

Upon successful completion of the Pueblo Community College Law Enforcement Academy, graduates will be able to:

Academic Knowledge & Legal Application

- Demonstrate comprehensive understanding of Colorado criminal statutes, constitutional law, and procedural requirements
- Apply proper legal standards for search, seizure, arrest, and interrogation
- Articulate elements of common crimes and violations under Colorado law
- Properly interpret and apply rules of evidence and courtroom procedures

Firearms Training & Proficiency

- Demonstrate safe handling, maintenance, and storage of duty firearms
- Achieve qualifying scores on Colorado POST firearms qualification courses
- Apply proper judgment in shoot/don't shoot decision-making scenarios
- Execute proper tactical shooting techniques under various conditions

Arrest Control & Defensive Tactics

- Apply the appropriate level of force according to Colorado's use of force standards
- Demonstrate proficiency in handcuffing, searching, and restraint techniques
- Execute proper defensive tactics and subject control methods
- Articulate justification for force decisions based on legal standards

Driving Skills & Vehicle Operations

- Demonstrate proficiency in emergency vehicle operations
- Execute proper pursuit driving techniques and decision-making
- Apply Colorado laws and agency policies regarding emergency response driving
- Perform basic vehicle stops and approach procedures safely

Criminal Investigations & Evidence Handling

- Conduct thorough preliminary investigations of various crime types
- Document crime scenes and properly collect, preserve, and process evidence
- Complete accurate, detailed reports meeting Colorado standards
- Demonstrate proper interview and interrogation techniques

Crisis Intervention & De-escalation

- Apply effective de-escalation techniques with individuals in crisis
- Demonstrate understanding of mental health issues and appropriate responses
- Execute proper procedures for handling suicidal individuals and mental health holds
- Apply communication strategies for various behavioral emergencies

Community Policing & Human Relations

- Demonstrate cultural competency and bias-free policing practices
- Apply community-oriented policing strategies appropriate for Colorado communities
- Engage effectively with diverse populations and vulnerable groups
- Recognize and respond appropriately to hate crimes and bias-motivated incidents

Officer Safety & Wellness

- Meet academy's physical fitness standards
- Apply stress management and officer wellness principles

- Demonstrate tactical awareness and threat assessment skills
- Execute proper building searches and high-risk tactical procedures

Professional Ethics & Integrity

- Apply Colorado POST ethical standards and code of conduct
- Demonstrate integrity and ethical decision-making in various scenarios
- Recognize and properly respond to potential misconduct
- Maintain professional demeanor and conduct on and off duty

Colorado-Specific Law Enforcement

- Apply Colorado-specific laws regarding controlled substances and DUI enforcement
- Execute proper procedures for domestic violence response per Colorado requirements
- Apply Colorado-specific reporting requirements for various incidents to include compliance with the Victim's Rights Act
- Successfully pass the POST Exam with a 70% or higher score to obtain a certification