NICOLET COLLEGE

Law Enforcement 720 Academy

Technical Diploma

Nicolet College currently offers the 720 hour Law Enforcement Academy to those seeking a law enforcement career in the State of Wisconsin. Successful students will receive up to 23 associate's degree college credits. Nicolet College's Law Enforcement Academy delivers the criteria established by the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Training, and Standards Bureau. The training instructors are a combination of educators and active or retired law enforcement officers. The training is delivered via lecture, group discussion, hands-on exercises, and scenario participation.

The next Academy starts January 4, 2027. **Apply by December 15, 2026 >**

Program Outline

TERM 1

Course #	Course Title	Credits
3050450000	Overview of Patrol Response Through classroom lecture, and on-campus lab, and WI Department of Justice integration exercises students will learn and apply skills addressed in the following WI Department of Justice 720 Academy curriculum framework Phase I topics: Critical Thinking and Decision-Making, Basic Response (RESPOND), Radio Procedures, Introduction to TraCS, Traffic Law Enforcement, and First Aid/CPR/AED. This course will also include the WI DOJ 720 Academy Integration Exercises.	2.00
3050450100	Physical Fitness Through classroom lecture and on-campus lab students will apply Phases I-III Health Fitness WI Department of Justice 720 Academy curriculum framework program requirements and Officer Wellness Suicide Prevention.	1.00
3050450200	Application of Investigations Through classroom lecture, on-campus lab, and WI Department of Justice 720 Academy integration exercises students will learn and apply skills addressed in the following Phase III topics of the Department of Justice 720 Academy curriculum framework: Ethics II: Moral Reasoning and Professional Responsibility, Cultural Competence II: Fair and Impartial Policing, Interrogations, Testifying in Court, Crimes III and Physical Evidence.	1.00
3050450300	Overview of Criminal Justice Through classroom lecture and WI Department of Justice 720 Academy integration exercises, students will learn and apply skills addressed in the following WI Department of Justice 720 Academy Phase I curriculum framework topics: Academy Orientation, Fundamentals of Criminal Justice, Ethics, Cultural Competency, Agency Policy, and Professional Communication.	1.00
3050450400	Principles of Emergency Vehicle Response Through classroom lecture, and on-campus lab, and WI Department of Justice 720 Academy integration exercises students will learn and apply skills addressed in the following Department of Justice 720 Academy Phase II topics: Emergency Vehicle Operation and Control (EVOC) and Vehicle Contacts II.	2.00
3050450500	Sensitive Crimes Through classroom lecture, and on-campus lab and WI Department of Justice 720 Academy integration exercises, students will learn and apply skills addressed in the following Department of Justice 720 Academy curriculum framework Phase III topics: Domestics, Juvenile Law, Victims, Sexual Assault, and Child Maltreatment. The DOJ Phase III Written Examination will be administered in this course.	2.00

Course #	Course Title	Credits
3050450600	Overview of Investigations Through classroom lecture, on-campus lab, and WI Department of Justice 720 Academy integration exercises students will learn and apply skills addressed in the following Department of Justice 720 Academy curriculum framework Phase I topics: Constitutional Law I, Crimes I, Interviews, and Report Writing. The DOJ Phase I Written Examination will be administered in this course.	2.00
3050450700	Application of Traffic Response Through classroom lecture, and on-campus lab and WI Department of Justice integration exercises, students will learn and apply skills addressed in the following Phase III topics from the WI Department of Justice 720 Academy curriculum framework: Traffic Law Enforcement - Core and Radar, Traffic Crash Investigations & Incident Management, Operating a Motor Vehicle While Intoxicated (OMVWI), Standardized Field Sobriety Tests (SFST), Hazardous Materials and Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD), Incident Command Systems and NIMS, and Report Writing.	3.00
3050450800	Principles of Investigations Through classroom lecture, and on-campus lab, and WI Department of Justice 720 Academy integration exercises students will learn and apply skills addressed in the following Phase II topics of the WI Department of Justice 720 Academy curriculum framework: Constitutional Law II, Physical Evidence Collections, and Crisis Management. The Phase II Written Exam will be given in this course.	1.00
3050450900	Principle of Tactics Through classroom lecture and on-campus lab and integration exercises, students will learn and apply skills addressed in the following Phase II topics from the Department of Justice 720 Academy curriculum frameworks including: Professional Communication Skills II, DAAT, Firearms II, Tactical Response, and a Tactical Emergency Casualty Care.	5.00
3050451000	Overview of Tactics Through classroom lecture, and on-campus lab and WI Department of Justice 720 Academy integration exercises, students will learn and apply skills addressed in the following Department of Justice 720 Academy curriculum framework Phase I topics: Fundamentals of Firearms, Vehicle Contacts I, Officer Wellness, and DAAT.	1.00
3050451100	Scenario Assessment Refine previously learned skills and abilities by applying them to various case studies and simulated situations. This course is designed to address from the following blocks of instruction from the Basic Law Enforcement Training 720 Hour Curriculum: Application: Scenario Evaluation 40 hours	1.00
3050451200	Physical Fitness 1 and 2 This course incorporates phases 1 and 2 of the 720 Law Enforcement Academy physical fitness program.	1.00

Total Credits: 23.00

Talk with a Success Coach about the program outline. Together, you will determine if credits you've already earned satisfy any requirements, discuss possible alternative courses, and choose the best classes if you're thinking of transferring.

At A Glance

Become A Recruit

Learn the steps to take to become a Law Enforcement Recruit.

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GET STARTED

How You'll Learn

Program Tuition*

$6,214

*Total cost for degree completion is estimated by current course requirements, books, and supplies. Tuition and fees are set by the Wisconsin Technical College System and subject to change.

Financial Aid Eligible

▶ **Potential Indirect Costs**

What You'll Learn

- Think critically
- Manage emergencies
- Communicate effectively
- Demonstrate professionalism
- Conduct investigations
- Interact with others
- Demonstrate tactical skills

Your Potential Careers

- Municipal, County, State, or Federal Law Enforcement
- Private Security
- Police Officer
- Conservation Warden/DNR or Park Ranger
- Deputy Sheriff

Median Annual Salary

$51,158	$39,753	$37,062
Local	State	National

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