

AS: Law Enforcement Transfer Pathway 2021-2022

The Law Enforcement Transfer Pathway AS offers students a powerful option: the opportunity to complete an AS degree with course credits that directly transfer to designated Law Enforcement's degree programs at Minnesota State universities. The curriculum has been specifically designed so that students completing this pathway degree and transferring to one of the seven Minnesota State universities enter the university with junior-year status. All courses in the Transfer Pathway associate degree will directly transfer and apply to the designated bachelor's degree programs in a related field.

- Metropolitan State University
- Minnesota State University Moorhead
- Bemidji State University
- Minnesota State University Mankato
- Southwest State University
- St. Cloud State University
- Winona State University

Program Courses - Law Enforcement Center

Course No.	Course Title	Credits
Law Enforcement Education Center courses - 22 credits¹		
Patrol Operations - 3 credits		
Legal Issues in Law Enforcement - 3 credits		
Law Enforcement Integrated Curriculum - 10 credits		
Criminal and Traffic Codes - 3 credits		
Crime Investigation - 3 credits		

General Education Courses: Program Prerequisites

Course No.	Course Title	Credits
ENGL1202	College Writing II (minimum grade 2.0)	2
PSYC1165	Psychology of Adjustment (minimum grade 2.0)	3
SOC1110	Introduction to Sociology (minimum grade 2.0)	3
SOC1710	Introduction to Criminal Justice (minimum grade 2.0)	3
SOC1720	Police and Community (minimum grade 2.0)	3
SOC1730	Juvenile Justice (minimum grade 2.0)	3
SOC1750	Families in Crisis (minimum grade 2.0)	3
SOC2210	Social Inequality (minimum grade 2.0)	3

College Writing I: (minimum grade 2.0)

ENGL1200	Gateway College Writing (minimum grade 2.0) <i>or</i>	4
ENGL1201	College Writing I (minimum grade 2.0)	4

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Program Courses

Course No.	Course Title	Credits
EXSC1010	Physical Fitness	2
HLTH1600	First Responder	3

General Education Courses

Course No.	Course Title	Credits
COMM1110	Principles of Interpersonal Communication	3
PHIL1020	Ethics	3

MnTC Electives

Course No.	Course Title	Credits
Natural Sciences or Mathematics/Logical Reasoning (Goal Area 3 or 4) - 4 credits²		
The Humanities and Fine Arts (Goal Area 6) - 4 credits³		

Degree Requirements

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2.00 overall GPA for NHCC courses

Notes

Applicants to the theory-based courses of the "Professional Licensing Program" must complete the nine prerequisite courses, or their equivalent, with at least a "C" grade (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) in each course and a cumulative GPA of 2.5.

US citizenship is not required for admission to the "Professional Licensing Program;" however, applicants must be US citizens before being hired by a law enforcement agency.

Applicants may not be convicted of a crime that would prohibit them from being admitted to the law enforcement program under the rules of the Minnesota Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST).

Program Outcomes

Develop a foundation of essential knowledge about the cultural, social, and natural worlds, including:

an understanding of the history, organization and functions of the criminal justice system including legal issues, the purpose and function of police, courts, and corrections.

an understanding of political, cultural and social class forces which impact the police, suspects, victims, and other parties involved in law enforcement.

Develop intellectual and practical skills, including:

- Communicating effectively in work situations.
- Obtaining and refining the necessary skills in interpersonal communication, mathematics, basic crime statistics, and report writing, as these skills relate to public contact and criminal activity.
- Utilizing the intellectual and practical skills necessary to represent a public agency in a professional manner during routine public contacts, high stress situations, and arrests.

Demonstrate personal and social responsibility, including:

- Identifying career opportunities in public law enforcement and private security agencies and the attributes that employers are seeking and creating an understanding that employers often require continued higher education, citizenship, and service to others for initial placement and promotion.
- Developing a basic understanding of race, sex, color, religion, age, national origin, disability, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, sexual orientation, gender identification, and social class as related to criminal justice issues. This basic understanding should lead to tolerance, valuing differences, and leading to the acceptance of others.

Demonstrate integrative and applied learning, including:

- Articulating the history and application of Criminal Justice with respect to Law Enforcement, as well as its relationship to the other social sciences.
- Understanding concepts used in the Law Enforcement profession and how they will be applied in the field.
- Understanding techniques and strategies used in crime investigation, patrol operations, and daily policework. Upon completion of the program, be prepared to transfer to a baccalaureate program.

Degree Information

The Associate of Science (A.S.) degree is intended for students whose primary goal is to complete the credentials for a specific career and/or prepare for transfer to complete a bachelor's degree at a college or university with whom North Hennepin Community College has an articulation agreement. The A.S. degree provides a balance of general education courses and the required scientific, professional or technical courses in the degree program.

A student shall:

Earn a minimum of 60 semester credits as required in the program, with a grade point average of 2.00 (C) or above in courses taken at North Hennepin Community College. Specific programs may have additional requirements or a higher minimum grade point average.

Earn a minimum of 15 semester credits at North Hennepin Community College. A student must complete at least 50% of career specific courses at North Hennepin Community College.

Earn 30 credits in at least 6 Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) goal areas. Earn 30 professional/technical credits.

Have four years to complete the graduation requirements as published in the catalog in effect at the time of their initial enrollment. Students taking more than four years to complete their graduation requirements may follow any catalog published during the four-year period preceding their graduation.

Completion of an A.S. degree fulfills the Goal Area 2 requirement of the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC).

Developmental Courses

Some students may need preparatory course(s) in Math and/or English. Courses numbered below 1000 will not apply toward a degree.

Equal Opportunity Employer and Disability Access Information

North Hennepin Community College is a member of Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system and an equal opportunity employer and educator. This document is available in alternative formats to individuals with disabilities by calling 763-493-0555 or through the Minnesota Relay Service at 1-800-627-3529.

Transfer Information

If you are planning on transferring to another institution, follow the guidelines available on our transfer resources web page to help you plan the process: [Transfer Information](#)

Accreditation

North Hennepin Community College is accredited by the: Higher Learning Commission 30 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2400 Chicago, IL 60602-2504 1-800-621-7440

Career Opportunities

Information on careers, including salary and employment outlook data, is available on the iSeek and Bureau of Labor Statistics websites: <https://careerwise.minnstate.edu/careers/> and www.bls.gov.