Criminal Justice – Law Enforcement 720 Academy (30-504-2)

Technical Diploma
Effective 2026/2027

The course sequence shown on this sheet is the recommended path to completion. Courses will be scheduled in the terms indicated here. All courses should be taken in the order shown to help you stay on track and graduate according to your academic plan. Courses in this program may be offered in a variety or combination of formats (for example: in-person, video conferencing, online, etc.). More detailed scheduling information for this program can be found at https://www.gtc.edu/law-enforcement-academy. Please see your academic advisor for additional information.

K-D = Kenosha/days, S=Spring, SU=Summer

Term	Course Number	Credits	Course Title	Requisites (prereq- before/ coreq-with)	Notes	K-D
1	504-500	2	Overview of Patrol Response			S/SU
1	504-501	1	Physical Fitness			S/SU
1	504-502	1	Application of Investigations			S/SU
1	504-503	1	Overview of Criminal Justice			S/SU
1	504-504	2	Principles of Emergency Vehicle Response			S/SU
1	504-505	2	Sensitive Crimes			S/SU
1	504-506	2	Overview of Investigation			S/SU
1	504-507	3	Application of Traffic Response			S/SU
1	504-508	1	Principles of Investigations			S/SU
1	504-509	5	Principles of Tactics		• Faculty have identified this milestone course as providing a strong foundation for success throughout the program.	S/SU
1	504-510	1	Overview of Tactics		• Faculty have identified this milestone course as providing a strong foundation for success throughout the program.	S/SU
2	504-511	1	Law Enforcement Academy Scenario Week			S/SU
Minimum Program Total Credits Required: 22						

(*) Students must achieve a minimum of 2.0 ("C") or above for this major course to meet graduation requirements.

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The *720 Hour Law Enforcement Academy* is designed to prepare the candidate to perform the essential functions of a law enforcement officer in the State of Wisconsin. The competency-based instruction meets the criteria set forth by the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Training and Standards Bureau. Training is delivered in three phases through a combination of lecture, labs, interactive group discussion, hands-on instruction, and integration exercises. The Academy meets daily Monday through Friday for 18 weeks.

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates will be able to:
1 Think critically.
2 Manage emergencies.
3 Communicate effectively.
4 Demonstrate professionalism.
5 Conduct investigations.
6 Interact with others.
7 Demonstrate tactical skills.

Essential Career Competencies

Gateway's six essential career competencies are the general attitudes and skills promoted and assessed by all programs. All Gateway graduates will develop skills in:
1 Communication Competence
2 Critical Thinking and Problem Solving
3 Professionalism and Career Management
4 Teamwork and Collaboration
5 Cultural Competence
6 Technology Competence

Admission Requirements

Step 1:
1 Students must submit an application and pay $30 fee.
2 Students must submit an official college transcript verifying an associate degree or higher in Criminal Justice or at least 40 postsecondary credits earned. Students earning credits at Gateway Technical College do not need a Gateway transcript but should note the completion of credits on their application.
3 Students must request and pay for a background check. Applicants of this program are subject to a review of their criminal backgrounds. Positive background checks may negatively impact your ability to pursue this career at Gateway Technical College. Each case will be individually evaluated based on all available evidence provided to the college.

4 Students must complete DJLE-327 Application for Enrollment form.
5 Students must submit a copy of a valid driver's license.
6 Students must submit Verification of Age and Citizenship form.
7 Students must submit an abstract copy of their driving record from their state's Department of Motor Vehicles.
8 Students must pass the Physical Readiness Test.

Step 2:
1 Students will participate in an interview. Selected candidates will need to submit a DJLE-332 Medical Assessment form, LEA Medical Clearance form, and Responsibility for Personal Medical Needs form.
2 Review the technical standards for this program at www.gtc.edu/forms. An acknowledgement of these standards will be completed within the online application.

Graduation Requirements

1 Minimum grade of 2.0 ("C") or above in all courses.
2 Satisfactorily demonstrate proficiency in all hands-on unified tactical areas of training (DAAT, EVOC, Firearms, Vehicle Contacts).
3 Pass the scenario-based final assessment exercise.
For a complete list of Graduation Requirements, check the Student Handbook or Graduation Requirements.

Notes

1 For detailed information about this program please visit the Law Enforcement website: www.gtc.edu/LEAcademy
2 Please note that your program may require additional fee(s) for: Criminal Background Check, Medical Documentation Manager, and/or Drug Testing.
3 Background checks for the Law Enforcement Academy program are valid for 6 months. Students must request a current background check every 6 months they are enrolled or re-apply.
4 In order to be admitted to the academy candidates must pass a Physical Readiness Test administered by academy staff. This test must be completed before an interview can be scheduled.

Gateway Technical College reserves the right to modify curriculum requirements for students who interrupt enrollment for one year or take over seven years to complete. Tuition and material fees are determined by the board of the Wisconsin Technical College System. Consult My Gateway for exact fee amounts. The District reserves the right to modify, cancel, or relocate course offerings in response to factors such as low enrollment, resource availability, or other relevant considerations to ensure high-quality educational experiences. Students will be notified in writing and are encouraged to meet with their Academic Advisor to adjust their academic plan.

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