

Instructors and trainers

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Instructor qualifications and national learning programme

Instructors must be trained to the standards of the national learning programme for public and personal safety instructors. Competence should be maintained and measured against the PPST instructor role profile. The national learning programme and PPST instructor role profile are both available in the [PPST guidance](#) (this link is available to authorised users who are logged on to College Learn).

Instructors delivering PPST should possess or attain:

- [police sector standard for training of instructors](#)
- occupational competence in the delivery of training against the PPST assessment criteria, as referred to in the [PPST guidance](#) (this link is available to authorised users who are logged on to College Learn)
- occupational competence in the subject(s) they are teaching

Existing instructors who have not completed the national learning programme may be able to use their accredited prior learning to meet the instructor standard, as detailed in the [PPST guidance](#) (this link is available to authorised users who are logged on to College Learn).

Trainer qualifications and national learning programme

The public and personal safety instructor training programme must only be delivered by qualified trainers who have obtained:

- [police sector standard for training of trainers](#)

- a certificate in assessing vocational achievement (CAVA) or the College of Policing assessing award
- occupational competence in the delivery of training against the PPST assessment criteria

Instructor and trainer delivery guidance

Instructors and trainers should ensure that:

- only techniques contained in the College's public and personal safety manual are taught – see the [**Training implementation**](#) section for further details
- they have access to appropriate support to put training into an operational context, as outlined in the instructor and trainer standards, as referred to in the [**PPST guidance**](#) (this link is available to authorised users who are logged on to College Learn)
- they receive data in relation to PPST, which may include injuries during training, assaults on officers and staff, and use of force data so that they can identify the effectiveness of training and equipment – see the [**Management and analysis of PPST data**](#) section for further details

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