

Public Safety

(one year (9 months) post-graduate advanced diploma)

Please read and think about the following information below carefully to decide whether this program is a good fit for you. This information may change and is simply intended to offer you a helpful perspective on what you will experience in this program.

Program Dates: August through April (9 months)

Scheduled Breaks: Last week of December and first week of January (approximately two weeks); check your registration for other short breaks.

Post-Graduation

Work Permit length: Up to 9 months.

Schedule: Will be Monday to Friday, usually 7-8 hours each day. Days can start as early as 8:00 and end as late as 6:00.
Program could include evening events.

Campus Location: 1430 Victoria Avenue East, Brandon, Manitoba. See campus information [here](#)

What You'll Study:

In the program's first course (in August), learn about Canadian cultural values and workplace expectations, and begin developing interpersonal and interprofessional communication skills. *Students must pass this course to continue in the program.*

Study the Canadian and Manitoba legal and justice systems, as they relate to public safety work, in courses in criminal law and law enforcement/justice.

Apply this knowledge and develop necessary skills, in courses in evidence/documentation, investigative techniques and policing principles/procedures.

Further explore and analyze the variety of cultures in Canadian society in the cultural diversity and communications course. Develop skills in respectful intercultural communication, professional etiquette, teamwork and conflict resolution.

Learn about community policing and problem-solving models to proactively reduce crime and promote community safety.

Practice the computer and technology applications necessary to do public safety work, for example, word processing, spreadsheets, records management and using databases.

A major focus in the program is physical health and self-discipline: nutrition, fitness and lifestyle practices. Master precision drills and proper maintenance of equipment and uniform. Explore choices and behaviors that affect physical and mental health, and stress management.

Required First Aid/CPR seminar. *Must pass this to continue in the program.*

See course descriptions [here](#). Click on the "Courses & Costs" link.

How You'll "Learn By Doing"

Much of the learning will be "scenario-based"—"real-world" activities like how to investigate crime scenes, identify and seize evidence, write clear reports, and conduct interviews and interrogations.

Frequently, you (on your own or in a group) will need to process information and suggest actions or solutions using a “problem solving” model.

You will frequently work in groups to develop communication skills, emotional intelligence and critical thinking.

Many days each week, you will be “out of the classroom” doing physical training, scenario practice and community volunteer activities. The Community-Based Policing course will require 200 hours of volunteer work, on your own time (outside of class schedule).

Stress management, mental health first aid and cross-cultural teachings are integrated into many program activities.

The program is offered in partnership with Brandon Police Service, who participate in numerous learning activities. College instructors continue to work in the public safety field, so remain up to date in skills and knowledge.

What You’ll Need to Do to Graduate

- Attend all classes and activities. Arrive on time every day. Participate fully and ask questions.
- Ask instructors or advisors for help when you need it, and ask for help early!
- Purchase all required supplies, including uniforms and equipment.
- Practice all skills until you can demonstrate “mastery”-- do them correctly and quickly.
- To graduate, you must pass all courses **with a minimum 70% grade**. Attendance, punctuality and professional behavior will be part of grades.
- Re-testing is generally **not** an option. If you fail a course, it may not be available again until the following year and will create an “unscheduled break” for you.
- You will need to be comfortable with the Windows operating system and capable of completing assignments using word processing software. You will also learn **new** software programs and other technology. If you have doubts, try quizzes at <https://www.digitalliteracyassessment.org/>
- All English skills (reading, writing, listening, speaking) are important. Evaluation could include tests, group projects, written reports and research papers, presentations and public events.
- Complete all evaluations.
- **Do your own work**. Cheating, not referencing sources of your ideas, or using other people’s work could result in failing grades/suspension.
- Wear your uniform or fitness clothing each day it is required. Maintain cleanliness of yourself and your uniform/clothing. Bathe yourself daily and use antiperspirant or deodorant. Launder or change your uniform daily.
- Manage physical demands of program. Physical training could include running long distance outdoors, including in bad weather. It also will include lifting, strength and agility tests.
- Share work of preparation and clean-up of activities, as needed. Work until instructors dismiss the full class group.
- Work co-operatively in teams and behave respectfully towards all students, staff and guests. **English only**. No personal cell phone use during class activity.
- You will need to apply for **criminal record check and child and adult abuse registry checks** after you have been in Canada for at least 6 months.

How Assiniboine College Can Help You

- Trained instructors will share their knowledge and experience from the industry, and will give you frequent and specific feedback on your progress.
- Learning Commons staff available to assist with study skills, like test-taking and writing papers.
- Student advising staff offer support for personal issues.
- A Regulated International Student Immigration Advisor can answer questions related to permits.

Job Options for Graduates

Graduates are ready for entry-level roles in public safety, including security firms, risk management and loss prevention, or corrections (jail or prison facilities).

Assiniboine hires some graduates for paid two-year positions with Campus Security.

Not all graduates will gain a position with a police service. This will vary, depending on factors like sight, hearing, physical ability and your citizenship status, along with other education and experiences. Many jobs will require morning, evening, night and weekend work, including long hours as needed. A valid Manitoba driver's license will increase your job opportunities. If you do not have a valid driver's license from another country or Canadian province, this process could take *at least* 10 months. See information [here](#).

Most jobs will require a *current* criminal record check and child and adult abuse registry checks.

Jobs in this field will require you to be disciplined, mature and socially aware. You must be prepared to take control of critical situations and use your training to make quick decisions, sometimes without full information. **Jobs could involve physical danger or life-threatening situations.**

Costs

Tuition: see website and letter of acceptance. **Part of the tuition will be non-refundable and non-transferrable;** letter of acceptance will state the amount.

Health insurance: All international students will **require** health insurance. Cost approximately \$1000.

Textbooks, tools and supplies: approximately \$2100. See lists [here](#); click on the "Tools and Supplies" tab. Purchased on your own, not payable to college. **Required** early in program. Also note the "technology requirements" links on the webpage; any required computer equipment that you do not own now will be in addition to that \$2100.

You may require access to **computer devices** at home and/or be required to bring these on campus.

Read assiniboine.net/tech for more detailed information for this program.

Clothing and footwear: you may need to purchase new footwear and/or warm and rainproof clothing for outdoor activities.

Transportation and living costs are your responsibility.

Other Important Information

Read **everything** on the program webpage. Click [here](#). Then click on all tabs, open all links and read all FAQs. **This is a challenging program, emotionally, mentally and physically.** We hope you fully inform yourself to make your decision about registering in this program.