

Peace Officer Education Programs for People with a Degree*

* *The degree can be in any field of study but must have been earned at a college or university that is regionally (not nationally) accredited by one of the U.S. regional accrediting organizations. To find out if your school is regionally accredited see the regional accreditation organization directory available on this website.*

People who possess a degree from a regionally accredited school do not need to complete an additional degree to become eligible to take the Minnesota peace officer licensing examination. However, they do need to successfully complete the specialized education and training required by the POST Board's *Learning Objectives for Professional Peace Officer Education (PPOE)*.

The PPOE is provided at thirty board-approved schools located throughout Minnesota. A full list of these schools is available on the POST Board's website and while all are capable of serving the educational needs of degreed individuals, several schools have developed special programs to meet the unique needs of this population. For example, the program might offer the PPOE courses evenings and weekends for working adults, offer courses on-line or in a shorter, more condensed period of time. Whatever the strategy the aim of these programs is to help people with a degree successfully make the transition into a career in law enforcement.

The following schools have a program designed to meet the peace officer education and training requirements for people who hold a degree from a regionally accredited school.* Go to the link provided for more information about the school's program.

* Note: These programs are subject to change at any time at the discretion of the school and applicants must meet program admission standards set by the POST Board and the school. Admission is not guaranteed.

Alexandria Technical and Community College (ATCC) – The Law Enforcement Career Transition program is designed for students who have a degree or meet Minnesota Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) military reciprocity requirements. It includes the academics and hands-on skills training required to meet the Minnesota's peace officer licensing requirements and offers onsite, online and blended delivery methods.

<http://www.alextech.edu/programs/law-enforcement-career-transition>

Central Lakes College – Degree holders may complete an accelerated criminal justice certificate program. This law enforcement-track program takes one year to complete.

<http://www.clcmn.edu/criminal-justice-certificate-advanced-2/>

Century College – This college offers individuals with a degree flexible opportunities to pursue the PPOE online and/or in classroom before taking the skills component and is working with a number of law enforcement agencies to offer an expedited track for students with degrees – email LawEnforcement@Century.edu for current information.

Fond Du Lac Tribal and Community College – Degree holders may be eligible for a law enforcement diploma program that can be completed in under a year including both the academic and practical skills components. <http://fdltcc.edu/academics/degree-and-certificate-programs/certificate-programs/law-enforcement-skills/>

Hennepin Technical College (HTC) – Degree holders may complete a law enforcement certificate program that includes both the academic and skills components of peace officer education in less than a year. HTC also provides the law enforcement certificate program to degreed individuals prescreened and selected by the Minneapolis police department in an academy-style setting.

<https://hennepintech.edu/program/awards/386>

Hibbing Community College (HCC) – A Law Enforcement diploma program is available for degree holders. This three semester program includes the academic education and practical skills required for eligibility to take the peace officer licensing examination.

<http://hibbing.edu/academics/areas-of-study/law-enforcement/law-enforcement-diploma>

Metropolitan State University – Individuals who hold a baccalaureate degree in any discipline may complete a law enforcement licensing certificate program. Students start as a group in the fall and finish together to following summer semester.

<http://www.metrostate.edu/student/university-info/university-info/college-of-community-studies-and-public-affairs/school-of-law-enforcement-and-criminal-justice/law-enforcement-licensing-certificate/application-procedures-le-licensing-cert>

Rasmussen College - Degree holders may become eligible to take the Minnesota peace officer licensing examination by completing a law enforcement certificate program. The academic component may be completed online or onsite at one of several locations.

<http://www.rasmussen.edu/degrees/justice-studies/academic-skills-certification/>

Ridgewater College – The academic component of the PPOE is available through a convenient and flexible program with choices for online, onsite or a blended method before completing the practical skills component. <https://ridgewater.edu/academics/areas-of-study/law-enforcement-public-safety/law-enforcement-program/>

Rochester Community and Technical College - Degree holders may be eligible to complete a certificate program in as little as two semesters (depending on the degree field).

http://www.rctc.edu/catalog/programs/LAWE_CERT_PROG_PLAN.pdf

St. Cloud State University – Qualified bachelor's degree holders may be eligible to take courses online at either the undergraduate or graduate level, followed by the practical skills component of the professional peace officer education. For information go to:

<http://www.stcloudstate.edu/criminaljustice/programs/post-skills.aspx>