

Peace Officer Training

Campus: Hibbing

Diploma | 42 credits

To be eligible to enroll in this diploma, a student must have previously earned an Associate Degree (or higher) from a regionally accredited post-secondary institution. Additionally, it must be that that institution is NOT POST accredited or that the POST coordinator at that institution will NOT be signing off for the student to take the POST exam. Enrollment into this program must also be approved by the Hibbing campus POST coordinator.

FALL SEMESTER 2025 – 12 credits	Prerequisites	Credits	Hr Lc/Lb
POE 1528 (CRJS 2214) – Community Policing		3	
POE 1538 – Juvenile Justice and Delinquency		3	
POE 2595 – Criminal Investigation	(ENGL 1231)	3	(2/2)
SOC 1310 – Intro to Criminal Justice (MnTC Goals 5 & 9)		3	

SPRING SEMESTER 2026 – 18 credits	Prerequisites	Credits	Hr Lc/Lb
EMSV 1400 – Emergency Medical Responder (EMR)		3	(2/2)
POE 1520 (CRJS 2213) – Criminal Law / Minnesota Statutes / Traffic Law		4	
POE 1544 – Police Report Writing	(ENGL 1231)	3	(1/4)
POE 1549 – Police and Human Behavior	(SOC 1310)	4	
POE 1595 – Criminal and Civil Procedures (POE 1510 or SOC 1310, concurrent enrollment in POE 1520)		4	

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 SKL2666/2667)		3	(1/4)
SKL 2664 – Firearms (POE 1520/1544, concurrent enrollment in SKL 2667)		3	(1/4)
SKL 2666 – Traffic Enforcement (POE 1520)		2	(1/2)
SKL 2667 – Defensive Tactics (POE 1520 and PFAT 60% or above)		2	(1/2)
SKL 2668 – Crime Scene Processing and Investigation (POE 1544/1595)		2	(1/2)

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

Additionally Recommended Courses

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

- POE 1550 – Street Survival (enrollment in POE program), 2 credits
- POE 2531 – Basic Firearms (enrollment in POE program AND instructor approval), 1 credit
- POE 2540 – POST Preparation (completion of/enrollment in final semester of accredited PPOE program with skills), 1 credit
- POE 2550 – Field Training Experience (completion of 32 first-year credits or equivalent), 2 credits
- POE 2597 – Spontaneous Knife Defense (enrollment in POE program), 1 credit

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. Demonstrate effective writing, speaking, and listening skills.
9. Have completed certification as an Emergency Medical Responder.
10. Have met all Minnesota Peace Officer Standards and Training Board criteria to obtain a degree in Peace Officer Education.

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