

RCTC PROGRAM PLAN

PEACE OFFICER/PUBLIC SAFETY TRANSFER PATHWAY

Associate of Science

I. MINNESOTA TRANSFER CURRICULUM (MnTC)/

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS.....30 CREDITS

Complete at least 30 credits in courses from the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC), including all courses listed. You must complete at least one course in six of the ten goal areas.

GOAL 1: WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMUNICATION11 CR

ENGL 1117, Reading and Writing Critically I, 4 cr
ENGL 1118, Reading and Writing Critically II, 4 cr
COMM 1114, Fundamentals of Public Speaking, 3 cr **OR**
COMM 1130, Interpersonal Communication, 3 cr **OR**
COMM 2100, Intercultural Communication, 3 cr

GOAL 4: MATHEMATICS/LOGICAL REASONING.....3 CR

Recommended Course:

MATH 1111, Quantitative Reasoning, 3 cr

GOAL 5: HISTORY AND THE SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORIAL SCIENCES6-7 CR

PSYC 1611, Psychology of Adjustment, 3 cr **OR**
PSYC 2618, General Psychology, 4 cr
SOC 1614, Introduction to Sociology, 3 cr

GOAL 6: HUMANITIES - THE ARTS, LITERATURE AND PHILOSOPHY3 CR

PHIL 1125, Ethics, 3 cr

GOAL 7: HUMAN DIVERSITY.....3 CR

SOC 2625, Minority Group Relations, 3 cr

MnTC ELECTIVES.....3-4 CR

May be met by any MnTC Goal 3, 8, or 10 course

CHEM 1031, Introduction to Forensic Chemistry, 3 cr **OR**
HUM/SPAN 1001, Introduction to Hispanic Cultures, 3 cr **OR**
SPAN 1101, Beginning Spanish I, 4 cr

II. PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.....25 CREDITS

CRJU 1305, Introduction to Criminal Justice, 3 cr **OR**
POFC 1105, Introduction to Peace Officers and the Criminal Justice System, 3 cr
POFC 1112, Introduction to Criminal Investigations, 3 cr
POFC 1115, Basic Firearms, 2 cr
POFC 2119, Minnesota Criminal and Traffic Statutes, 3 cr
POFC 2121, Human Behavior and Ethics for Peace Officers, 3 cr
POFC 2125, Community Policing and Service, 3 cr
CRJU 2122, Criminal Procedure, 3 cr
CRJU 2127, Juvenile Law and Procedures, 3 cr
EMC 1121, First Responder, 2 cr

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III. SKILLS courses.....12

CREDITS

- *POFS 2101, Crime Scene Processing, 2 cr
- *POFS 2102, Traffic Enforcement, 3 cr
- *POFS 2103, Defensive Tactics, 2 cr
- *POFS 2104, Firearms for SKILLS, 2 cr
- *POFS 2105, Patrol Practical's, 3 cr
- *Tuition differential associated with these courses

IV. HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS.....1

CREDIT

Required: PHED 1189, Boot Camp, 1 cr

TOTAL 68 CREDITS

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

Grade of "C" or better is required of all general education and peace officer course requirements for graduation.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES:

Upon completion of the Peace Officer program at RCTC, students will achieve the following outcomes:

- Demonstrate an understanding of the Criminal Justice System and criminal procedure.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the current Juvenile Justice System.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the importance of ethics in law enforcement.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the Minnesota Criminal Statutes to satisfy POST Learning Objectives.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

The Peace Officer/Public Safety Transfer Pathway 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.

*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

Notice of Minnesota Background Check Requirement

Minnesota Statute 245C requires that students who have contact with individuals in licensed institutions complete an annual background study with the Minnesota Department of Human Services. Individuals who do not pass the background check will not be allowed to participate in clinical activities. A list of disqualifying offenses is available at <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=245C.15>. Information about completing the background study will be available from program faculty.

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