Police Academy

Also see Continuing Education Basic Peace Officer program

Department Website:
http://iws2.collin.edu/lawenforcement

Program Option:
Certificate Level 1 – Basic Peace Officer

The Certificate - Basic Peace Officer program is designed to allow the student to become a certified peace officer in the State of Texas and, simultaneously, provide a pathway to a college degree. The curriculum is developed by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) and is specifically designed to provide the basic skills and knowledge needed to meet the requirements for basic certification as a peace officer for the State of Texas. In order to become a licensed basic peace officer in the State of Texas, students must successfully complete curriculum approved by TCOLE and pass the Peace Officer Licensing Exam. Students may also choose to attend the Basic Peace Officer course as a non-credit program.

Licensure Notice: Students who have been involved with the criminal system, please be advised that your background could keep you from being licensed by the State of Texas. If you have a question about your background and licensure, please speak with your faculty member or the department chair. You also have the right to request a criminal history evaluation letter from the applicable licensing agency.

The mission of the Basic Peace Officer courses (BPOC) is to provide the student with the foundational skills necessary to successfully police a free society in a professional, ethical, and effective manner.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:
All students must complete the admission process required by Collin College. Prospective students applying to the Basic Peace Officer Program are classified as: Sponsored and Non-Sponsored. Sponsored applicants are employed by a law enforcement agency, meet all the requirements of TCOLE Rule 217, and are being sent through the course by that law enforcement agency. Non-sponsored applicants include all other individuals applying to the Basic Peace Officer Program.

1. All prospective students must meet the “Minimum Enrollment Requirements” for training as a Texas Peace Officer as established by TCOLE Rule 217.1 Minimum Standards for Enrollment and Initial Licensure. (See website at: http://iws2.collin.edu/lawenforcement/ for these requirements.)
2. All sponsored students must provide a notarized letter signed by the head of the sponsoring law enforcement agency stating the student meets the minimum enrollment requirements as established by TCOLE.
3. All non-sponsored applicants must successfully complete all phases of the Basic Peace Officer Program entrance assessment process, meet the minimum enrollment requirements established by TCOLE and be recommended by the oral board.
4. State law requires all new students under the age of 22 entering a higher education institution to show proof of having the bacterial meningitis vaccination or booster 10 days prior to the start of term in which they are attending.

The Basic Peace Officer Program is offered in both a part-time and full-time format. The full-time day program requires 19 weeks for completion. The part-time program requires approximately 43 weeks for completion. The classes are conducted at the Central Park Campus in McKinney, Texas.

Certificate Level 1 – Basic Peace Officer
24 credit hours

FIRST YEAR
First Semester
CJLE 1506 Basic Peace Officer I
CJLE 1512 Basic Peace Officer II
CJLE 1518 Basic Peace Officer III
CJLE 1524 Basic Peace Officer IV
CJLE 1429 Basic Peace Officer V (Capstone)

Additional information may be obtained from the Collin College Law Enforcement Academy website at http://iws2.collin.edu/lawenforcement or by calling 972.548.6813.