

Metropolitan State University
School of Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

2021-2022 Law Enforcement Licensing Certificate Program

Tentative Course Sequence

Prerequisites Courses

- Introduction to Criminal Justice
- Juvenile Justice – Must be from a POST-certified school

Fall Semester

- LAWE 220: Legal Studies in Law Enforcement (4 Credits)
- LAWE 210: Procedural Studies in Law Enforcement (3 Credits) – Lab Component
- CJS 375: Ethics and Professionalism In Criminal Justice (4 Credits)

Spring Semester

- LAWE 301: Policing in the 21st Century (4 Credits) – Lab Component
- LAWE 321: Law and Human Behavior (4 Credits) – Lab Component

Summer Semester

- LAWE 050, 224, 227, 228, 229: Law Enforcement Skills Practicum (Total of 6 Credits – Possible Increase to 7 Credits Summer Semester 2022)

Courses are normally offered sequentially on Saturdays during fall and spring semesters. If a Saturday course does not meet minimum enrollment, it will likely still be offered as part of the traditional academic schedule in which each of the required courses are generally held once a week during the day or evening (Monday–Friday). The skills practicums are normally offered summer semester. Students in the certificate program have traditionally defaulted to the skills practicum held evenings during the week and all-day Saturday, but can petition to be in the skills practicum held on weekdays. This practice will likely be continued for this cohort group, but is subject to change.

Other Considerations

Emergency Medical Responder Training/Certification

Emergency Medical Responder (First Responder) certification or higher is not required to graduate from this program. However, it is needed prior to receiving sign-off to take the Minnesota peace officer licensing exam. This certification must be through the Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board (EMSRB). Students need to submit a copy of their EMSRB card (does not have to be current) to the PPOE Director at Metropolitan State University before requesting sign-off to take the Minnesota peace officer licensing exam.