

Police Foundations

Diploma

Program Introduction

The Police Foundations program is designed to provide students with the knowledge of procedures, concepts, and skills needed to protect the public, detect and prevent crime and other activities directed as maintaining law and order. Upon graduation, students will be well-equipped to work as police officers.

Program Notes

Tuition fees include all materials and student manuals. Financial assistance may be available for those who qualify.

Graduate requirements: Students must maintain a 75% program average to obtain a certificate.

Method of Delivery

Combination of:

- Integrated Learning™ System training facilitated by Academy of Learning College facilitators
- Online training supported by Academy of Learning College online virtual instructors

Admission Requirements

Grade 12 or equivalent or Mature Student Status.

Courses are open to any applicant who possesses a good command of the English language and is able to follow instructions.

Adequate Physical Health to be able to fulfill job requirements (a person's ability to function properly within the industry and campus to be successful in completing the diploma. A person who may be suffering from an illness or disability that would affect their ability to be in proper attendance at the campus and in placement would not be in adequate physical health for this program).

An admissions interview will be administered to determine if the applicant has the required interest, motivation, and entry-level skills to take this program.

Full-time students must attend the required hours per week as per the course schedule and may do so at times convenient to them.

Entry-to-Practice Requirements

- be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada;
- be at least 18 years of age;
- be physically and mentally able to perform the duties of the position;
- have successfully completed at least four years of secondary school education or equivalent. Where education has been completed outside Ontario, official proof of equivalency must be obtained by contacting the Ontario Ministry of Education;
- be of good moral character and habits, meaning being an individual other people would look upon as being trustworthy and having integrity.

In addition,

- possess a valid Class G driver's license with no more than 6 demerit points;
- possess a Standard First Aid Certificate and C.P.R. Certificate (Basic Rescuer Level) at the time of hire;
- have vision within acceptable standards:
 - uncorrected visual acuity - least 20/40 (6/12) binocularly (both eyes open);
 - corrected visual acuity - at least 20/20 (6/6) binocularly;
 - there are minimum requirements regarding refractive surgery, farsightedness (hyperopia), colour vision and peripheral vision. With regards to laser surgery and Intra-Ocular lenses, acceptable, but applicants must meet specific standards.
- hearing is acceptable if the applicant is able to hear tones at the following frequencies and related decibel levels - candidates may also be required to undergo a speech recognition test as part of their hearing assessment.
 - four-frequency average (500, 1000, 2000, 3000 Hz) of 25 dB HL;
 - thresholds at none of these single frequencies shall exceed 35 dB HL and thresholds at 4000 Hz shall not exceed 45 dB HL.
- not have criminal convictions for which a pardon has not been granted.

Career Opportunities

Police Officers are employed by municipal and federal governments and some provincial and regional governments.

Duties and Responsibilities

Police officers perform some or all of the following duties:

- Patrol assigned areas to maintain public safety and order and to enforce laws and regulations
- Investigate crimes and accidents, secure evidence, interview witnesses, compile notes and reports and provide testimony in courts of law
- Arrest criminal suspects
- Provide emergency assistance to victims of accidents, crimes and natural disasters
- Participate in crime prevention, public information and safety programs
- May supervise and co-ordinate the work of other police officers.

Competencies upon Completion

Core Courses

- **Keyboarding**
Minimum 25 words per minute (WPM)
- **Operating Systems**
Advanced level of proficiency in a Windows operating system
- **Business Skills**
Business Law and Ethics
- **Police Foundations**
First Nations, Issues in Diversity, Population at Risk, Harm Reduction and Crisis Intervention, Communication Essentials, Basic Business Communications, Introduction to Sociology, Law and the Legal System, Fundamentals of Law Enforcement, Life Skills, Criminal Code and federal Statutes, Community Policing, Mental Health and Addictions, Police and Security, Provincial Statutes and Reports, Criminology, Young Offenders, and Canadian Government and Politics