



The Joint Training Initiative  
at  
South Florida HIDTA

**SPC** St. Petersburg  
College  
CENTER FOR PUBLIC SAFETY INNOVATION

*is hosting:*

## Drug Identification for Corrections

**Date: January 13-14, 2026 (Tuesday-Wednesday) Time: 8:30am - 5:00pm (EST)**

**RESCHEDULED TO: JULY 14-15, 2026, (Tuesday-Wednesday)**

**Deadline Date to register online: June 9, 2026**

This tuition-free 16-hour Multijurisdictional Counterdrug Task Force Training class is designed to educate correctional officers at the county, state, and federal levels, as well as jail nurses. This course will provide pertinent information on recognizing current drug trends, clandestine clothing, paraphernalia, concealment methods, symbols of the drug world and recognizing the variety of ways contraband is smuggled or mailed to correctional facilities. One of the key factors in keeping both staff and inmates safe is recognizing substance abuse, overdose signs and symptoms, while being able to distinguish between possible medical conditions which can mimic drug use. The course will give a broad overview and explain how the 11 major systems of the human body are affected by the use of substances. Whether it is during the initial booking process or upon returning from a work detail, drug use by sentenced inmates is prevalent. The key to officer and inmate safety is by recognizing drug use and properly documenting those observations.

**Course topics include:**

- Booking procedures and medical screenings
- Paraphernalia, clothing, and tattoos
- Drug categories
- Physiology
- Signs and symptoms of drug use
- Common substances unknowingly provided to inmates
- K-9 deployment
- Report writing

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**Provider:** St. Petersburg College/Multijurisdictional Counterdrug Task Force Training (MCFTF)/Florida National Guard Counterdrug Training Program

**Tuition Free:** However, travel costs are the responsibility of the parent agency.

**Location:** SFLHIDTA Weston Facility, 3200 Meridian Parkway, Suite 101, Weston, FL 33331

**Register Online:** <https://www.nhac.org/hidtatrainingcalendar/events/6>

Go to South Florida HIDTA

Find the class you want to register for

Fill in the HIDTA Training Registration and select Complete Registration

**Questions concerning registration please contact:**

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