Law Enforcement Academy

The purpose of the Vernon College Law Enforcement Academy is to serve the needs of the law enforcement community within our service area and to provide students with the basic knowledge and skills set forth in the 736 hour Basic Peace Officer Course. Our Academy is 744 hours; classes are generally from 6:00 pm. - 10:00 pm. Monday through Friday and all day on various Saturdays.

The Academy will be held on the Wichita Falls Campus STC, 2813 Central Freeway E. Wichita Falls, Texas. Emphasis throughout the Academy is placed on the learning objectives set forth in the curriculum by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement. All Academies licensed by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement cover the material put forth in the mandated 736 hour curriculum.

If you have questions after reviewing the Application Packet, please contact Mike Hopper at 940 689-7190. The Academy packet must be complete and turned into Mike Hopper for reviewed prior to registration. Need based scholarships are available for those who qualify.

**If you need assistance in filling out the application, please contact Mike Hopper at 940 689-7190.**

In accordance with Commission regulations, the Basic Peace Officer course shall consist of a minimum of 736 classroom hours.

Academy Topics

Introduction and Orientation

1. Professionalism and Ethics

2. Professional Policing

3. Fitness and Wellness, and Stress Management

4. TCOLE Rules

5 Multiculturalism and Human Relations

6. Racial Profiling

7. U.S. & Texas Constitutions, Bill of Rights, and Criminal Justice System

8. Penal Code

9. Code of Criminal Procedure

10.Arrest, Search, and Seizure

11. Asset Forfeiture

12. Identity Crimes

13. Consular Notification

14. Civil Process

15. Health and Safety Code – Controlled Substances Act

16. Alcoholic Beverage Code

17. Family Violence and Related Assaultive Offenses

18. Missing & Exploited Children

19. Child Alert Check List

20. Victims of Crime

21. Human Trafficking

22. Traffic

23. Intoxicated Driver (SFST)

 Mechanics of Arrest

24. Written Communication

25. Verbal Communication/Public Interaction

26. Spanish

27. De-Escalation Strategies

28. Force Options

29. CIT

30. Traumatic Brain Injury

31. Arrest & Control

32. Criminal Investigations

33. Juvenile Offenders

34. Professional Police Driving

35. Patrol Skills

36. Radio Communications

37. Civilian Interaction Training

38. Interacting with Deaf & Hard of Hearing

39. Canine Encounters

40. Emergency Medical Assistance

41. Firearms

42. HazMat Awareness/ICS

43. ALERRT 1

Application can also be found at…

<http://www.vernoncollege.edu/police-academy>

Requirements

High school diploma or, high school equivalency certificate or, an honorable discharge from the armed forces of the United States after at least 24 months of active duty service, is fingerprinted and is subjected to a search of local, state and U.S. national records and fingerprint files to disclose any criminal record

Has never been on court-ordered community supervision or probation for any criminal offense above the grade of a Class B misdemeanor or a Class B misdemeanor within the last ten years from the date of the court order.

Has never been convicted of an offense above the grade of a Class B misdemeanor or a Class B misdemeanor within the last ten years.

Has never been convicted of any family violence offense.

No felony conviction.

Is not prohibited by state or federal law from operating a motor vehicle.

Is not prohibited by state or federal law from possessing firearms or ammunition.

Is a U.S. citizen. 21 Years old by graduation

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**744-HOUR BASIC PEACE OFFICER COURSE**

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Requirements posted in June 2025 on web site: [www.vernoncollege.edu/police-academy](http://www.vernoncollege.edu/police-academy)



Class of 2019



Class of 2020



Class of 2021



Class of 23-24

2024 Gradutes

***Nicole Adams***

***David Bersick***

***Tanner Bohannon***

***Derek Bolf***

***Demetrius Crandall***

***Natalie Garcia***

***Christopher Hogan***

***Bailee Lawson***

***Jesus Lora***

***Marcus Martinez***

***Hayden Patterson***

***Sidronio Rangel***

***Amanda Reyes***

***Luis Rico***

***Jim Tidwell***

***Preston Turner***

***Glen Whitfield***

For more information about graduation rates, median loan debt, program costs, and placement rates, visit [www.vernoncollege.edu](http://www.vernoncollege.edu).