# Forensics (Pre)

### Associate in Science Degree - Transfer Program Program Code 057

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#### Sample Transfer Program

The following is a sample college transfer program. It is essential that you work with an LMC academic advisor to develop an individualized program that meets the specific requirements of the college you plan to attend.

Courses	<b>Credit Hours</b>
English 101, English Composition	3
English 102, English Composition, or	
English 103, Technical Writing	3
* Physical Education 200, Healthful Living, or	
Physical Education 212, Health and Fitness, or	
Physical Education 214, Personal Health	1 or 3
Political Science 101, National Governments, or	
Political Science 102, State Government, or	
History 201, American History to 1865, or	
History 202, American History 1865 to Present	3
Mathematics 151, Calculus I	5
Mathematics 201, Calculus II	5
Biology 111, Principles of Biology I	4
Biology 112, Principles of Biology II	4
Chemistry 111, General Chemistry I	4
Chemistry 112, General Chemistry II	4
Chemistry 203, Organic Chemistry I	4
Chemistry 204, Organic Chemistry II	4
Physics 101, General Physics I	5
Physics 102, General Physics II	5
Law Enforcement 140, Intro to Criminal Justice	3
Group II Social Science electives	6
Group III Humanities elective	9

<sup>\*</sup>Transferring students are encouraged to take PHED 212 or PHED 214.

## **About the Area of Study**

Forensic science is typically not an entry level field. A student completes a four-year degree majoring in biology, biochemistry, or chemistry with a minor in criminal justice and is employed as a police officer. After a minimum of 2-5 years as a police officer, application for transfer to a forensics position can be made within the department division. While civilian positions do exist, they are not common. Since minimum admission requirements vary among schools with forensics programs, you should work with the pre-forensics advisor to become familiar with the forensics program in which you are interested. The preforensics advisor will assist you in planning your program. There is a 61-credit degree requirement needed for graduation.

## **Transfer Opportunities**

If you are planning to transfer to a four-year college, you should become familiar with your chosen school's requirements. See your advisor for assistance in planning your individualized program of study.

Bachelor's degrees with a major in forensics are offered at Michigan State University (Forensic Anthropology, Forensic Biology and Forensic Chemistry) and Northern Michigan University (Forensic Biochemistry), and a forensic minor is offered at Ferris State University. Master's degrees in forensics are offered at Michigan State University through their School of Criminal Justice (Forensic Anthropology, Forensic Biology, and Forensic Chemistry).