

Minnesota Peace Officer Licensing Requirements  
**Information for Prospective Students**

The Minnesota Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST Board) coordinates a system of licensing for all Peace Officers in the state. Any person employed as a Peace Officer by a Minnesota law enforcement agency must hold a POST Board license. In order to be licensed by the POST Board, prospective Peace Officers must pass certain selection criteria and meet specific education requirements. A three-step procedure for attaining a Minnesota Peace Officer license is as follows:

**STEP 1: PROFESSIONAL PEACE OFFICER EDUCATION (PPOE)**

- To become eligible for a Minnesota Peace Officer License, students must earn a two- or four-year degree from one of twenty POST-certified Peace Officer education programs (list available). Interested individuals should contact any of the PPOE program coordinators for enrollment information. The coordinator can explain more about the program at that school and whether or not any previous course work may be applied toward their program.

- Individuals who hold a two- or four-year degree from a non-POST certified school or out-of-state educational institution are not required to complete another degree program. These individuals are eligible to complete a certificate program of study which generally requires the completion of only the law enforcement education courses. Contact program coordinators for more information.

Participation Requirements for Admission to a PPOE Program (Minnesota Rules 6700.0300 Subp.5)

No student may be admitted to a professional Peace Officer education program who:

1. Poses a serious threat to the health or safety of themselves or others;
2. Has been convicted of any crime listed as a disqualification from appointment to the position of peace officer under part 6700.0700.

Minimum Selection Standards for Hiring a Person Eligible for Licensing by Law Enforcement Agencies (Minnesota Rules 6700.0700)

Applicants should also be aware of the Minimum Selection Standards for hiring a person eligible for licensing by law enforcement agencies. The following is a summary of those standards as set forth in Minnesota Rules 6700.0700.

The applicant must:

1. Be a citizen of the United States;
2. Possess a valid driver's license or be eligible to obtain such in Minnesota or in case of residency therein, a valid driver's license from a contiguous state; or eligibility to obtain either license;
3. Complete a comprehensive written application;

4. Submit to a thorough background investigation;
5. Not have been convicted of a felony or under Minnesota Statutes, section 609.224, 609.2242, 609.231, 609.2325, 609.233, 609.2335, 609.234, 609.324, 609.465, 609.466, 609.52, or 609.72, subdivision 3; or convicted under any state or federal narcotics or controlled substance law irrespective of any proceeding under Minnesota Statutes, section 152.18, or any similar law of another state or federal law; or any of the crimes listed in this item in another state or federal jurisdiction, or under a local ordinance that would be a conviction if committed in Minnesota;
6. Be fingerprinted for background check;
7. Undergo a thorough medical examination;
8. Undergo an evaluation by a licensed psychologist;
9. Pass a job-related examination of physical strength and agility;
10. Successfully complete an oral examination demonstrating communication skills.

## STEP 2: PEACE OFFICER LICENSING EXAMINATION

After successfully completing the degree program, or the certificate program, students must pass the Minnesota Peace Officer Licensing Examination.

"Violations of the following standards," according to Minnesota Rules 6700.0601, "shall be grounds to deny an applicant to take an examination or to deny eligibility for a license."

The standards are summarized as follows:

1. Making any false material statement to the Board;
2. Communicating with any other person during the examination;
3. Unauthorized reference to books or study materials during the examination;
4. Obstructing a Board investigation;
5. Unauthorized possession of any Board examination;
6. Aiding another person in the violation of the above standards;
7. Has been convicted of any crime listed as a disqualification from appointment to the position of peace officer under part 6700.0700, subpart 1, item E.

## STEP 3: ELIGIBILITY FOR LICENSURE

Students who have successfully completed the required PPOE and passed the Peace Officer Licensing Examination are termed "eligible to be licensed." However, completing the education requirements and passing the licensing examination does not result in licensure. Individuals who are "eligible to be licensed" are not licensed until they are hired by a law enforcement agency and can satisfy the Minimum Selection Standards listed earlier. In their hiring process a law enforcement agency may apply its own additional standards. The hiring agency also determines the physical standards its own personnel must meet.

I affirm the following:

I have read the POST licensing requirements above.

I have not been convicted of a felony, nor of any of the crimes listed above under Step 1, Item #5 (also found in Minnesota Rules 6700.0700, subpart 1, item E).

I understand that a felony conviction or a conviction for any crime listed above disqualifies me from participating or graduating in the Option I Law Enforcement major.

I understand that a felony conviction or a conviction for any crime listed above disqualifies me from securing a Minnesota peace officer license and becoming a peace officer in Minnesota.

I also understand that criminal convictions involving offenses other than the ones listed above may adversely affect my ability to secure employment in law enforcement.

I will abide by all university, local, state, and federal policies, procedures, and laws.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_