

# Criminal Justice - Law Enforcement Academy

16-credit Technical Diploma

## About the Program

WCTC's Criminal Justice - Law Enforcement Academy enables recruits to become certifiable as a law enforcement officer and enhances their ability to get hired with a law enforcement agency. This 520-hour program builds on previous classroom knowledge and offers hands-on experience in areas such as defense and arrest tactics, firearms, emergency vehicle operation and traffic stop procedures. The Academy runs 13 weeks.

## Potential Job Titles

- Police Officer
- Deputy Sherriff
- State Trooper
- Detective

## Admission Process

Admission is restricted to those who qualify under Wisconsin Department of Justice administrative rules. Candidates must possess at least 60 college credits, undergo a criminal history and driver record check, successfully complete a medical examination by a licensed health care provider and participate in a personal screening interview. Recruits are responsible for the cost of a weapon, magazines and other related duty gear in addition to tuition and study materials. Recruits may be eligible to receive financial aid.

For more information, call 262.691.5070.

Required Courses	Credits
<b>First Semester</b>	
504-337 Policing in America	1
504-338 Legal Context	2
504-339 Tactical Skills	3
504-340 Relational Skills	3
504-341 Patrol Procedures	4
504-342 Investigations	2
504-346 Scenario Evaluation	1
<b>Total semester credits</b>	<b>16</b>
<i>Curriculum is current as of catalog printing. The most current curriculum requirements for graduation will be provided upon admission to program, or review at <a href="http://www.wctc.edu">www.wctc.edu</a>.</i>	

## Criminal Justice - Law Enforcement Academy Required Courses

<b>504-337 Policing in America</b>	<b>1</b>
Learn rules and procedures of Academy, various elements of the Criminal Justice System and the role of law enforcement. Explore belief systems, social pressures, moral problems and decision making.	
<b>504-338 Legal Context</b>	<b>2</b>
Study the structure of the Criminal Justice System including criminal procedure, arrest, use of force, search and seizure, the limits on the law activity, classification and elements of crimes.	
<b>504-339 Tactical Skills</b>	<b>3</b>
Learn the basis and the limits for the use of force by Wisconsin Officers. Specific techniques for interventions will range from empty hands to use of firearms.	
<b>504-340 Relational Skills</b>	<b>3</b>
Develop the skills to write law enforcement reports, learn the role of communication while developing specific skills/strategies for handling emotionally disturbed people, legal basis for emergency placements, testifying in court and community policing strategies.	
<b>504-341 Patrol Procedures</b>	<b>4</b>
Learn Wisconsin traffic laws and enforcement. Develop skills in investigation of traffic crashes, crash scene management, emergency vehicle operation, pursuit guidelines, conducting legal vehicle contacts, arrest procedures, OWI, and Emergency Medical Services.	
<b>504-342 Investigations</b>	<b>2</b>
Hone techniques and procedures for interviewing and interrogating. Learn to recognize and handle evidence, the correct law enforcement response to a victim of a crime, statutory elements and procedures for sensitive crimes.	
<b>504-346 Scenario Evaluation</b>	<b>1</b>
Uses scenarios developed by the WI DOJ to evaluate six core abilities critical to success in law enforcement: decision making, tactical skills, emergency management, investigative skills, written and interpersonal communication.	