

PEACE OFFICER CERTIFICATE

Purpose: The Peace Officer program is designed to satisfy all pre-license requirements of the Minnesota Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST). Graduates are prepared for careers as police officers, deputy sheriff's, corrections officers, security and other law enforcement positions. An additional career path includes training toward a conservation officer, which would include a two-year program such as Environmental Science at RCTC.

The Associate in Science Peace Officer Transfer Pathway degree, Associate in Applied Science degree and the Certificate program satisfy requirements to become MN POST Board Exam eligible. Graduates seeking employment as a Police Officer will be required to pass the POST exam.

Award

Peace Officer Certificate28 credits total
Peace Officer curriculum 28 credits

RECOMMENDED FULL-TIME COURSE SEQUENCE

Not all courses are scheduled every semester. See course schedule: <https://eservices.minnstate.edu/registration/search/basic.html?campusid=306>.

Semester 1		Semester 2	
POFC 2119 Minnesota Criminal and Traffic Statutes	3 cr	POFC 2125 Community Policing and Service	3 cr
POFC 2121 Human Behavior and Ethics for Peace Officers	3 cr	CRJU 2127 Juvenile Law and Procedures	3 cr
CRJU 2122 Criminal Procedure	3 cr	POFS 2101 Crime Scene Investigation	2 cr
PHED 1189 Boot Camp	1 cr	POFS 2102 Traffic Enforcement	3 cr
		POFS 2103 Defensive Tactics	2 cr
		POFS 2104 Firearms for SKILLS	2 cr
		POFS 2105 Patrol Practicals	3 cr
Total Credits	10	Total Credits	18

Course descriptions can be found at: <https://www.rctc.edu/academics/courses/course-descriptions>.