

TRAINING BULLETIN

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2026 SHERIFF AND DEPUTY SHERIFF CONTINUING EDUCATION

Continuing education is required annually and is administered online through Temple University's Canvas Learning Platform.

Certifications for all currently certified and active sheriffs and deputies are valid through December 31, 2026. All personnel must complete the required continuing education between January 20, 2026 and October 30, 2026 in order to recertify through December 31, 2027.

Continuing education consists of 10 hours, divided into the following four subjects:

Legal Updates	2 hours
Drugs of Abuse	2 hours
Effective Written Communications	3 hours
Overcoming Bias	3 hours

Each subject includes a final exam. In accordance with Board policy, a minimum score of 70% is required to pass each exam, and one retest is permitted for any failed exam. If a student fails any exam twice or does not complete the full 10 hours of continuing education training by October 30, 2026, the employing sheriff must request re-enrollment for the student through PCCD. Extensions for certification will not be granted due to exam failures or failure to complete the training by the established deadline.

Upon completion of continuing education training, and after grades are submitted and accepted for each student, an electronic reimbursement form will be generated through the Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff Information System (SDSIS). A flat hourly rate for 10 hours of training will be authorized per student. Please note that mileage and meal expenses are not eligible for reimbursement. Although PCCD has begun processing reimbursements, there may be a delay before these are addressed. Counties must submit reimbursement requests within 18 months from the date the form is issued through the SDSIS; otherwise, the reimbursement will expire. Once submitted, the form is locked and will be reviewed by PCCD when it processes reimbursement requests.

Temple University requires that you change your Canvas password every ten months. Depending on when your password was last changed, you may be prompted to change it before accessing the Canvas Learning Platform. Instructions for updating your password are available in the updated Canvas Help Guide. You will need the TUID number provided by Temple at the start of the process to complete the change.



Please note: The Temple Canvas password is NOT your Keystone password. The Temple Canvas password is specific to that website.

As a reminder, there are specific hardware and software requirements for using the Canvas Learning Platform, as outlined in the table below. If your system does not meet these minimum requirements, some or all applications may not function properly. Use of a cell phone for this training is not recommended.

The Keystone and Canvas User Guides have been provided and are also available on the PCCD website under the Training Link:

<https://www.pa.gov/agencies/pccd/programs-and-services/training/public-safety-training/sheriff-and-deputy-training.html>

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS – CANVAS LEARNING PLATFORM

CANVAS is best viewed at a minimum screen resolution of 800 X 600, which is the average size of a notebook computer. It is not recommended to try to complete training on a phone or mobile device.

Personal Computer & Supported Operating Systems

(Computer 5 years or newer, 1GB RAM/2GHz Processor)

Modern PC running Windows 7+ or higher

Modern PC running Macintosh OS X/10.6 or higher

Modern PC running Linux ChromeOS

Internet (minimum 512kbps)

Broadband Internet access

Supported Browsers (Minimum Operating Standards)

Chrome 130 and 131 (Windows & Macintosh)

Firefox 131 and 132 (Windows & Macintosh)

Edge 139 and 140 (Windows only)

Required Plugins and Extensions

JavaScript

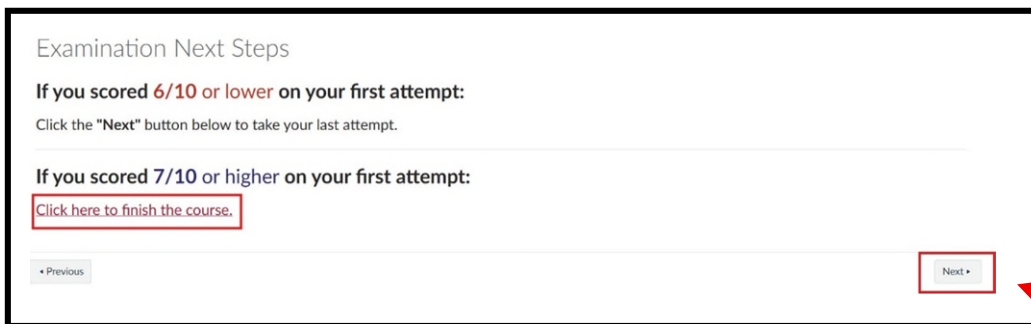
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NEW FOR 2026 – DOWNLOADABLE COMPLETION CERTIFICATES

Downloading/Printing Continuing Education Online Course Certificates

Sheriffs and deputy sheriffs can now download and print certificates after successfully completing the online continuing education classes. Certificates are not issued for each individual class; a certificate will be available only after ALL required online continuing classes have been completed and a minimum score of 70% has been achieved on all final examinations.

After successfully completing the last final examination, the screen shown below will appear. Click on “Click here to finish the course.”



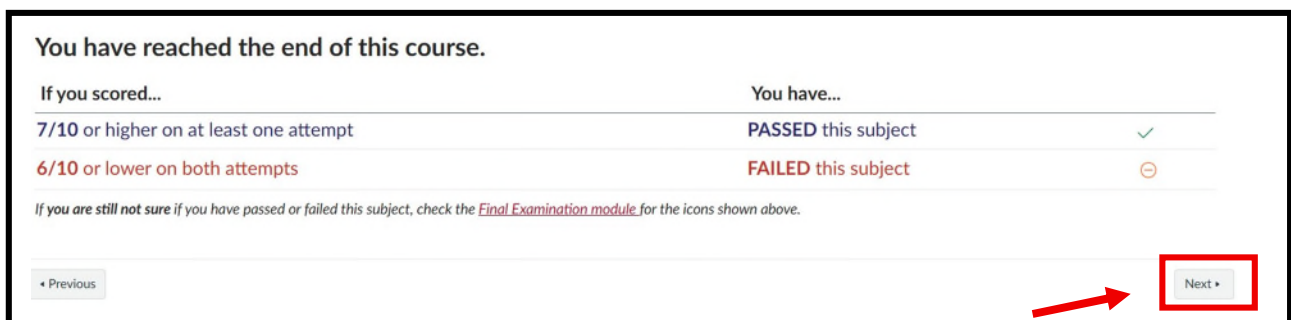
Examination Next Steps

If you scored **6/10 or lower** on your first attempt:
Click the "Next" button below to take your last attempt.

If you scored **7/10 or higher** on your first attempt:
[Click here to finish the course.](#)

◀ Previous Next ▶

You will receive a screen reminding you that a minimum score of 7 out of 10 is required to pass the final examination. If you have successfully completed all final examinations, click the “Next” button.



You have reached the end of this course.

If you scored...	You have...
7/10 or higher on at least one attempt	PASSED this subject ✓
6/10 or lower on both attempts	FAILED this subject ☹

If you are still not sure if you have passed or failed this subject, check the [Final Examination module](#) for the icons shown above.

◀ Previous Next ▶



Once you click the box, your certificate will be displayed.



You can download the certificate at any time during the training year. Please note that the date on the certificate reflects the date that you download the file, not the date you passed the last examination.

Note: Since this certificate is downloaded from Canvas, only individual students can download their certificate. If a sheriff's office desires a copy, it must be obtained from the individual deputy.

MUNICIPAL POLICE TRAINING COMMISSION RECOGNITION OF SHERIFF/DEPUTY IN-SERVICE TRAINING

The Municipal Police Officer's Education and Training Commission (MPOETC) has recognized 8 hours of Sheriff/Deputy Sheriff Continuing Education as partial credit toward the MPOETC in-service training for 2026.

However, as of this bulletin, MPOETC has not yet provided us with the necessary CLEE numbers. They will be shared once available.

Deputies can obtain a signed copy of their training records (transcripts) from their enrollment page in the SDSIS. It is the responsibility of each deputy or department to submit proof of training to MPOETC as required.

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