

Georgia Drugs and Narcotics Agency

Special Agent Requirements

Job Summary

Under general oversight, enforces the applicable laws and rules for all pharmacies, drug wholesalers, drug researchers, health care practitioners, and others that possess prescription drugs throughout the state. Enforces all applicable state and federal drug rules and laws related to any registrants and other individuals handling and responsible for accounting of all prescription drugs received, possessed, dispensed, or distributed into or out of Georgia. Responsible for reviewing registrant policies and procedures and providing drug abuse education for health care registrants.

All Special Agents at the Georgia Drugs and Narcotics Agency are state-certified law enforcement officers. Special Agents are expected to conduct inspections as well as administrative and criminal investigations including obtaining and executing arrest and search warrants and carrying a firearm while on duty.

Entry Qualifications

The applicant must hold a degree in pharmacy, be currently licensed in good standing as a pharmacist by the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy and have at least two years of active professional experience as a licensed pharmacist.

Within the first year of employment at GDNA, all Special Agents must complete the Basic Law Enforcement Training Course and become certified as a Peace Officer by the Georgia Peace Officer's Standards Training (POST) Council.

Law Enforcement Certification

All Georgia Drugs and Narcotics Agency Special Agents must complete the Basic Law Enforcement Training Course (BLETC) to become a certified peace officer in the State of Georgia as required by the Georgia Peace Officer's Standard and Training (POST) Council. This course is 16 weeks long and it is taught at one of the Georgia Public Safety Training Center-approved academies located throughout Georgia. There are several prerequisites to take this course. All Special Agents must complete all POST requirements within the first year of employment. Newly hired GDNA employees will begin the BLETC application process after they begin employment with the agency. Failure to obtain a peace officer certification from POST will result in separation from the agency.

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Below is a list of the supporting documents and other requirements needed for the academy.

- **Proof of Age**
 - A certified copy of your birth certificate or other proof of birth.

- **Proof of Citizenship**
 - A certified copy of your birth certificate or other approved proof of citizenship

- **Proof of Education**
 - High school diploma, College degree, General Education Development (GED), or
 - Successful completion of an approved examination

- **Proof of Previous Out-of-State Law Enforcement (If applicable)**

- **Military DD214 or Letter of Good Standing (If applicable)**

- **Entrance Exam Results**
 - POST accepts the Accuplacer (preferred), ASSET, and COMPASS tests for entrance exam purposes. These tests are administered at technical colleges across the state.

- **Physical Examination by a Physician**
 - A licensed physician must examine you and sign a Physician Affidavit declaring you can perform the essential job training functions with no limitations.
 - The signed affidavit must be attached to your POST application.

- **Psychological Evaluation**
 - A licensed psychiatrist or psychologist must examine you and sign the Psychological Evaluation Affidavit declaring you free from any emotional or mental conditions which might adversely affect the exercise of duties of a peace officer.
 - The signed affidavit must be attached to your POST application.

- **Fingerprints**
 - Your fingerprints will be processed through the electronic Georgia Applicant Processing Service (GAPS).

- **Sign a Personal History Release**

- **Accept and Abide by a Given Code of Ethics**

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Physical Agility Test

You are required to pass the Physical Agility Test (PAT) to attend any law enforcement academy in the state. Your application with POST must be approved and you must be registered for a POST Certified academy class to schedule your PAT.

The test is a timed obstacle course that must be completed in 2 minutes, six seconds, or less. The course is a few feet larger than half of a basketball course.

- During the test, you will:
 - Run 1 and 3/4 laps around the outside of the course.
 - Enter the course and follow a given pattern.
 - Jump two small hurdles.
 - Climb and descend a flight of stairs.
 - Go around a cone.
 - Climb and descend the stairs again.
 - Jump more hurdles.
 - Low crawl under a 2.5-foot-high bar.
 - If you fail to negotiate the low crawl correctly, you will receive a two-second time penalty.
 - Go around a cone.
 - Run and leap across a simulated 6-foot gap representing a large ditch.
 - If either foot hits the tape, you will receive a two-second time penalty.
 - You can opt to skip the jump and take the two-second time penalty.
 - Go around a cone.
 - Run back across the floor and negotiate a 4-foot-high chain link fence panel.
 - Go around a cone.
 - Run back across the floor, go around a cone, and climb through a standard sized, 4-foot-high window.
 - Drag a 150-pound dummy for 20 feet, across the designated line.
 - Run a final lap around the outside of the course.