

Peace Officer / Public Safety Transfer Pathway (AS)

68 Credits

The Peace Officer / Public Safety Transfer Pathway (AS) offers students a powerful option: the opportunity to complete an Associate of Science degree with course credits that directly transfer to designated Peace Officer / Public Safety bachelor's degree programs at Minnesota State universities. The curriculum has been specifically designed so that students completing this pathway degree and transferring to one of the seven Minnesota State universities enter the university with junior-year status. All courses in the Transfer Pathway associate degree will directly transfer and apply to the designated bachelor's degree programs in a related field

This program is designed to prepare students to be eligible to take the Minnesota Peace officer Licensing Exam and eventually enter police work.

Universities within the Minnesota State system include Bemidji State University; Metropolitan State University; Minnesota State University, Mankato; Minnesota State University Moorhead; Southwest Minnesota State University; St. Cloud State University; and Winona State University.

Note: If you have been arrested, charged, or convicted of any criminal offense, you should investigate the impact that the arrest, charge, or conviction may have on your future chances of employment in your intended field or on your ability to obtain federal, state, and higher education funding.

Core Courses – 42 credits

COMM 1111	Interpersonal Communication	3 cr
ENG 1101	College Writing	4 cr
HLTH 2209	Emergency Medical Responder	3 cr
PHIL 1103	Ethics	3 cr
SOC 1104	Introduction to Sociology	3 cr
SOC 2110	American Minority Relations	3 cr
SOC 2114	Families in Crisis	3 cr
SOC 2130	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3 cr
SOC 2131	Juvenile Justice	3 cr
SOC 2132	Police and Community	3 cr

Complete one of the following two courses:

PSYC 1100	Psychology in Modern Life	3 cr
PSYC 1110	Introduction to Psychology	4 cr

ENG 1101, PSYC 1100 or PSYC 1110, SOC 1104, SOC 2110, SOC 2114, SOC 2130, SOC 2131, and SOC 2132 are prerequisites for admission to the Peace Officer & Police Science Center, must be completed with a minimum grade of C in each course, and require a minimum combined GPA of 2.5.

Complete one of the following three courses:

ENG 2102	Business and Technical Writing	3 cr
POLS 2250	Constitutional Law	3 cr
PSYC 2200	Psychological Disorders	3 cr

Additional Core Courses

- Complete one course in EXSC
- Complete one course from MnTC Goal 4

Professional Licensing Required Courses – 26 Credits

Professional licensing courses are offered through the Peace Officer & Police Science Center at Hennepin Technical College. Additional information, including admission requirements for the program, can be found at Hennepin Technical College Peace Officer Advanced Technical Certificate

Semester 1

POLC 2225	Criminal Investigation	3 cr
POLC 2230	Legal Issues	3 cr
POLC 2231	Minnesota Criminal and Traffic Codes	3 cr
POLC 2235	Police Report Writing / Interview	2 cr
POLC 2241	Crisis Intervention and Human Behavior	3 cr

Semester 2

POLC 2262	In Progress Response	3 cr
POLC 2276	Traffic	2 cr
POLC 2281	Defensive Tactics	3 cr
POLC 2285	Crime Scene and Evidence	1 cr
POLC 2291	Firearms	3 cr
POLC 2300	Tactical Driving	0 cr

Additional Requirements to Take the POST Examination

- Completion of an Emergency Medical Response or

EMT course is required prior to taking the licensing exam. HLTH 2209 fulfills this requirement. *Students with current certification may petition completion of the requirement and substitute another 3 credit course for HLTH 2209.* NOTE: *A successful petition will not affect the 68 credit requirement for the Associate of Science degree.*

Other Degree Requirements

- Earn a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 for college-level coursework (courses numbered 1000 and above) completed at Normandale.
- Earn a minimum of 15 college-level credits at Normandale.

Coursework in this degree program satisfies a portion of the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC). Please see MnTC Degree Audit Report.