

POLICE OPERATIONS

Advanced Certificate



The Advanced Certificate in Police Operations is intended to provide upper-level law enforcement skills and preparatory training for students entering the field of law enforcement.

Special Admissions Criteria:

- Associate degree with cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale in a criminal justice or related program
- Criminal background check
- Physical screening
- Oral board interview

Screenings and interviews are based on minimum standards of entrance into the Maine Criminal Justice Academy.

Students gain knowledge and experience by:

- Enhancing skills and understanding of police practice
- Building upon the foundation of a completed Criminal Justice program or related field experience
- Demonstrating acceptable tolerance of stressful situations and apply stress reduction techniques
- Demonstrating working knowledge of Maine law enforcement agencies and related organizations
- Exhibiting knowledge of police operations and procedures
- Demonstrating effective defense tactics
- Demonstrating knowledge of criminal court proceedings and relevant case law

Advanced Certificate Requirements

Semester I		Credit Hours
CRJ 290	Defensive Tactics I	3
CRJ 291	Fitness Training for Law Enforcement	6
CRJ 292	Advanced Police Operations	6
Semester II		
CRJ 280	Effective De-escalation	6
CRJ 294	Field Practical	6
CRJ 295	Defensive Tactics II	3
Total Credit Hour Requirements		30

Completed applications, including fees and transcripts, will be accepted each year until April 1st.

Prior Learning Assessment Component

The Advanced Certificate in Police Operations includes an essential prior learning assessment (PLA) component designed to provide students with a clear path to accelerated program completion and employment. Students will be eligible to receive prior learning credit based on successful completion and documentation of the LEPS or BLETP program. Up to 6 credits can be earned toward the Advanced Certificate in Police Operations, accelerating time to degree and helping meet the growing needs of the workforce.



Police Operations Advanced Certificate Prerequisites/ Requirements: an earned (or expected) associate degree or higher with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale in criminal justice or related field as determined by the Department Chair; a criminal background check, physical screening, and oral board interview with departmental faculty. Screenings and interviews are based on those required to meet the minimum standards of entrance into the MCJA.