



SUNY NIAGARA Police Basic Training, Cert.

Overview

The Police Basic Training Certificate provides students with the opportunity to complete many aspects of basic police training before being appointed as a police officer in New York State. The program is designed for civilians who are interested in entering the law enforcement field as police officers in New York State. Although Pre-employment recruits are not sworn officers, all recruits will be in the same class and must meet the same standards for physical fitness, attendance, and academics. Completion of the Pre-employment program does not guarantee employment at any law enforcement agency.

Upon successful completion of the program, graduates have two (2) years to secure employment in a police department and complete Phase II of the training before being awarded a full Basic School Certificate from DCJS. Graduates also earn 30 credit hours from SUNY Niagara.

Careers

Police officers and law enforcement professionals represent the essential security guarantee of any community. In order to maintain a steady supply of Law Enforcement professionals to our communities the State of New York has determined that it is important to have local law enforcement training academies that promote the curricular guidelines of the Municipal Police Training Council (MPTC). This program is thus in line with the priorities of the State of New York as established historically through Charter 446 of the Laws

of 1959 via the creation of the MPTC and subsequently through the explicit establishment of training standards and required training hours.

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<https://sunyniagara.edu/courses/police-basic-training-certificate/>

<https://tinyurl.com/3m3x3pce>

Program Requirements

	Credits
PBT 100 – Laws of New York State	3
PBT 105 – Introduction to Law Enforcement	3
PBT 110 – Physical Fitness for Law Enforcement	3
PBT 115 – Police Traffic Procedures	3
PBT 120 – Defensive Tactics	3
PBT 125 – Emergency Medical Services	3
PBT 130 – Police Patrol skills	3
PBT 135 – Police Community Services	3
PBT 140 – Police Investigations	3
PBT 145 – Crisis Intervention Skills and Officer Wellness	3
Total Credit Hours:	30 Cr.

The information provided is subject to change throughout the academic year. 3/10/2026