

These are the only universities approved and contracted by National Offender Management Service (NOMS) to deliver Community Justice Learning (CJL) and the Professional Qualification in Probation (PQiP).

De Montfort University

Email: probation@dmu.ac.uk

Telephone: 0116 257 7700

Website: www.dmu.ac.uk

Sheffield Hallam University

Email: gas@shu.ac.uk

Telephone: 0114 225 2313

Website: www.shu.ac.uk

University of Portsmouth

Email: CJL@port.ac.uk

Telephone: 02392 843 984

Website: www.port.ac.uk

Services and learning available to individuals:

- Gateway Assessment Service
- Level 4 assignment / module
- Level 5 required knowledge modules (4 stand-alone modules)
- Level 5 full award (120 credits)

Please contact the universities to find out more about the services and learning they can offer you and to find out more about their fees.