

Law Enforcement Endorsement

Specifications, Competencies & Requirements

PURPOSE

This endorsement is meant for certified teachers interested in teaching **Law Enforcement** courses. It is attached to a current Utah Educator License with a license area of concentration in **Secondary** or **Career Technical Education (CTE)** Education.

Upon attachment of this endorsement to a Utah educator license, educators will be approved to teach the following USBE courses:

Law Enforcement
Careers in Criminal Justice
Corrections
Criminal Law
Criminal Justice, Introduction

ENDORSEMENT REQUIREMENTS

Prerequisite

Demonstrate an understanding of Career and Technical Education (CTE) basics.
CTE Knowledge

Endorsement Competency

Applicants must complete the following competency requirements to hold the professional endorsement.
Law Enforcement

COMPETENCY DETAILS & DESCRIPTIONS

Prerequisite

1. CTE Knowledge

Demonstrate an understanding of CTE basics:

- Explain how CTE links learning to specific Utah industries and what its main goals are.
- Know the licenses and endorsements needed to teach specific CTE courses.
- Describe how CTE is organized into clusters and pathways at the state, district (LEA), and school levels, and how this helps students succeed after graduation.
- Locate and use the state's strands and standards in lesson plans.
- Explore CTE student organizations (CTSOs) and professional groups and explain how they support students and teachers.
- Explain how advisory boards, with industry members, make sure programs meet job market needs and maintain safe learning environments.
- Understand the basics of securing funding, planning for the program's future, and participating in the state Program of Quality Review (PQR) to ensure program excellence.

Select **one** of the following options:

- ☐ USBE Course: [CTE Orientation](#)
- ☐ Complete THREE years of full-time CTE Teaching in Utah
- ☐ Currently hold a professional-level CTE endorsement

Endorsement Competency

2. Law Enforcement

Demonstrate knowledge of the three major components of the criminal justice system (law enforcement, courts, and corrections), legal foundations, law enforcement operations and practices, correctional principles and practices, criminal justice careers, and professionalism.

Select **one** of the following options:

- **Occupational Experience:** Provide documentation demonstrating occupational experience (law enforcement officer, detective, corrections officer, etc.) The individual must provide verifiable evidence of their experience and competence in law enforcement. This includes a combination of factors such as dates of employment, specific roles and responsibilities, specialized training completed, commendations received, and demonstrated proficiency in relevant skills and knowledge areas
 - Provide POST academy Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) certification
 - Provide POST academy Basic Corrections Officer (BCO1) certification
 - [POST Instructor Development- Classroom Facilitator](#)
- A bachelor's degree or higher in criminal justice, political science, or other related degree with coursework related to the content area.