

ADVANCED INVESTIGATIONS & ENFORCEMENT (AIE)

Important: This program is no longer accepting new applications for September 2024

About the Program

In this eight-month graduate certificate program, you will receive a combination of academic knowledge and hands-on training to pursue a dynamic career in public and private policing and investigations. With a focus on the development of advanced skills, you will be prepared for the challenges and rewards that come with investigations and law enforcement.

Seneca's Advanced Investigation and Enforcement program uses hybrid and online strategies across our curriculum to deliver innovative and flexible learning focused on student needs, while also concentrating on the applied and professional skills needed for law enforcement and investigations (both public and private).

After successful completion of the first semester, you can apply for a training completion number. It will make you eligible to be tested, at your own expense, for the provincially regulated licence to be a private investigator. Additionally, by completing the Firearms Safety course, you will be eligible to apply for a Canadian Firearms License.

Credential Awarded

Ontario College Graduate Certificate

Duration

2 Semesters (8 Months)

Starts

September

Program and Course Delivery

This program is offered in Seneca's hybrid delivery format. Some coursework is online and some must be completed in person. Students will need to come on campus to complete in-person learning requirements.

Your Career

When you graduate from this program, these are the types of career options you can explore:

- Private and public policing
- Private investigations
- Corporate and private security
- Law enforcement
- Public safety organizations

Affiliations/Associations

- Canadian Police Association (CPA)
- Firearms Safety Education Service of Ontario (FSESO)
- International Association of Law Enforcement Firearms Instructors (IALEFI)
- International Law Enforcement Educators and Trainers Association (ILEETA)

Program of Study

Course Code	Course Name	Weekly Hours
Semester 1		
PPI510	Leadership, Collaboration and Communication Skills	3
PPI520	Private Investigation	3
PPI540	Corporate and Cyber-Crime Investigations	4
PPI571	Introduction to Risk Management	4
PPI630	Counter-Terrorism: Canadian Perspectives	3
PPI695	Introduction to Social Media and Investigations	3
Semester 2		
PPI530	Advanced Photography and Surveillance	4
PPI561	Firearms Safety and Proficiency	4
PPI610	Officer Safety Practices	4
PPI620	Executive Protection	4
PPI625	Advanced Investigations	3
PPI640	Emergency and Disaster Planning	5

Program Learning Outcomes

This Seneca program has been validated by the Credential Validation Service as an Ontario College Credential as required by the Ministry of Colleges and Universities.

As a graduate, you will be prepared to reliably demonstrate the ability to:

- Analyze situations and synthesize the various policies, procedures, legislation, social issues and community resources applicable to make appropriate decisions.
- Integrate legislative, professional, organizational and ethical standards to develop a personal code of conduct.
- Communicate professionally and effectively in all aspects of investigation, enforcement and community involvement.
- Utilize technology effectively in the execution of policing duties in both routine and complex situations.
- Utilize effective critical thinking, problem-solving decision making and multi-tasking in complex situations.
- Integrate physical activity, fitness and wellness standards into the development of a personal lifestyle.
- Integrate effective team/leadership/relationships building capabilities to promote effective and harmonious workplaces and community relations within a diverse society.

- Apply specialized investigative methods in securing, searching, recording, collecting, preserving and evaluating of evidence for enforcement and prosecution of offences including generating appropriate, accurate and comprehensive reports and legal documentation.
- Illustrate a commitment to self-development and life long learning in the field of policing through the selection and implementation of effective strategies.
- Utilize appropriate conflict and crisis management techniques during dispute resolution and in potentially dangerous situations.

Admission Requirements

- Ontario university or college degree or equivalent in a field related to criminology, psychology, sociology, justice studies, public administration or an Ontario college diploma in police foundations, law and security administration, community justice services or a related area of study.
Applicants with an equivalent combination of partial postsecondary and/or three to five years of related work experience may be considered for admission. A relevant resumé and references must be provided.
- English proficiency (<https://www.senecapolytechnic.ca/registrar/canadian-applicants/admission-requirements/english-proficiency.html>) for graduate certificates.

Canadian citizens or permanent residents educated outside of Canada must provide a World Education Services (WES) or ICAS Canada credential evaluation.

International Student Information

International admissions requirements vary by program and in addition to English requirements (<https://www.senecapolytechnic.ca/international/apply/how-to-apply/admission-requirements/english-requirements.html>), programs may require credits in mathematics, biology, and chemistry at a level equivalent to Ontario's curriculum, or a postsecondary degree or diploma, equivalent to an Ontario university or college. Program-specific pre-requisite courses and credentials are listed with the admission requirements on each program page. To review the academic requirements please visit: Academic Requirements - Seneca, Toronto, Canada ([senecapolytechnic.ca](https://www.senecapolytechnic.ca/international/apply/how-to-apply/admission-requirements/academic-requirements.html)) (<https://www.senecapolytechnic.ca/international/apply/how-to-apply/admission-requirements/academic-requirements.html>).

Pathways

As a leader in academic pathways, we offer a range of options that will allow you to take your credential further in another Seneca program or a program at a partner institution.

To learn more about your eligibility, visit the Academic Pathways (<https://www.senecapolytechnic.ca/pathways.html>) web page.

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