

Entry-Level Patrol Deputy Qualifications

Entry-level Patrol Deputy applicants must be a U.S. citizen, at least 21 years of age, possess a valid driver's license and have **ONE** of the following:

- 48 semester credits from a regionally accredited college/university**
- Have served two years consecutive, full-time military service
- Two years prior full-time experience in law enforcement with a recognized public safety agency as a commissioned or licensed law enforcement officer
- Two years prior full-time responsible work history with supervisory experience following high school or GED
- Two years of full-time experience working at the Ada County Sheriff's Office in any position

**Only those colleges/universities with regional accreditation will be accepted. Regional accreditation agencies include:

- Accrediting Commission of Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACCJC),
- Higher Learning Commission (HLC),
- Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE),
- New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE),
- Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU),
- Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), and
- WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC).

To verify if a school is regionally accredited, visit the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) website (<https://www.chea.org/>) and enter the name of the school in the tan search box.

Lateral Patrol Deputy Qualifications

Lateral Patrol Deputy applicants must be a U.S. citizen, at least 21 years of age, possess a valid driver's license AND:

- Must be a current certified Peace Officer or eligible to challenge the Idaho POST Academy
- Have two years prior full-time field/patrol experience as a commissioned officer in a recognized law enforcement agency