The law enforcement program at Grand Rapids Community College is a pre-service police academy program that prepares a student to become eligible to be a licensed police officer in Michigan.

The GRCC's Police Academy offers both day and night classes. GRCC is the only academy in Michigan that offers both the day and night class options, allowing students a more flexible school schedule and the option to work outside of the academy and still receive the required training.

The program provides professional law enforcement training, offering the most current and innovative training. The program also has a full-time training director and adjunct instructors who work full-time in the field of law enforcement.

You do not need a degree to begin the program. If you do not have an associate degree or higher from an accredited college or university, you can take the 10 prerequisites before starting the academy.

Through GRCC’s Law Enforcement program, you will complete an Associate in Arts or an Associate in Applied Arts and Sciences degree. Also, you will meet the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) to become eligible for licensing as a Michigan Police Officer. For a complete listing of standards, visit www.mcoles.org.

Skill areas and classroom topics covered in the Police Academy are listed below.

**Skill areas:**
- Defensive Tactics
- Emergency Vehicle Operations
- Firearms
- First Aid
- Physical Fitness

**Classroom topics:**
- Criminal and Procedural Law
- Criminal investigations
- Introduction to Traffic
- Patrol Operations
- Report Writing
- Traffic Crash Investigation

Admission to the Police Academy is highly competitive. It is important when applying to the Police Academy that all requested information be disclosed. To begin the application process, you will attend one informational meeting in the spring prior to the January Academy. The dates and times will be posted online. You will then download and complete the application. It will be available online on a designated date in July and will be due late August or beginning of September.

If you successfully pass the initial screening process and background check, you will be invited to participate in the interview process in October. Those who are admitted will begin the academy in January.