About the Program

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 9 prerequisites before starting the academy.

Through GRCC’s Law Enforcement program, you will complete an Associate in Arts. 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.

Application and Selection Process

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 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.

Application and Tuition Expenses

Application Expenses
- Hearing, Vision and Physical Test- $50.00*
- MCOLES Agility Test- $45.00
- MCOLES Reading and Writing Test- $68.00
- ICHAT- $10.00
- Driving Record- $7.00
- Fingerprints- Live scan (Free at GRCC)

*These medical exams to be conducted if applicant is given conditional offer into the Police Academy.

Tuition Cost for Police Academy
Based on 47 contact hours
- Resident- $5,076.00
- Non-Resident- $10,904.00

Tuition Cost for Prerequisites and Police Academy Program
- Resident- $8,100.00
- Non-Resident- $18,096.00

*Check www.grcc.edu/tuition for the most up-to-date fees and tuition rates.

Additional Expenses and Fees
- Books and Manuals- $575.00
- Uniforms- $750.00
- Record and Technology Fees- $50.00
- Course Fees- $810.00
- Licensing Exam Fee- $75.00

For more information please visit www.grcc.edu/criminaljustice
Phone: 616-234-4280 or Email: criminaljustice@grcc.edu
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Select two of the following courses.

**English**
- EN 100 College Writing
- OR
- EN 101 English Composition-1
- EN 102 English Composition-2

**Social Science**
- PS 110 Survey of American Government

**Natural Science & Mathematics**
- Lab Science Elective (min. of 4)
- Lab/Non-Lab Science (min. of 3)

**Wellness**
- *CJ 165 Police Physical Training

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**Program Courses**

CJ 110 Introduction to Criminal Justice
CJ 111 Criminology
CJ 122 Spanish for Criminal Justice
CJ 164 Police Academy Boot Camp
*CJ 281 Law Enforcement Internship 1

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**Program Notes**

*CJ 165 Police Physical Training & CJ 281 Law Enforcement Internship are taken while attending the Police Academy.

EN 120 Improving Editing and Proofreading to be taken depending on students' test scores.