

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Lauren DuPont and I work in St. Petersburg, Florida, at St. Petersburg College as a Coordinator for the Criminal Justice Academies. We have recently begun putting our information out on a more national level for officers looking for job opportunities in Florida. At our academy we have an Equivalency of Training program that is a two-week course for out-of-state officers looking to be certified in Florida. Out-of-state officers who have worked full-time for at least one year may qualify for this type of course. At the end of the two weeks the students can take their State Exam, and upon passing the exam they will be certifiable (once hired by an agency they are considered "certified").

I wanted to get our information out to you to offer to any agencies you think may have officers interested in this opportunity. Our website is <http://www.spcollege.edu/ac/eot.htm> . Another website I would also like to give you contact information for is the Police Applicant Screening Service. They are an agency that does the preliminary background information check in order to give the student their clearance into the program (CJSTC 76 form is needed to be admitted into the course which they provide). The form needed is an exemption form that proves the student qualifies to take the accelerated course rather than a complete basic recruit academy. Their website is <http://www.policestandards.org/> Luann is the contact person and her phone number is 727-864-3822.

Thank you for your time and please feel free to contact anyone at our office with any questions or concerns.

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Have a great day,

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