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What is the Police Academy?

The Central Texas Police Academy (CTPA) is licensed as a police academy by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE). The CTPA prepares cadets to begin a career in law enforcement by teaching the TCOLE Basic Peace Officer Course #1000. Cadets receive 728 hours of instruction over an 18-week period. Cadets are instructed in over 30 different topic areas to include; Texas Penal Code, Code of Criminal Procedure, Arrest, Search & Seizure, Crisis Intervention Training, Constitutional Law and many other topics including required skills training in defensive tactics, firearms, first aid/CPR and driving. Upon successful completion of training Cadets are eligible to take the TCOLE Peace Officer Licensing Examination.

How do I apply?

To apply click [here](#).

What is the minimum age requirement?

You must be 21 years of age in order to be licensed, or at least 18 years of age with 60 college hours, or have completed 2 years of active military service with an honorable discharge.

What are the educational requirements?

Applicants must have a high school diploma or GED.

What is the maximum age for application?

There is no maximum age limit.

How long is the police academy?

The Academy is 18 weeks long (728 hours of instruction).

How much is tuition?

Tuition is \$2,725 and includes; Cadet uniform (4 T-shirts, 3 polo shirts and 1 hat), all textbooks and ammunition.



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What is not covered by tuition?

The following items are not covered by tuition:

- Notebook paper (8 ½ X 11) and notebook dividers (minimum 33)
- Blue ink pens, red ink pen, highlighters, #2 pencils
- Duty Belt
- Handgun and secure holster – holster must have a secure retention device
- Minimum of 2 speed loaders or 3 magazines
- Handcuffs and key (Smith & Wesson, Peerless, Hiatts, etc.) and handcuff case
- Speed loader pouch or double magazine pouch
- Straight flashlight (Mag-lite, Surefire, Stream Light, etc.) and flashlight holder
- Belt keepers (Minimum 4)
- Black shoes or boots that can be polished
- Athletic gear consisting of navy-colored shorts; athletic shoes and towel must be brought the first day of class and each day thereafter.
- The required pants for the uniform are Dickies brand #874 Khaki pants. They are available at Wal-Mart and other like clothing stores for less than \$20 a pair. It is recommended the student purchase at least 3 pair.
- Gear bag (Recommended)
- Small dictionary, law dictionary (Optional)

What type of handgun is required?

The most common type of handgun used in law enforcement today is a semi-automatic handgun. However, revolvers are acceptable. Minimum calibers are 9 millimeter, or .38 Special. Handguns must come from a major manufacturer. Some examples of major manufacturers are: Glock, Smith & Wesson, Colt, Springfield Armory, Kimber, Heckler & Koch. If you already own a handgun and do not see the brand listed please call to find out if it is acceptable.

Will this course certify me as a peace officer in the State of Texas?

Upon successful completion of the police academy you will be eligible to sit for the TCOLE Peace Officer licensing examination. Upon successful completion of the exam, you will be eligible to be licensed as a peace officer in the State of Texas. In order to be licensed, you must be commissioned by a law enforcement agency.



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What are the prerequisites?

Successful candidates of the academy:

- Must be 21 years of age before the class end date
- Meet TCOLE minimum standards for licensing
- Submit completed documents located on our website: TEEX.org
 - Sponsored Student Forms
 - **TCOLE Declaration of Licensing Course Enrollment Eligibility Form**
 - **TCOLE Law Enforcement Agency Audit Checklist**
 - **Registration Form**
 - **C-1 PID Assignment**
 - Independent Student Forms
 - **Declaration of Eligibility**
 - **C-1 PID Assignment**
 - **L-2 Declaration of Medical Condition**
 - **L-3 Declaration of Psychological and Emotional Health**
 - **TCOLE Fast Form Background Check**
 - **Bacterial Meningitis Information**
 - **Registration Form**
 - **Personal History Statement**
 - *Please be sure to include all the items listed on page 2 of this document*
 - **Letter of Admission**

Do you offer financial aid and student loans?

Students may be eligible for financial aid and student loans if they enroll in the CTPA through Blinn College. The CTPA is also approved for some Veteran's Administration benefit funding. If interested in registering/attending the CTPA through TEEX or Blinn, the POC's contact information is below:

- TEEX- Erica Hilburn
979-458-1415
erica.hilburn@teex.tamu.edu
- Blinn- Jennifer Schafer
979-209-7637
jennifer.schafer@blinn.edu

Are college credits awarded upon successful completion of the academy?

The Central Texas Police Academy is approved for 20 semester credit hours through Blinn College. Students who wish to obtain this credit must enroll through Blinn College. Please contact Blinn POC Jennifer Schafer for information.

What is a sponsor and how can I get one?

Applicants to the police academy fall into two different categories:

Sponsored Paid Student

- Cadets that are full-time employees of a law enforcement agency. These are cadets hired by a law enforcement agency then sent to the police academy to earn their Basic Peace Officer Certification.

Independent Student

- Cadets who have met all prerequisites but are not hired as full-time employees of a law enforcement agency.

Priority for enrollment is given in the following order:

- 1) Sponsored Paid Cadets
- 2) Independent Cadets

What are the physical requirements for the academy?

Every applicant must have a physical exam with a drug screen by a licensed physician prior to be accepted for enrollment. There are not physical fitness test requirements for entry. However, cadets are required to participate in rigorous daily physical fitness training. As training progresses, Cadets must be capable of running distances up to 3 miles, performing pull-ups, push-ups, sit-ups, jumping, squatting, sprinting, and weight lifting. Serious consideration should be given to these requirements when deciding on whether the police academy is right for you.

What days of week and times are classes?

Classes generally run 7:00am-5:00pm Monday through Friday but there are times when the class schedules vary including some nighttime training events. Each police cadet is given a class schedule at the start of the academy. The schedule is subject to change. Notice is given of schedule changes when possible.

Where are the classes held?

Classes are held at Texas A&M University RELLIS Campus in Bryan, Texas.



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Do you provide housing or transportation to your facilities?

No housing or transportation services are provided to CTPA cadets and are subsequently the responsibility of each student; however, CTPA staff can provide suggestions for long-term housing options available to all students who participate in local training events.

Are you a part of Texas A&M University?

The Central Texas Police Academy is operated by the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX), a component of the Texas A&M University System.

Do you have a job placement service after I graduate?

The Central Texas Police Academy does not offer job placement services. CTPA is, however, often visited by recruiters from law enforcement agencies across the State. Some of the agencies that recruit CTPA Cadets include, but are not limited to; College Station Police Department, Bryan Police Department, Texas A&M University Police Department, Rockdale, Pasadena, Brenham, Cedar Park, Hutto, Williamson County, City of West University, Beecave, Montgomery, Conroe, Leander, Navasota, Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART), and Highland Park.

How can I receive additional information on the Central Texas Police Academy?

Please contact:

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