

Traffic Theory

Course Outcome Summary

Course Information

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Course Number	10-504-131
Instructional Level	Associate Degree
Potential Hours of Instruction	54
Total Credits	3

Description

Become familiar with Wisconsin's traffic laws and ordinances, including those related to operator licensing and vehicle registration and equipment. Learn to enforce these laws, complete Wisconsin Uniform Traffic Citations and (as needed) to direct and control traffic effectively. Material covered includes steps taken as first-in officer to stabilize and manage a complex scene, investigate traffic accidents, take appropriate enforcement actions and prepare accident reports. Learn emergency vehicle operation including basic patrol operation, emergency vehicle response and pursuit driving. Understand the legal bases for making vehicle contacts, how to conduct a threat assessment and how to conduct different types of vehicle contact, including how to administer and interpret the Operating a Motor Vehicle While Intoxicated/Standardized Field Sobriety Test (OMVWI/SFST).

Types of Instruction

Instruction Type	Contact Hours	Credits
Simulated Work Experience	54	3

Textbooks

Wisconsin Department of Transportation. *Wisconsin Motor Vehicle Laws*. Wisconsin DOT. **Edition:** Latest.

Wisconsin Department of Transportation. *Uniform State Traffic Deposit Schedule*. Wisconsin DOT. **Edition:** Latest.

Learner Supplies

Accident Investigators Template. **Manufacturer:** Northwestern University. **Quantity:** 1. **Source:** Book store.

Exit Learning Outcomes

Standards

5-A TRAFFIC LAW ENFORCEMENT (8)

A-1 Enforce Wisconsin traffic laws and ordinances, including the rules of the road and those relating to operator licensing, vehicle registration, and vehicle equipment.

A-2 Direct and control traffic.

A-3 Prepare and issue traffic law citations, ranging from verbal warning to arrest.

5-B SCENE MANAGEMENT (4)

B-1 Understand the responsibilities of a first responding officer, following the steps of the Incident Response model.

B-2 Manage the response to a scene, including coordination of resources.

B-3 Ensure that necessary steps are taken to enable effective follow-up as needed.

5-C TRAFFIC ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION (12)

C-1 Properly complete the Wisconsin Motor Vehicle Accident Report form.

C-2 Manage accident scenes to ensure safety and preservation of evidence.

C-3 Investigate accidents thoroughly, incorporating knowledge of vehicle collision and roadway evidence.

C-4 Take appropriate enforcement action based on information gathered.

5-F OMVWI/SFST (8)

F-1 Recognize and properly interpret driving and other behavior that provides evidence of OMVWI.

Competencies

A. Enforce Wisconsin traffic law

You will demonstrate your competence:

A.1. by responding to a simulated traffic accident

Your performance will be successful when:

A.1. you enforce the laws in a non-judgmental manner

A.2. you enforce all laws that apply

A.3. you do not enforce laws that do not apply

A.4. you apply common sense

B. Direct and control traffic

You will demonstrate your competence:

B.1. by controlling traffic flow in a full size or scale model mock up

Your performance will be successful when:

B.1. you demonstrate the proper position to direct traffic

B.2. you demonstrate the proper hand signals

B.3. you demonstrate the proper whistle signals

C. Issue traffic law citations

You will demonstrate your competence:

C.1. by issuing a citation for a simulated traffic accident

Your performance will be successful when:

C.1. the citation has all necessary information included

C.2. the citation has additional information included only when relevant (in your judgement) to the situation

C.3. the citation is clear and legible (if hand written)

C.4. the citation issuance complies with all department policies

D. Respond to an incident as a first responder

You will demonstrate your competence:

D.1. by taking first responder action at a simulated traffic accident

Your performance will be successful when:

D.1. you secure the scene so that it is safe from further damage

D.2. you make a quick assessment of any necessary additional resources and assistance and take the steps to summon them

D.3. you triage injured persons once the scene is safe

D.4. you perform first aid once triage is complete

D.5. you collect and document scene data once persons are cared for

D.6. you remain calm

D.7. you do not needlessly risk yourself

E. Manage a scene response

You will demonstrate your competence:

E.1. by acting as scene commander for a simulated traffic accident and coordinating the response

Your performance will be successful when:

E.1. you prioritize necessary actions

E.2. you direct resources according to those priorities

E.3. you maintain constant and clear communication with responding units

E.4. you make every effort to calm citizens present

E.5. you communicate known facts only when communicating with the public or the media and do not sensationalize or theorize

F. Follow-up a scene response

You will demonstrate your competence:

F.1. by creating a follow up plan after a simulation up of a major accident

Your performance will be successful when:

F.1. the follow up plan includes obtaining the necessary information from witnesses

F.2. the follow up plan includes restoring traffic flow

F.3. the follow up plan includes complete notes for completing the MV4000

G. Complete a Wisconsin MVA report form

You will demonstrate your competence:

G.1. by documenting a simulated traffic accident scene using the Wisconsin Motor Vehicle Accident Reports

Your performance will be successful when:

G.1. the WMVA report has all necessary information included

G.2. the WMVA report has additional information included only when relevant (in your judgement) to the situation

G.3. the WMVA report is clear and legible (if hand written)

G.4. the WMVA report issuance complies with all department policies

H. Manage an accident scene

You will demonstrate your competence:

H.1. by managing a simulated traffic accident

Your performance will be successful when:

H.1. your scene management follows clear priorities

H.2. your scene management shows calm thinking

H.3. your scene management takes into account safety and preventing, or reducing the threat of, further damage and or injury

H.4. your scene management is conducted in a confident and professional manner

I. Investigate an accident

You will demonstrate your competence:

I.1. by investigating a simulated traffic accident

Your performance will be successful when:

I.1. your investigation includes pertinent information on scene conditions

I.2. your investigation includes pertinent information on the condition of those persons involved

I.3. your investigation accounts for all vehicles involved in the accident

I.4. your investigation accounts for all persons involved in the accident

I.5. your investigation follows all department policies

I.6. your investigation includes as much "real time" information as you are able to gather

I.7. your investigation includes as much information from nearby or surrounding resources as you are able to gather

J. Take traffic enforcement action

You will demonstrate your competence:

J.1. by taking enforcement action based upon information from a simulated traffic accident

Your performance will be successful when:

J.1. you enforce the laws in a non-judgmental manner

J.2. you enforce all laws that apply

J.3. you do not enforce laws that do not apply

J.4. you apply common sense

K. Interpret driving behaviors that suggest OMVWI

You will demonstrate your competence:

K.1. by interpreting simulated driving behaviors or actual driving behaviors from a case study or video tape

Your performance will be successful when:

K.1. you identify the elements of OMVWI

K.2. you articulate the driving characteristics of intoxicated drivers

K.3. you describe the observable and articulable facts defining reasonable suspicion for a traffic stop