

MENTAL HEALTH AND CRISIS RESPONSE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY CERTIFICATE

13 Semester Credit Hours; Curriculum Number: 0213

The Mental Health & Crisis Response for Public Safety Certificate Program provides education and workplace training for sworn police officers and other individuals within law enforcement, such as security guards, probation officers, and US Marshals. The program curriculum meets the state of Illinois' police officer training requirements specific to reducing a person's entry into the justice system by creating community-based pathways into treatment services. Students learn how public safety and community public health partners collaborate to support people who have substance use disorders and/or mental health disorders that may underlie an offense. This program provides the knowledge to understand neuroscience of addiction and medication-assisted treatments, criminogenic risk-need for health and safety, and mental health and substance abuse disorders and related stigmas so that public safety persons can be collaborative partners in the creating the community-based pathways.

Code	Title	Hours
Courses for a Certificate		
LAE 240	Police Strategies and Tactics	3
LAE 260	Community Relations and Procedural Justice	3
PSY 237	Psychopharmacology	3
PSY 238	Substance Use and Related Disorders	3
PSY 239	Mental Health First Aid	1
Total Hours		13

Program Learning Outcomes

1. Apply deflection and pre-arrest diversion program initiatives in diverse communities.
2. Describe techniques related to gender, racial, and culturally responsive approaches to decrease implicit bias.
3. Develop community collaborative partnerships to increase positive police relationships.
4. Summarize community relations and how it applies to public safety and positive community interactions.
5. Illustrate the appropriate encounters with people who have challenges with drug use and mental health.
6. Determine overdose response, crisis intervention techniques, and de-escalation strategies in rural and diverse communities.
7. Identify physical and mental health effects of psychoactive drugs.