

# Criminal Justice Law Enforcement Academy

## Program Description

The public depends on police officers and law enforcement professionals for protection of life and property. The opportunity to serve and protect the public attracts many to this challenging job, which requires honesty, sound judgment, integrity, and a sense of responsibility.

The AAS degree in Law Enforcement and Police Administration prepares individuals for career services in law enforcement and related occupations. The AA degree is available to students planning to major in Criminal Justice and transfer to a four-year university.

The Certification in Basic Law Enforcement Academy is a series of courses designed to prepare students for a career in Texas law enforcement and to take the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Education (TCLEOSE) Exam – the state licensing exam.

## Career Opportunities

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, [www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov), career opportunities in most local police departments will be excellent for qualified individuals, while competition is expected for jobs in State and Federal agencies. According to [www.onetonline.com](http://www.onetonline.com) the average salary for police officers in Texas is \$49,700. Salary amount often varies depending on the place of employment, job title and level of experience.

Once graduates become certified by passing the TCLEOSE Exam, they are eligible for employment in any law enforcement agency in the state of Texas.



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## Options

### Associate of Applied Science Degree

Law Enforcement and Police Administration.....61 credit hours  
(2 years)

**Associate of Arts Degree** (for students planning to major in Criminal Justice and transfer to a four-year university)

Criminal Justice - Field of Study.....60 credit hours  
(2 years)

### Certificates

Basic Law Enforcement Academy\*.....22 credit hours

- **Day Academy** - One semester. Offered in Fall or Spring  
- Monday - Friday from 7:30am - 5:30pm and an occasional Saturday.
- **Night Academy** - Two semesters. Begins in August and ends in May or begins in January and ends in December.  
- Monday - Friday from 6:00pm - 10:00pm and an occasional Saturday.

Crime Scene Technician.....33 credit hours

Law Enforcement and Police Administration  
(Texas Peace Officers Program).....38 credit hours

## \*Academy Admission Requirements

- High School Diploma or GED. Provide proof of graduation and transcript.
- Score at least 35 on reading and vocabulary assessment test or fall within an exception.
- Be fingerprinted and supply information for a criminal history and driver's license check.
- Must have no family violence convictions.
- Students below 21 years of age must meet special exceptions. See Academy personnel for details.

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