Basic Law Enforcement Training

Basic Law Enforcement Training is a curriculum course offered at most community colleges, commonly referred to as a Police Academy. Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) is designed to give students essential skills required for entry-level employment as law enforcement officers with state, county, or municipal governments, or with private enterprise.

This program utilizes State commission-mandated topics and methods of instruction. General subjects include, but are not limited to:

- criminal, juvenile, civil, traffic and alcoholic beverage laws
- physical training
- investigative, patrol, custody and court procedures
- emergency responses
- ethics and community relations

The program consists of 880 mandated hours and meets for approximately 16 weeks, Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Note: Central Piedmont has increased the hours in some topical areas of Basic Law Enforcement Training courses beyond the minimum required by the North Carolina Criminal Justice Training and Standards Commission.

Students completing Basic Law Enforcement Training, accredited by the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission and adopted by the North Carolina Sheriff's Education and Training Standards Commission, are eligible to receive up to 24 credit hours toward the Associate in Applied Science degree in Criminal Justice Technology in these courses:

CJC 120 Interview/Interrogations - 2.0 credits,
CJC 121 Law Enforcement Operations - 3.0 credits
CJC 131 Criminal Law - 3.0 credits
CJC 132 Court Procedure and Evidence - 3.0 credits
CJC 221 Investigative Principles - 4.0 credits
CJC 231 Constitutional Law - 3.0 credits
CJC 232 Civil Liability - 3.0 credits.

In order to successfully complete Basic Law Enforcement Training, students must complete the Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission's comprehensive certification examination. Employment with criminal justice agencies is subject to specific agency criteria; therefore, completion of the program or a degree, alone does not guarantee eligibility for employment.

To receive a certificate, students must successfully complete and pass all units of study, including certification examinations mandated by the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission and the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission.

See Admission Requirements, Course Requirement and further information under Certificates.

For specific information about potential positions and wages in basic law enforcement employment, visit the Central Piedmont Career Coach website.

No degrees are offered in Basic Law Enforcement.

No diplomas are offered in Basic Law Enforcement.

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Program Location

This program is located on the Merancas Campus of Central Piedmont in Huntersville, N.C. in the Claudia Watkins Belk Center for Justice. This program will also be located at the Levine Campus of Central Piedmont in Matthews, N.C. in the Levine II Building.

Admission Requirements

1. Be a citizen of the United States
2. Be at least 20 1/2 years of age
3. Hold a valid North Carolina Drivers license
4. Be a high school graduate or have passed GED test. Note: High School diplomas earned through correspondence enrollment do not meet this requirement.12 NCAC 09B .0106
5. Score 10th grade level or higher on the Accuplacer Reading test prior to enrollment
6. Be of good moral character pursuant to G.S. 17C-10.
7. Have no felony commission or conviction in a court, Class B misdemeanor, or 4 or more Class A misdemeanors in accordance with the rules established by the North Carolina Administrative Code, including all out of state and military charges
8. Be examined and certified by a NC licensed physician as being capable of performing the duties of a Law Enforcement Officer.
9. Have a certified criminal record check from the "Clerk of the Courts" office in each County/State of residence since the age of 16 years old, including any time in which the candidate was a member of the US military (Military records).

Prior to enrollment, each candidate must call to set up a preliminary interview with the Director of the BLET program. The purpose of the interview is to determine the eligibility of the candidate to participate in the program. Candidates must have a clean criminal record. No charges, convictions, or proof of a commission of any criminal offenses, except minor traffic offenses. Enrollment packets are issued only after the BLET Director determines the eligibility of candidates.

Major Requirements		
LET 110	Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET)	37.0
Total Credits		**37**

For further information

This program is part of the Public Safety Division. To learn more about the program, or to schedule a preliminary interview contact:

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