



# Northwest Illinois Criminal Justice Commission

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## Correctional Officer Non-escalation and De-escalation as Force Alternatives

**DATE:** November 3, 2025

**Registration Ends:** October 20, 2025

**TIME:** 8:30 AM—11:30 AM (3 Hours)

**LOCATION:** Stephenson Co. Courthouse Training Room, 15 N. Galena Ave., Freeport, IL

**INSTRUCTORS:** Dr. Micheal Schlosser

### PURPOSE OF COURSE:

The course aims to empower participants with a comprehensive understanding and practical application of essential skills and knowledge in proper use-of-force, as well as non-escalation and de-escalation philosophy, techniques, and tactics. By delving into the intricacies of knowledge and skills, this purpose-driven course equips individuals with the tools and insights necessary to excel in their personal and professional endeavors. Through engaging lectures, hands-on activities, and interactive discussions, participants will develop a profound appreciation for the significance of in real-world contexts. The course purposefully fosters critical thinking and problem-solving abilities, enabling students to confidently tackle challenges and explore innovative solutions within their profession.

By the end of this course, participants will emerge with enriched perspectives and a strengthened skill set, ready to make meaningful contributions to their profession, enabling them to use reasonable force as well as skills and tactics of non-escalation and de-escalation as force alternatives.

### COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This comprehensive course offers a deep exploration of the proper use of force for correctional officers, as well as the essential knowledge and practical skills in non-escalation and de-escalation as force alternatives. Throughout the course, participants will engage in stimulating lectures, hands-on activities, and interactive discussions, fostering a holistic understanding of the material and its real-world implications. By delving into practical case studies and projects, students will have the opportunity to apply their learning in practical scenarios, honing their problem-solving abilities and critical thinking skills.

Guided by an instructor who is an expert in this field, students will benefit from personalized feedback and guidance, ensuring a supportive and enriching learning experience. The course emphasizes collaboration and encourages participants to exchange ideas and insights, cultivating a vibrant learning community. Upon completion of the course, participants will emerge with newfound confidence in their expertise in this area of training.

### GOALS:

1. **Develop a Strong Foundation:** The primary goal of this course is to provide participants with a solid understanding of the fundamental principles and concepts regarding correctional officer proper and reasonable use of force, as well as non-escalation and de-escalation skills as force alternatives. By establishing a strong foundation, students will be well-prepared to delve into these advanced topics and applications.
2. **Master Practical Skills:** Through hands-on activities and practical exercises, the course aims to equip participants with the necessary skills to navigate real-world



challenges in correctional officer use of force as well as non-escalation and de-escalation skills as force alternatives.

3. **Foster Critical Thinking:** Encouraging critical thinking is a key objective of this course. Participants will learn to analyze complex problems related and devise innovative solutions, preparing them to tackle diverse challenges with confidence.
4. **Inspire Passion and Curiosity:** The course endeavors to ignite a genuine passion among participants. By exploring cutting-edge developments and engaging with captivating content, students will be inspired to embrace continuous learning and exploration within the field.
5. **Encourage Collaboration and Communication:** Collaboration is an essential skill in any field. The course aims to foster a collaborative learning environment, encouraging their communication abilities.
6. **Explore Real-world Applications:** By delving into practical case studies, creation of their own scenarios, and role-playing, participants will gain insight into how to apply this knowledge and skills in a real-world environment for correctional officers.
7. **Facilitate Personal Growth:** As participants progress through the course, they will experience personal growth, both in terms of their knowledge and confidence in their knowledge and skills. The course seeks to nurture a growth mindset and empower individuals to continually improve and develop their skills.
8. **Provide Guidance and Support:** The course aims to offer personalized guidance and support to each participant, ensuring that they receive the assistance they need to thrive professionally.
9. **Foster Impactful Contributions:** Ultimately, the course strives to empower participants to make meaningful contributions in the field. By gaining a comprehensive understanding of the subject matter and its potential, graduates will be better positioned to drive positive change and innovation in society.

Join this transformative course and embrace the opportunity to attain these goals, enriching your knowledge, skills, and passion for [subject]. Together, we will embark on a rewarding journey of discovery and growth.

### **This Course meets the following ILETSB mandates:**

#### **De-escalation - 3 Hours/1 Hour Scenario Based**

Partial funding provided by Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board and MTU#1's request for certification of this course has been approved by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board

#### **REGISTRATION:**

All registrations are received on the [MTU#1 website](#). Find Registration instructions [here](#)

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