

SPC Law Enforcement Academy

Program Admission Steps

1. Contact Police Applicant Screening Service (PASS) at 727-864-3822 Ext. 1 to complete a background check. The cost is \$250 and non-refundable. The PASS office is located at the Allstate Center in suite 135. Visit policestandards.org for more information.
 - a. PASS eligibility:
 - At least 19 years of age
 - High school diploma or equivalent
 - Any 30 college credits from a regionally accredited school with a GPA of 2.0 or higher, or
 - Honorable discharge from active duty in one of the armed services
 - b. After successfully completing the background check, a provisional or completion letter will be issued allowing academy entrance. Then contact the academy at 727-341-4516.

NOTE: Candidates sponsored by an agency might not be subject to the above requirements. Contact a recruiter for agency-specific requirements.

2. Pass the Florida Basic Abilities Test (FBAT/BAT) at our private Pearson VUE Authorized Testing Center in room AC-102 located at the Allstate Center. The fee is \$39.
 - a. Visit <https://home.pearsonvue.com/fdle/bat> to schedule the exam
 - Testing Center phone number: 727-341-4760
 - b. **Exemptions!** *Law Enforcement* candidates who are military veterans or hold an associate degree or higher, are exempt from taking the BAT.
3. Enroll as a student with St. Petersburg College to obtain a student ID number and college email address. The cost is \$40 and non-refundable.

NOTE: Candidates sponsored by an agency do NOT have to pay the application fee.

- a. Go to the [SPC Application](#) online and choose the following:
 - New Undergraduate Student
 - Non-Degree Seeking
 - No Community
 - Job Enrichment
- b. **Returning students:** Current SPC students who have not attended in 2 years or more must complete the readmission process: [Readmission Steps](#)

Program Information

The Law Enforcement Academy prepares you for the Florida Department of Law Enforcement State Officer Certification Examination to become a police officer. SPC's Southeastern Public Safety Institute is an approved FDLE training center and uses the curriculum of the Florida Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission (CJSTC).

Volume 1 – Florida Basic Recruit Training Program: Law Enforcement			
Chapter	Course Title	Hours	Course Number
Chapter 1	Introduction to Law Enforcement	12	CJK_0002
Chapter 2	Communication	24	CJK_0016
Chapter 3	Legal	64	CJK_0018
Chapter 4	Interviewing and Report Writing	56	CJK_0019
Chapter 5	Fundamentals of Patrol	40	CJK_0063
Chapter 6	Serving Your Community	34	CJK_0021
Chapter 7	Crimes Against Persons	48	CJK_0072
Chapter 8	Crimes Involving Property and Society	12	CJK_0073
Chapter 9	Crime Scene Follow-up Investigations	34	CJK_0079
Chapter 10	Traffic Incidents	12	CJK_0400
Chapter 11	Traffic Stops	24	CJK_0401
Chapter 12	Traffic Crash Investigations	30	CJK_0402
Chapter 13	DUI Traffic Stops	24	CJK_0403
Chapter 14	Critical Incidents	44	CJK_0093
	Subtotal	458	
Volume 2 – Florida Basic Recruit Training Program: High Liability			
Chapter 1	Law Enforcement Vehicle Operations	48	CJK_0020
Chapter 2	First Aid for Criminal Justice Officers	40	CJK_0031
Chapter 3	Criminal Justice Firearms	80	CJK_0040
Chapter 4	Criminal Justice Defensive Tactics	80	CJK_0051
Chapter 5	Conducted Electrical Weapon/Dart-Firing Stun Gun	4	CJK_0421
Chapter 6	Criminal Justice Officer Physical Fitness Training	60	CJK_0096
	Subtotal	312	

NOTE: Students who complete this program are eligible to receive 15 college credits. However, credit cannot be given again/twice for these classes.

Schedule and Length

The program is approximately 22 weeks long, for a total of 790 classroom-based hours. The hours are full-time, Monday through Friday from 7:45 am to 4:45 pm. Upcoming academies are listed on the website's "[SCHEDULE](#)" tab.

Program Costs

In-state residents: \$5,000

Out-of-state residents: \$11,327.90

Program uniforms: approximately \$275

The online application will confirm your residency. You are considered a Florida resident when you have lived in Florida for the last 12 consecutive months.

Tuition Assistance

Financial Aid: Contact Kim Phillips at Phillips.Kim@spcollege.edu or (727) 302-6434.

Veterans: Call Sarah Mauter with Veterans Services at 727-394-6262. Be prepared to provide a copy of your COE.

Fitness Standards

The Cooper Fitness Standards are used to determine fitness eligibility. The chart below indicates minimum requirements. Students will be denied entry until they reach their minimum requirements.

NOTE: *This physical fitness assessment is generally waived for agency-sponsored candidates. Contact a recruiter for agency-specific requirements.*

Age Range	Vertical Jump (Inches)		Push Ups (Max Effort)		Sit Ups (1 minute Effort)		1.5 Mile Run/Walk (Minutes/Seconds)		300 Meter Run (Seconds)	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
<20	16	12	18	8	33	25	15:30	18:33	73.4	97.0
20-29	16	12	18	8	30	21	15:30	18:33	73.4	97.0
30-39	15.5	10.2	13	6	26	15	15:57	19:43	74.9	100.0
40-49	12.1	7	9	4	22	10	16:46	20:52	90.0	121.5
50-59	10	N/A	6	N/A	15	6	18:37	22:52	101.6	N/A
60-69	N/A	N/A	4	N/A	10	1	21:51	24:48	N/A	N/A
70-79	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	10	1	24:49	26:51	N/A	N/A
*N/A= Not enough data to establish a minimum standard										