

12 NCAC 10B .1002 is proposed for amendment as follows:

12 NCAC 10B .1002 ~~GENERAL PROVISIONS~~ ELIGIBILITY FOR PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATES

(a) In order to be eligible for one or more of the professional ~~awards~~, certificates, a sheriff or deputy sheriff shall first meet the following preliminary qualifications:

- (1) be an elected or appointed sheriff or be a deputy sheriff who holds valid ~~General~~ general or ~~Grandfather Certification~~, grandfather certification as defined in G.S. 17E-7(a). A deputy sheriff serving under a probationary certification is not eligible for consideration. Any justice officer subject to suspension or revocation ~~proceedings~~ proceedings, ~~or~~ under investigation for possible decertification ~~action~~ action, ~~by the Commission or the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission~~ under a period of active revocation of their certification, or under probation or suspended sanction, by the Commission or the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission, is not eligible for professional ~~awards~~ certificates for the pendency of the ~~proceedings~~, proceedings or period of probation, suspension, or revocation;
- (2) ~~be familiar with and subscribe to the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics as promulgated by the International Association of Chiefs of Police; and~~ meet and maintain the requirements of certification pursuant to Rule .0301 and Section .0500 of this Subchapter; and
- (3) if the applicant is a deputy sheriff, the applicant shall be a full-time sworn law enforcement officer of a North Carolina Sheriff's Office, ~~as certified in writing by the sheriff; sheriff's office. or be a full-time law enforcement officer of an agency who must be sworn by the sheriff in order to perform his duties as certified in writing by the Sheriff.~~

(b) Employees of a North Carolina Sheriff's Office who have previously held general or grandfather law enforcement officer certification but are presently, by virtue of promotion or transfer, serving in non-sworn positions not subject to certification are eligible to participate in the Professional Certificate Program. Eligibility for this exception requires continuous employment with the sheriff's office from the date of promotion or transfer from a sworn, certified position to the date of application for a professional certificate.

(c) Only training or experience gained in an officer's area of expertise as described in Paragraph (d) of this Rule is eligible for application to this program.

(d) Certificates shall be awarded based upon a formula that combines formal education, law enforcement training, and ~~actual~~ experience as in a sworn law enforcement officer position as defined in Rule .0103(19) of this Subchapter. These professional certificates ~~are appropriate~~ shall be for sworn sheriffs and full-time deputy sheriffs. Points are computed in the following manner:

- (1) each semester hour of college credit shall equal one education point and each quarter hour shall equal two-thirds of an education point. No correspondence or vocational courses shall be credited towards education points unless an accredited institution, as set out in ~~12 NCAC 10B .1004(b)~~, Rule .1004(b) of this Section, credits the ~~course(s)~~ courses towards a degree;

(2) ~~twenty 20 classroom~~ hours of ~~commission-approved~~ law enforcement training shall equal one training point; and

(3) experience as a sworn law enforcement officer as defined in Rule .0103(19) of this Subchapter is acceptable for consideration.

(e) In addition to the qualifications set forth in Paragraphs (a), (b), (c), and (d) of this Rule, applicants for the Intermediate Law Enforcement Certificate shall have acquired the following combination of educational points or degrees, law enforcement training points, and years of law enforcement experience:

<u>Educational Degrees</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>Associate</u>	<u>Bachelor</u>
<u>Years of Law</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>Enforcement Experience</u>					
<u>Minimum Law</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>23</u>
<u>Enforcement</u>					
<u>Training Points</u>					
<u>Minimum Total</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>23</u>
<u>Education and</u>					
<u>Training Points</u>					

(f) In addition to the qualifications set forth in Paragraphs (a), (b), (c), and (d) of this Rule, applicants for the Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate shall have acquired the following combination of educational points or degrees, law enforcement training points, and years of law enforcement experience:

<u>Educational Degrees</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>Associate</u>	<u>Bachelor</u>	<u>Doctoral,</u> <u>Professional</u> <u>or Master</u>
<u>Years of Law</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>Enforcement</u>					
<u>Experience</u>					
<u>Minimum Law</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>23</u>
<u>Enforcement</u>					
<u>Training Points</u>					
<u>Minimum Total</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>23</u>
<u>Education and</u>					
<u>Training Points</u>					

(g) Educational points or degrees claimed shall have been earned at a technical institute, technical college, community college, junior college, college or university accredited as such by the Department of Education of the state in which the institution is located, a national or regional accrediting body, or the state university of the state in which the institution is located. No credit shall be given for any correspondence or vocational courses unless credited towards a degree by an accredited institution.

1 (h) No more than 160 hours of training obtained by completing an accredited basic law enforcement training program
2 required to serve in a sworn law enforcement position as defined in Rule .0103(19) of this Subchapter shall be credited
3 toward training points.

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5 *History Note: Authority G.S. 17E-4;*

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10 *2018;*

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