

Peace Officer Certificate

26 Credits

The Peace Officer Certificate is designed for students who already have completed either an associate or bachelor's degree at an accredited college or university. Completion of this certificate prepares students to take the 26-credit Peace Officer Advanced Technical Certificate offered at the Peace Officer & Police Science Center at Hennepin Technical College.

After earning this certificate, completing the Peace Officer Advanced Technical Core, and completing a First Responder, Emergency Medical Response or EMT course, students are qualified to take the Minnesota Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Board licensing examination.

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.

Other certificate requirements:

Complete one course in EXSC

Complete one of the following two courses

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

Students who desire to take PSYC 1110 may submit an academic petition to waive the one-credit EXSC course.

Required Courses – 26 Credits

ENG 1101	College Writing	4 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

ENG 1101, SOC 1104, SOC 2110, SOC 2114, SOC 2130, SOC 2131, SOC 2132, and PSYC 1100 or PSYC 1110 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.

Additional Requirements to Take the POST Examination

- Completion of the Professional Licensing Core which may be taken at the Peace Officer & Police Science at Hennepin Technical College.
- Completion of a First Responder, Emergency Medical Response or EMT course; HLTH 2209 fulfills this requirement.

Other Certificate 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 at least one third of the required certificate credits from Normandale.