

Law Enforcement

Intermediate Technical Certificate

Career and Technical Program

This program is designed to train newly-hired law enforcement agency officers, as well as to prepare students who wish to be employed in law enforcement. Students may elect to complete the Basic Technical Certificate, the Intermediate Technical Certificate, or the Associate of Applied Science Degree requirements. This program includes two weeks of pre-academy coursework in which the 90 hours of online materials must be completed and turned in prior to the start of the academy and the 14-week Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) approved Basic Patrol Academy for a total of 16 weeks. To successfully complete the Basic Patrol Academy, students will be required to pass all P.O.S.T. requirements for physical fitness, marksmanship, and P.O.S.T. written and certification tests.

This is a selective admissions program and applicants will be required to undergo a complete background check, including fingerprinting, a polygraph examination, a psychological evaluation, and an oral interview. Applicants must also pass P.O.S.T. required medical, vision, and hearing exams, and will be required to pass the P.O.S.T. Physical Readiness Test. Fees for these tests will be the student's responsibility. Upon acceptance into the Basic Patrol Academy, students will be required to purchase and wear Academy and P.T. uniforms while in class.

Admission Procedures

1. Applications for the program may be picked up from the Law Enforcement Program Director at the academy in Post Falls. Contact the director for more detailed information and for admission deadlines.
2. Applicants must complete an Idaho P.O.S.T. application packet.

Admission Requirements

1. Must be a citizen of the United States and attained the 20th birthday by the end of the academy.
2. High school diploma, GED, or have completed 15 academic college credits.
3. Two or more years of responsible work experience following high school graduation.
4. Fingerprint clearance by the Idaho State Police and the FBI. A conviction or withheld judgment for any local, state, or federal crime may be grounds for rejection.
5. Valid driver's license from the state of residence with no record of habitual violations (five or more) during the three years immediately preceding application to the Academy. No record of suspension, DUI conviction, or withheld judgment during the two years immediately preceding application to the Academy.
6. Medical examinations completed by a licensed medical physician and the medical forms filled out within the last 12 months.
7. Meet or exceed the P.O.S.T. vision and hearing standards as listed on the medical forms.
8. Pass the P.O.S.T. Physical Fitness Test taken no more than three months prior to the Academy.

9. Successfully complete a psychological evaluation conducted by a licensed psychiatrist or clinical psychologist.
10. Pass a Police Officer Selection written examination.

Certified Law Enforcement Professionals

Students who successfully complete the Basic Patrol Academy will be given credit for LAWE 250-258.

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Program Requirements

Course No.	Title	Credits
First Semester		
ECTE-100	Fundamentals for Writing	3
	or ENGL-101 English Composition	(3)
MCTE-101	Technical Mathematics (or higher)	3-5
PE-288	First Aid	3
PHIL-103	Ethics	3
	or PSYC-101 Introduction to Psychology	(3)
Prerequisite or Corequisite Total 12-14		
Second Semester		
LAWE-151	Pre-Academy U.S. Laws	1
LAWE-152	Pre-Academy Officer Investigation and Procedures	1
LAWE-250	Self Defense	2
LAWE-251	Basic Police Law	3
LAWE-252	Professional Orientation for Peace Officers	2
LAWE-253	Police Procedures	4
LAWE-254	Patrol Procedures	2
LAWE-255	Field Skills for Patrol Officers	1
LAWE-256	Investigation	3
LAWE-257	Enforcement Skills	2
LAWE-258	Police Physical Fitness	1
Semester Total		22
Program Total		34-36