

Dear Applicant:

An individual wanting to receive college credit for prior learning must be enrolled as a degree seeking student at New Mexico Junior College, and the individual must be taking classes the semester the credit for prior learning is transcribed.

New Mexico Junior College recognizes that New Mexico police officers come to us with a firm grounding in their individual disciplines. We recognize and honor their prior learning by awarding college credit for a wide variety of learning experiences, both classroom and practical experience. In an effort to assist officers who want to further their educational experiences, NMJC is willing to award college credit for successful completion of a certified law enforcement academy. Such credit will be treated as credit without a grade, will count toward graduation, and may be used in fulfilling specific curriculum requirements. To receive credit for prior learning, an individual must be enrolled in classes at NMJC.

New Mexico Junior College will grant any New Mexico State certified and commissioned law enforcement officer employed by a state or private agency up to 32 criminal justice credit hours. These hours may be used toward an AAS or AA degree in Criminal Justice. Proof of successful completion of a certified corrections academy in New Mexico and current commission must be provided.

Awarded credit will include:

LA 111 First Aid and CPR for Public Safety 1 hr.
LA 113 or CJ 113 Introduction to Criminal Justice 3 hrs.
LA 113B or CJ 113B Substantive Criminal Law 3 hrs.
LA 113E or CJ 113E Introduction to the Courts 3 hrs.
LA 113P or CJ 113P Police in Society
LA 114 Custody Control, Chemical Agents/Officer Safety 4 hrs.
LA 121 Case Preparation and Presentation 1 hr.
LA 123F or CJ 123F Traffic Law & Accident Investigation 3 hrs.
LA 123P or CJ 123P Law Enforcement Patrol Procedures 3 hrs.
LA 213A or CJ 213A Criminal Investigation 3 hrs.
LA 213B or CJ 213B Criminal Procedure 3 hrs.
LA 112 Physical Training/Wellness for LE Officers 2 hrs.
TOTAL HOURS 32 hrs.

New Mexico Junior College will also accept transfer of credits from any other regionally accredited institution. Credits may transfer but not necessarily apply to the student's chosen course of study. Whether credits will count toward a degree is based upon the decision of the College Registrar and the Academic Coordinator. Students will be required to have certified copies of transcripts sent to NMJC.

I would ask that you share this information with your fellow officers. The entire process may be completed in person at NMJC, through the mail, or over the internet. Please completely fill out the "**Credit for Prior Learning Application**" form found on our website and return it with the requested documentation.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions you may have regarding this credit for prior learning program, or how to complete your 64 hour Associate's degree using NMJC's web-based distance learning. The contact persons are:

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Sincerely,

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