

Peace Officer Skills
Certificate | 12 credits

Campus: Hibbing

To be eligible to enroll in this certificate, a student must be completing a degree from a Minnesota POST accredited institution, the student must have confirmed with their POST coordinator that they are eligible to take PPOE skills, and the PPOE skills provider at the Hibbing campus of Minnesota North College has confirmed this with the MN POST coordinator at the institution where the student will be completing their degree.

Students must pass the Physical Fitness Assessment Test (PFAT) prior to the start of this summer session.

SUMMER TERM 2026 – 12 credits	Prerequisites	Credits	Hr Lc/Lb
SKL 2661 – Patrol Practicals (POE 1520/1544/1595 or skills director approval, concurrent enrollment in SKL 2666/2667)		3	(1/4)
SKL 2664 – Firearms (POE 1520, POE 1544, concurrent enrollment in SKL 2667)		3	(1/4)
SKL 2666 – Traffic Enforcement (POE 1520)		2	(1/2)
SKL 2667 – Defensive Tactics (POE 1520; PFAT 60% or above)		2	(1/2)
SKL 2668 – Crime Scene Processing and Investigation (POE 1544, POE 1595)		2	(1/2)

Note: A grade of C (74%) or better is required to successfully complete each LAW prefixed course.

Additionally Recommended Courses

EMT or Emergency Medical Responder certification is required by Minnesota POST, and neither is a requirement of this certificate. For this reason, it is strongly encouraged that a certificate student also take one of the following two courses:

- EMSV 1400 – Emergency Medical Responder (EMR), 3 credits, **OR**
- EMSV 1500 – Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), 8 credits

The following courses are recommended for students desiring more training in a specific area:

- POE 1512 – Minnesota Traffic Code, 2 credits
- POE 1520 – Minnesota Criminal and Traffic Statutes, 4 credits
- POE 2540 – POST Preparation (completion of/enrollment in final semester of accredited PPOE program with skills), 1 credit
- POE 2595 – Criminal Investigation (POE 1544 or ENGL 1231), 3 credits

Students need to meet prerequisite of course (listed in parentheses) prior to enrolling, and course sections will only be held if minimum enrollment in a particular course is reached.

Program Description

This program prepares individuals to perform the duties of police and public security officers, including patrol and investigative activities, traffic control, crowd control and public relations, witness interviewing, evidence collection and management, basic crime prevention methods, weapon and equipment operation and maintenance, report preparation and other routine law enforcement responsibilities.

Occupational Titles

Peace Officer, Public Safety Officer, Law Enforcement Officer

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will:

1. Evaluate and demonstrate the proper use of force in reality-based scenarios and effectively apply in all aspects of firearm usage.
2. Employ Defensive Tactics adeptly, assessing and applying the necessary force across varied situations, emphasizing ethical decision-making and cultural awareness, integrating legal standards with community safety and respect.
3. Analyze, evaluate and determine the proper response to Traffic Statute Enforcement utilizing MN Statute 626.8471, including Emergency Vehicle Operation and Accident Investigation.
4. Conduct all operational aspects of Crime Scene Processing including supportive response to the victim and community.

5. Demonstrate an understanding of behaviors and interactions among individuals, societal groups, and institutions using a cultural lens and anti-racist principles, and the ability to apply these concepts in reality-based scenarios.
6. Determine and apply Culturally Responsive Approaches in reality-based scenarios when responding to people in crisis. This includes mental illness, health, trauma, and victims.
7. Develop a personal assessment and critical reflection in cultural competency and policing practices framework, emphasizing lifelong learning as essential to effective law enforcement.
8. Have met all Minnesota Peace Officer Standards and Training Board skills program criteria for Peace Officer education.

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