



**2017-2018 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**  
**Degree: Technical Certificate**  
**Program of Study: Public Safety Diving**

**About This Major . . .**

This certificate is designed to provide the student with entry-level skills required for Public Safety Diving. Students will learn the fundamentals of basic open water scuba skills, dry suit and full face mask skills are emphasized. Instruction includes basic open water scuba skills, dry suit and full face mask, line tending, drowning investigations, operational duties, safety, and responsible diving practices. Students gain valuable skills for searching, collecting, preserving, and processing underwater crime scene evidence. Students will be required to work in low visibility and entanglement environments. Career options with this certificate include positions as investigators, sub-surface crime scene specialists, forensic investigators police divers, team training officers, safety officers, water operations supervisors, and forensic researchers.

For more information on what you can do with this major, go to <http://www.coloradomesa.edu/wccc/programs.html>

All CMU certificate graduates are expected to demonstrate proficiency in critical thinking, communication fluency, quantitative fluency, and specialized knowledge/applied learning. In addition to these campus-wide student learning outcomes, graduates of this major will be able to:

1. Demonstrate proficient communication and writing skills that are formal and professional in nature. (Communication Fluency)
2. Demonstrate and apply mathematical concepts required of public safety diving professionals. (Qualitative Fluency)
3. Demonstrate specialized knowledge of public safety diving practices, principles and investigative procedures. (Specialized Knowledge)
4. Demonstrate proficiency in basic skills required for entry level public safety diving professionals. (Applied Learning)

**Advising Process and DegreeWorks**

This document is intended for informational purposes to help determine what courses and associated requirements are needed to earn a certificate. Some courses are critical to complete in specific semesters while others may be moved around. Meeting with an academic advisor is essential in planning courses and discussing the suggested course sequencing. It is ultimately the student's responsibility to understand and fulfill the requirements for her/his intended certificate.

DegreeWorks is an online degree audit tool available in MAVzone. It is the official record used by the Registrar's Office to evaluate progress towards a certificate and determine eligibility for graduation. Students are responsible for reviewing their DegreeWorks audit on a regular basis and should discuss questions or concerns with their advisor or academic department head. Discrepancies in requirements should be reported to the Registrar's Office.

**Graduation Process**

Students must complete the following in the first two months of the semester prior to completing their certificate requirements (for one semester certificates complete in the first week of class):

- Review their DegreeWorks audit and create a plan that outlines how unmet requirements will be met in the final semester.
- Meet with their advisor and modify their plan as needed. The advisor must approve the final plan.
- Submit the "Intent to Graduate" form to the Registrar's Office to officially declare the intended graduation date and commencement ceremony plans.
- Register for all needed courses and complete all requirements for each degree sought.

Submission deadlines and commencement details can be found at <http://www.coloradomesa.edu/registrar/graduation.html>.

If a student's petition for graduation is denied, it will be her/his responsibility to consult the Registrar's Office regarding next steps.

### **INSTITUTIONAL CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS**

The following institutional requirements apply to all CMU technical certificates. Specific programs may have different requirements that must be met in addition to institutional requirements.

- Consists of 5-59 semester hours.
- Primarily 100-200 level courses.
- At least fifty percent of the credit hours must be taken at CMU.
- 2.00 cumulative GPA or higher in all CMU coursework.
- A grade lower than “C” will not be counted toward meeting the requirements.
- A course may only be used to fulfill one requirement for each degree/certificate.
- Non-traditional credit, such as advanced placement, credit by examination, credit for prior learning, cooperative education and internships, cannot exceed twenty-five percent of the semester credit hours required for a technical certificate.
- Pre-collegiate courses (usually numbered below 100) cannot be used for graduation.
- Capstone exit assessment/projects (e.g., Major Field Achievement Test) requirements are identified under Program-Specific Certificate Requirements.
- The Catalog Year determines which program sheet and certificate requirements a student must fulfill in order to graduate. Visit with your advisor or academic department to determine which catalog year and program requirements you should follow.
- See “Requirements for Undergraduate Degrees and Certificates” in the catalog for a complete list of graduation requirements.

### **PROGRAM-SPECIFIC CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS**

- 8 semester hours for the Technical Certificate in Public Safety Diving.
- **Additional expenses** – Students entering the Phase 1 Course may be required to purchase Public Safety Dive equipment with total cost of approximately \$1750.00. This is in addition to tuition and fees. Additional travel expenses apply. These costs may vary with student need and brand or quality of equipment purchased. Please see program coordinator for additional details.
- The Homicidal Drowning Investigations Course has an additional charge of \$249.00. This is in addition to tuition and fees. Please see program coordinator for additional details.
- The Rapid Diver Deployment (UWCSI) Course has an additional charge of \$395 per student. This is in addition to tuition and fees. Please see program coordinator for additional details.

### **TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE: PUBLIC SAFETY DIVING REQUIREMENTS** (8 semester hours)

- CRJW 270 - Homicidal Drowning Investigations (2)
- CRJW 280 - Public Safety Diving Phase 1 (4)
- CRJW 290 - Underwater CSI (2)

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### **SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCING**

#### **First Semester: 8 credits**

- CRJW 270 - Homicidal Drowning Investigations (2)
  - CRJW 280 - Public Safety Diving Phase 1 (4)
  - CRJW 290 - Underwater CSI (2)
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