

The Police Society for Problem Based Learning Professional Development Policy

Aims

The PSPBL delivers the Instructional Development Course (IDC) in developing problem based learning (PBL) instructors for police and corrections training academies and training coordinators in police departments and services.

The PSPBL strives to assist police departments to become self-sustaining in developing its own police training officers (PTO's).

This certification process is designed to accommodate instructors' diverse professional interests, access to resources and different learning styles in maintaining their level of accreditation within the Police Society for Problem Based Learning (PSPBL), and in contributing to the development and growth of the Society.

Certification

Certification through four levels requires a combination of instruction, practice and personal development.

Re-certification is mandatory every three years above Level II from the date of the granting of certification.

Certification is renewed on evidence that the instructor is a member in good standing and satisfies the PSPBL Certification Committee of at least 40 Learning Education Units (LEUs) during the previous certification period.

The PSPBL Instructor Register

Instructors achieving Level III certification are maintained on the Register of Certified Instructors.

Instructors achieving re-certification are retained on the Register of Certified Instructors.

Certified members on the Register must maintain a permanent personal Learning Logbook.

Every three years, three months in advance of the re-certification date, instructors must submit to the PSPBL Certification Board or their representative a short self-report summary of the activities posted in their Learning Logbook. The self-report summary documents activities satisfying at least 40 hours of approved Learning Education Unit (LEU) credit.

Any Member in breach of the professional development standards which includes the 40 LEU credit shall, after fourteen days notice from PSPBL and a failure to notify the Professional Standards Committee of an intent to provide proof of the LEU's, forfeit all privileges of certification, be struck off the Register and shall not qualify for recommendation by the PSPBL to the community as a certified PBL instructor.

The PSPBL may suspend any member from the Register for what the Professional Standards Committee decides is an activity that is inconsistent with the PSPBL Code of Ethics, or otherwise harms the reputation of the PSPBL. The PSPBL must provide the member twenty-one days notice with the reason for the suspension. Failure to notify the Professional Standards Committee of an intention to appeal during this period will result in removal from the Register.

Reinstatement

Members whose certification is lapsed may apply for reinstatement to the Professional Standards Committee upon compliance with the rules for the reporting of continuing professional development credits (40 CEUs) within a three year period.

Members who have been suspended may appeal for re-instatement to the Board.

Proof of Continuing Education Units

Proof of CEUs is established with the submission of a **Self-Report Summary** supported by a professional logbook documenting activities for which the instructor is seeking credit. The Self-Report Summary and supporting logbook should be received by the committee at least three months in advance of the anniversary date.

The logbook must be made available to the PSPBL Certification Board on demand