

## 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](http://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).

| <b>Volume 1 – Florida Basic Recruit Training Program: Law Enforcement</b> |  |              |                      |
|---|--|--------------|----------------------|
| <b>Chapter</b>  | <b>Course Title</b>                                | <b>Hours</b> | <b>Course Number</b> |
| 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             |
|   | <b>Subtotal</b>                                    | <b>458</b>   |                      |
| <b>Volume 2 – Florida Basic Recruit Training Program: High Liability</b>  |  |              |                      |
| 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             |
|   | <b>Subtotal</b>                                    | <b>312</b>   |                      |

**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](mailto: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 |                        |        |                       |        |                           |        |                                     |        |                         |        |