

DESCRIPTION: Under immediate supervision, participates in an extensive training program to gain the knowledge and abilities necessary to be a certified law enforcement officer in Nebraska State Patrol. Incumbents are students, and do not perform law enforcement duties; performs related work as assigned.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS: (A position is assigned to this class based on the scope and level of work performed as outlined below.)

This is a trainee level classification where incumbents receive formal training in Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) law enforcement operations, policies, and techniques, and pertinent laws and regulations. Training is for a predetermined period, the length of which may vary based upon the requirements of the NSP and Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice. Formal classroom training lasts several months while attending the State Patrol Training Academy at the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center. Once certified and an oath of office as a law enforcement officer is taken, incumbents become eligible for appointment to the State Patrol Trooper class, where they participate in a nine-month on-the-job probationary period under the guidance of an experienced sworn officer.

EXAMPLES OF WORK: (A position may not be assigned all the duties listed, nor do the listed examples include all the duties that may be assigned.)

Attends formal classroom training to learn the principles and practices of law enforcement methods and laws such as Motor Vehicle Law, Motor Carrier Law, Constitutional Law, Criminal Law, Civil and Criminal Liability Law, Investigative Report Writing, Search and Seizure, and Use of Force.

Learns human relations and interpersonal relation techniques and develops skills to deal effectively with members of the public, co-workers, criminals/suspects, and members of the criminal justice system.

Learns to perform physical law enforcement methods such as self defense, radio operation, firing weapons, making arrests, operating law enforcement vehicles, first aid and field sobriety tests.

Participates in physical fitness training to maintain and increase strength, flexibility, and cardiovascular fitness; runs, swims, and performs calisthenics, pushups, pull-ups, and other physical exercises.

Performs routine housekeeping, cleaning, and maintenance duties such as cleaning dormitory rooms, hallways, and common areas, making beds, and kitchen duty tasks.

Reads and studies classroom material, law books, lecture notes, and other materials to gain knowledge and prepare for class lectures and written examinations.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES REQUIRED: (These are needed to perform the work assigned.)

Ability to: communicate in English, verbally and in writing; read and comprehend the English language; comprehend and follow verbal and written instructions; perceive color differences; hear verbal and radio communications; understand and interact with individuals of different social, cultural, economic, and educational backgrounds; maintain records and logs; learn provisions of pertinent laws and regulations including rules of evidence, search and seizure, and arrest; learn to identify suspicious behavior; display and foster cooperation with and commitment to agency goals and policies.

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MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: (Applicants will be screened for possession of these qualifications. Applicants who need accommodation in the selection process should request this in advance.)

Requirements are set by State statutes and Chapter 8 of the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice rules and regulations (see Legal Requirements below).

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS: (These qualifications are mandated by federal/state laws, statutes, and/or regulations.)

Applicants or Candidates must: be a citizen of the United States prior to the completion of certification training; have reached the age of twenty-one years prior to the completion of certification training; must have a high school diploma or general educational development (GED) certificate; must complete the Test of Adult Basic Education (Reading, Writing, and Understanding the English Language Test); have vision correctable to 20/30 and have no evidence of an irreversible disease affecting eyesight; possess good character as determined by a background investigation; possess a valid motor vehicle operator's or chauffeur's license; have been examined by a licensed physician prior to admission and certified to have good physical condition sufficient to complete and pass a physical abilities test.

Applicants or Candidates must: be fingerprinted to permit search for and disclosure of any criminal record; be free of a conviction of a domestic violence crime that disqualifies them from possessing a firearm; free of any felony convictions or free of any conviction of physical violence constituting a Class I misdemeanor in Nebraska; must not have been subject to punitive discharge from U.S. Armed Forces; not have been convicted of DUI two years prior to attending the Training Academy; not have illegally sold, produced, cultivated or transported marijuana or other controlled substance for sale; not have used marijuana for any purpose in the last two (2) years; not have used marijuana or other controlled substance, other than one prescribed by a physician, while employed or appointed as a peace officer or law enforcement officer; not have illegally used any dangerous drugs or narcotics, other than marijuana, for any purpose in the last five (5) years.

SPECIAL NOTE:

State agencies are responsible to evaluate each of their positions to determine their individual overtime eligibility status as required by the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA).