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.