

LAW ENFORCEMENT (AAS)

Associate of Applied Science

Career-Technical Program Interest Areas: Business Admin. and Management Soc. Sciences and Human Srvs.

The term "police" has been defined as a governmental entity, whether city, county, state, or national that is relied upon to maintain order, keep the peace, detect and prevent crime, respond to and provide emergency services, and enforce criminal law. The North Idaho College (NIC) Law Enforcement program provides professionalism through training to newly hired officers of law enforcement agencies and students seeking employment in law enforcement. The Basic Patrol Academy is designed in a police academy format, accredited by the Idaho Peace Officers Standards and Training (P.O.S.T) Council. The academy meets four days per week, approximately eight hours per day for eighteen weeks. Approximately 45 local law enforcement experts teach more than 60 law enforcement topics, sharing a wide array of experience and knowledge with students in the classroom, in the mat room, in the field skills training, and through scenario-based training. North Idaho College offers three levels of certification in Law Enforcement from which the student may choose: the Basic Technical Certificate, which is awarded upon completion of the Basic Patrol Academy, the Intermediate Technical Certificate, or the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) Degree. Please see the specific program requirements for each certificate or the AAS degree. 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, field skills, and certification tests. Upon successful completion of the Basic Patrol Academy, students are eligible to take the P.O.S.T. Challenge Exam for Peace Officer Certification in Idaho. The North Idaho College Basic Patrol Academy is accredited by the Idaho Peace Officer standards and Training Council (P.O.S.T.). Although an open admissions program, there are several admission requirements, which include an oral interview, entrance assessment, background check (to include fingerprint submittal, polygraph examination, psychological evaluation), and medical, vision, and hearing examinations. Fees for these tests are the student's responsibility. In addition to the NIC Basic Patrol Academy application, P.O.S.T. also requires an application which is submitted online for P.O.S.T. approval prior to attending the POST academy. Upon acceptance into the Basic Patrol Academy, students will be required to purchase and wear NIC Basic Patrol Academy and physical fitness uniforms while in class. Certified Law Enforcement Professionals: Students who successfully complete the Basic Patrol Academy and provide proof of completion to the Registrar's Office will have the LAWE courses waived as part of the program requirements for the Intermediate Technical Certificate and/or Associate of Applied Science degrees. College credit for these courses will not be awarded.

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Summer/Fall POST Academy

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Spring/Summer POST Academy

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Course	Title	Credits
Semester 1		
CJ-103	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
POLS-101	American National Government	3
PSYC-101	Introduction to Psychology	3
ENGL-101 or ENGL-101P	Writing and Rhetoric I or Writing and Rhetoric I	3
	Credits	12
Semester 2		
COMM-101	Fundamentals of Oral Communication	3
ENGL-202	Technical Writing	3

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PE-288	First Aid			3
POLS-275	State and Local G	overnment		3
A.A.S. Institutionall	y Designated			3
	Credits		1	5
Semester 3				
PHIL-103	Introduction to Eth	nics		3
GEM 3 - A.A.S. Mat	hematical Ways of Knowir	matical Ways of Knowing		
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PSYC-205	Developmental Ps	ychology		
PSYC-211	Abnormal Psychol	ogy		
PE-226	Stress Manageme	nt		
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SOC-102	Social Problems			
SOC-220	Marriage and Fam	ily		
SOC-251	Race and Ethnic R	Race and Ethnic Relations		
INTR-250A		Death and Dying: A Sociocultural, Historical, and Biological Perspective		
	Credits		12-1	4
Semester 4				
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LAWE-161	Basic Police Law a	Basic Police Law and Prof Orientation I		7
LAWE-162	Police Procedures	Police Procedures and Investigations		8
LAWE-166	Enforcement/Field	Enforcement/Field Skills Patrol Off II		6
	Credits		2	1
Semester 5				
Summer				
LAWE-167 Arrest Control and		I POST Challenge		1
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Program Outcomes

Upon completion of the program, students should be able to:

- 1. Identify and apply the laws of the criminal justice system in a fair and impartial manner.
- 2. Communicate effectively in law enforcement settings.
- 3. Apply critical thinking and technical skills involving law enforcement and the community they serve.
- 4. Demonstrate proficiency in applying law enforcement skills through practical application.
- 5. Exhibit personal accountability and professionalism.
- 6. Identify and apply investigative skills and evidence handling in a proficient manner.
- Through written and physical skills exams, demonstrate knowledge in core competencies and defensive and control skills as mandated by P.O.S.T for entry-level Idaho peace officers.
- Through scenario testing, monitored by experienced police officers, demonstrate proficiency in investigative skills, human relations skills and core competencies as mandated by P.O.S.T for entry-level Idaho peace officers.

- Communicate effectively, in both written and oral forms, to varied audiences to serve diverse purposes as part of their studies at NIC and beyond.
- 10. Think quantitatively, evaluate data, and draw conclusions using sound mathematical principles and practices.
- 11. Use social science reasoning to inquire, critically consume relevant information, and develop insights on individual, social, community, world problems and questions.

In addition to the program outcomes, students will meet the following North Idaho College General Education (GEM) Requirements: Written and Oral Communication; Mathematical Ways of Knowing; Social and Behavioral Ways of Knowing; and an additional program-designated or selected course from any of the GEM requirements.