

Law Enforcement

Associate in Applied Science Degree Program Code 385

From LMC after completion of KVCC Police Academy or State Police Academy and LMC coursework

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Program Prerequisites

Proficiency in reading, English, and mathematics on the assessment or successfully complete recommended classes. See course descriptions for specific course requirements.

Contact KVCC

See KVCC program information at www.kvcc.edu

Associate in Applied Science Degree from LMC:

Lake Michigan College Courses

Credit Hours

College Requirements

English 101, English Composition.....	3
English 103, Technical Writing.....	3
Political Science 102, State Governments.....	3
* Physical Education 200, Healthful Living, or Physical Education 212, Health and Fitness, or Physical Education 214, Personal Health.....	1 or 3

Support Courses

Group I, II, or III electives (from at least two groups).....	11
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Major

Law Enforcement 140, Introduction to Criminal Justice.....	3
Law Enforcement 142, Police Organization & Administration.....	3
Law Enforcement 144, Criminology.....	3
Law Enforcement 250, Juvenile Delinquency & Behavior.....	3

Kalamazoo Valley Community College Police Academy

Students must apply to KVCC the semester before admission is desired.

EMT 106 Medical First Responder for Law Enforcement*.....	3
LEN 106 Criminal Law and Procedure*.....	4
LEN 150 Fundamentals of Marksmanship.....	2
LEN 202 Motor Vehicle Traffic*.....	4
LEN 243 Patrol Procedures*.....	4
LEN 201 Criminal Investigation*.....	4
LEN 206 Emergency Vehicle Operations*.....	2
LEN 241 Police Physical Skills*.....	4
LEN 242 Tactical Firearms*.....	4
LEN 253 Police Practical Problems*.....	3

*Transferring students are encouraged to take PHED 212 or PHED 214.

Employment

Employment in Law Enforcement is subject to the employment standards for each state. For Michigan Law Enforcement Standards please visit: <http://www.michigan.gov/mcoles/0,4607,7-299--150169--,00.html>. **If you have questions about these standards, please contact an Academic Advisor prior to starting the Law Enforcement program.**

Transfer Resources

If you are planning to transfer to a four-year college or university, you should become familiar with your chosen school's requirements. See your Academic Advisor for assistance in developing your Student Education Plan or visit www.lakemichigancollege.edu/transfer

The Law Enforcement Training Center certification program is designed to give you a broad based general education along with MCOLES** basic law enforcement certification. You will learn about police organization, criminal investigation, traffic control, delinquency, criminal law, enforcement procedures, patrol procedures, detention and prosecution, police skills, traffic and special operations. Students selecting this option must complete two semesters of general educational requirements then they must make application to the police academy. The application process is competitive and only the most qualified applicants will be accepted. Upon meeting all MCOLES requirements and successful completion of the entire academy block of instruction, they may be eligible to take the MCOLES certification examination.

This program will also transfer on a 2 + 2 basis to Western Michigan University. Transferability to other four-year institutions in Michigan may be possible.

About the Area of Study

The Law Enforcement program is designed to give you a broad base of general education along with specific skills and knowledge in the field of law enforcement. The program is designed to prepare students for a technical career upon graduation. Several program options are available as noted on these two pages.

A law enforcement career can lead you to be a police officer in almost any geographic area of the country. As a police officer in a rural area, you may perform a wide variety of activities including directing traffic at the scene of a crime, investigating a burglary, or giving first aid to an accident victim. In a larger police department, your duties may be more specific.

There is a 62-credit degree requirement needed for graduation.

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Regional Police Training Academy

Kalamazoo Valley Community College has been designated as a Regional Police Training Academy by the Michigan commission on Law Enforcement Standards. The Police Academy provides training for newly hired city, county, and township officers as required by the mandatory Police Training Act in Michigan. In addition, the Police Academy offers the training to pre-service students who meet the minimum requirements to be police officers in the state of Michigan. In this 17-18 week credit program, you will learn about police organization, criminal investigation, traffic control, juvenile law, criminal law, and enforcement procedures. Upon successful completion of the entire academy block of instruction, you will be eligible to take the mandatory certification examination given by the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards. Two police academies are held each year, one from August to December and another from February to June.

Unless you meet one of two exceptions listed below, you must have earned a total of 28 credit hours from specified disciplines prior to being admitted to the academy. These 28 credit hours, when combined with the credit hours earned through successful completion of the academy, will enable you to receive an associate's degree in order to be eligible for employment as a police officer. Exceptions to this requirement are: 1) an employed police officer who is being sponsored by his/her agency; or 2) an applicant who already holds an associate's or higher degree.

NOTE: Graduation requirements are subject to change. Contact the Law Enforcement Training Center at KVCC for the most current program information.

**Students must take and pass the MCOLES Reading and Writing test and the Physical Skills test prior to tracking in semester III.

All candidates interested in enrolling in an academy must first meet with the Police Academy Program Director. The director will review MCOLES requirements and standards to determine your eligibility. For further information, contact the Kalamazoo Law Enforcement Training Center.

Associate's Degree Completion at Lake Michigan College

If you have recently completed the Police Academy at KVCC or the State Police Academy, and the required LMC coursework, you are eligible to apply for the Associate in Applied Science degree at Lake Michigan College.

Transfer Options

With slight modifications, the Law Enforcement program can be a transfer program and lead to a bachelor's degree upon completion of required courses at certain four-year institutions. Siena Heights University at LMC accepts this degree toward a Bachelor of Applied Science degree.