

**6700.0300 PROFESSIONAL PEACE OFFICER EDUCATION.**

Subpart 1. **Subject areas.** The professional peace officer education must minimally include instruction in the learning objectives approved by the board and based on the following subject areas:

- A. history and overview of the criminal justice system;
- B. Minnesota statute law;
- C. constitutional law and criminal procedure;
- D. juvenile justice system and procedure;
- E. patrol procedures;
- F. criminal investigation and testifying;
- G. human behavior and crisis intervention;
- H. defensive tactics and use of force; and
- I. cultural awareness and response to crime victims.

The organization of the curriculum and the location of delivery of curriculum components is the responsibility of the certified school's governing body.

Subp. 2. **Waiver.** Participation or continued instruction in a particular subject area in subpart 1 may be waived by the coordinator upon satisfactory evidence of approved equivalent training.

Subp. 3. **Minimum requirements.** All certified schools shall comply with the minimum requirements in subpart 1 and shall furnish reasonable and necessary proof to the board to verify that the provisions of subpart 1 are being met. Nothing in parts 6700.0100 to 6700.1800 precludes any certified school from enacting rules which establish standards of training above the minimum requirements in subpart 1.

Subp. 4. **Learning objectives.** Periodically the board may revise the learning objectives applicable to the content of the professional peace officer education as outlined in subpart 1. These revisions must be incorporated into the professional peace officer education of the certified program.

**Subp. 5. Participation requirements.**

A. All certified schools shall develop standards for admission to the professional peace officer education courses. These standards must measure the student's likelihood of successful completion of the program.

B. No student may be admitted to the professional peace officer program who:

- (1) poses a serious threat to the health or safety of themselves or others; or
- (2) 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 D.

C. If a student is denied admission or participation in the professional peace officer education program because of any of the requirements in item A or B, the certified school shall inform the student of the denial and its reasons for the denial. The certified school shall also afford the student a formal appeal process. That appeal process must be reduced to writing and provided to each student who is denied admission or participation in the program because of any of the requirements in item A or B.

D. Prior to admission to the professional peace officer education program, all students must be advised in writing of the minimum selection standards under part 6700.0700, using an advisory form developed by the board. In addition, students shall be advised in writing of the credit transfer agreements which the certified program has established with upper division institutions in Minnesota.

Subp. 6. **Certified school's responsibilities.** The certified school's responsibilities include the following:

A. The certified school shall be responsible for maintaining and making available to the board and executive director pertinent information on all classes conducted in the certified school. The coordinator shall notify the executive director of students who have successfully completed the professional peace officer education.

B. The certified school shall implement a records retention schedule requiring that curriculum materials used in the delivery of professional peace officer education be retained for five years. The materials must include course outlines, bibliographies, and other materials which would document the contents of the certified school's curriculum. This document applies to courses offered both on the certified school's campus and at any contracted extended sites.

C. The chief executive officer of the certified school shall, by October 1 of each year, file with the board an affirmative action plan and such other relevant information as the board may require. The affirmative action plan must include specific goals and objectives which describe measurable statements of performance for the recruitment and retention of minority students and women in the certified school's professional peace officer education program. By September 1 of each year, the chief executive officer of the certified school shall submit a written report to the board evaluating the effectiveness of the special goals and objectives included in the affirmative action plan from the previous year. "Minority student" means a Black, Hispanic, Asian or Pacific Islander, American Indian, or Alaskan native person. Relevant information may include lesson plans and course outlines.

D. When a coordinator leaves a certified school, the chief executive officer of the certified school must notify the board no later than 20 days after the coordinator has left the position, and provide the board with the name of the new coordinator. The signature facsimile of the new coordinator must accompany this notification. Any person appointed as a coordinator after January 1, 1990, must have a bachelor's degree in law enforcement, criminal justice, education, social or behavioral science, or related field and at least three years of experience with a criminal justice agency.

Subp. 7. **Instructor requirements.** All instructors who teach law enforcement courses in a certified school shall possess a postsecondary degree, or have professionally recognized training

and experience to teach the assigned subject matter. This part shall not preclude the use of guest lecturers.

Subp. 8. **Safety policies required.** Each certified school shall implement a formal written safety policy which incorporates specific rules, procedures, and protocols to ensure student and faculty safety as well as provide a safe, humane, and educationally sound learning environment. These policies must contain at least:

A. a process for students to identify any preexisting injuries or medical restrictions which may affect their ability to safely participate in the training;

B. a prohibition against unduly harsh training activities, or training activities which are designed to humiliate or inappropriately accentuate student shortcomings;

C. a process for written documentation of details associated with any student injury which occurs during any training course. Specific injury trends and any particularly high risk training practices or techniques shall be evaluated, amended, or eliminated if safe environments cannot be ensured;

D. guidelines to direct instructors to reduce instructional pace and intensity during heat waves, cold waves, or other adverse climatic or environmental conditions; and

E. a prohibition against depriving students of necessary food, water, or protective equipment when engaged in physical or psychomotor skills training.

Subp. 9. **Policies provided.** Students and faculty shall be provided with a copy of the written safety policy required in subpart 8. Instructors shall review this policy prior to any psychomotor skills training.

Subp. 10. **Documentation of completion.** The registrar's office of each certified school shall retain documentation on an official school transcript which indicates the manner in which the student completed the professional peace officer education courses.

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