



Public Safety Fundamentals

School of Public Safety, Law and Administration

PSF1 - Public Safety Fundamentals

This program has been permanently suspended.

Program Description

Fanshawe's Public Safety Fundamentals is an eight-month Ontario College Certificate program designed to get you started on your academic journey. This program helps you identify a specific area within Public Safety by offering experiences that allow you to explore various opportunities in the field and determine which area you wish to pursue.

What you learn in our public safety program

You will build strong skills in communication, human behaviour, law and ethics, physical fitness, and sensitivity training. You will develop knowledge in specific public safety disciplines, such as justice, protection, policing, law, and communication, to help prepare you for entry-level employment in public safety-related fields or for future studies in public safety career programs.

The program also offers excellent preparation for diploma programs in the School of Public Safety:

- Police Foundations
- Protection, Security and Investigation
- Law Clerk
- 911 Public Safety Communications
- Court Support Services

Document of Recognition

Public Safety Fundamentals Ontario College Certificate

Program Type/Credential

Ontario College Certificate Program

Learning Outcomes

1. Develop an education and career plan within the range of field of public safety professions, including the preparation of resumé and cover letter;
2. Identify major theoretical models associated with the study of human behaviour to explain their potential impact on public safety;
3. Evaluate various aspects of the changing society and the impact of these changes on personal and social responsibility for citizens and public safety workers;
4. Select and use relevant and appropriate terminology when communicating with other public safety providers;

5. Apply concepts from one of the following areas of scientific study in order to demonstrate relevance to a field of public safety: chemistry, anatomy, biology, ecology, climatology, computer science;
6. Identify current policies, procedures and legislation in Canada's legal system as pertains to the field of Canadian Public Safety;
7. Compare and contrast the professional roles of a specific public safety stream.

Career Opportunities

The Public Safety Fundamentals (PSF) program is designed to provide opportunities for students to experience post-secondary public safety studies in a supportive environment. The intent of the program is to facilitate internal pathways between the PSF program and career programs within the School of Public Safety.

Graduates can proceed to programs in the School of Public Safety as their next step towards employment, including:

- Police Foundations
- Fire Inspection and Fire Safety Education
- Law Clerk
- 911 and Public Safety Communications
- Court Support Services

Admission Requirements

OSSD (with courses from the College (C), University (U), University/College (M), or Open (O) stream), or **equivalent**, or **mature applicant**.

Students who do not have a high school diploma may wish to consider taking the **Academic and Career Entrance (ACE) grade 12 Equivalency Certificate**.

Note:

Successful completion of the Public Safety Fundamentals program enables applicants to be given additional consideration when applying for programs in the School of Public Safety, Law and Administration.

Approximate Costs

Fee details are available at www.fanshawec.ca/fees

Contact

School of Public Safety, Law and Administration - 519-452-4222

Campus Codes and Intakes

- Program Code: PSF1
- Campus Code: LC (LC - London)
- Intakes: Fall
- PSF1 - 30 weeks
- Academic Calendars available at www.fanshawec.ca/academicdates

Applicant Selection Criteria

Where the number of eligible applicants exceeds the available spaces in the program, the Applicant Selection Criteria will be:

1. Preference for Permanent Residents of Ontario
2. Receipt of Application by February 1st (After this date, Fanshawe College will consider applicants on a first-come, first-served basis until the program is full)
3. Achievement in the Admission Requirements

English Language Requirements

- TOEFL iBT - 79
- IELTS Academic - Overall score of 6.0 with no score less than 5.5 in any of the four bands
- CAEL - Overall score of 60 with no score less than 50 in any of the four bands. Score of 80 in listening
- PTE Academic - 53
- Cambridge English - Overall score of 169 with no language skill less than 162
- ESL4/GAP5 - Minimum grade of 80% in Level 8, 75% in Level 9, or 70% in Level 10
- Duolingo - Overall score of 105, with no score lower than 95
- LANGUAGECERT - Overall score of 65 with no score less than 60 in any of the four skills

Program Pathways

For information about Program Pathways visit www.fanshawec.ca/programpathways.

Program Curriculum

Level 1

Take all of the following Mandatory Courses:

Group 1

COMP-1496	Computer Fundamentals - credits 3
COMM-1122	Document Use in Public Safety - credits 3
SOCI-1076	Ethics & Social Responsibility - credits 3
LAWS-1072	Canadian Legal System 1 - credits 3
MATH-1194	Practical Career Math - credits 3
DEVL-1044	Student Success Strategies - credits 2

Group 2

Take WRIT-1089 or WRIT-1091

WRIT-1089	Reason & Writing 1 for Public Safety - credits 3
WRIT-1091	Reason & Writing 1-Indigenous Themes - credits 3

Level 2

Take all of the following Mandatory Courses:

DEVL-1070	Career Readiness - Public Safety - credits 2
LAWS-1099	Legal Issues & Documentation - credits 3
COMP-1554	Computer Applications: Justice - credits 3
SOCI-1101	Diversity & Indigenous People in Canada - credits 3
LAWS-1077	Legal Materials-Intro - credits 3
PSYC-1001	Introduction to Psychology - credits 3
LAWS-1095	Court Registrar-SCJ Civil & Criminal - credits 4

Program Residency

Students Must Complete a Minimum of 11 credits in this program at Fanshawe College to meet the Program Residency requirement and graduate from this program