



## Georgia Piedmont Technical College Law Enforcement Academy Fact Sheet

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- First Law Enforcement Academy in the State of Georgia to receive international accreditation from The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., (CALEA®)
- Program runs three times a year
  - Generally beginning and ending
    - January – March
    - May – July
    - August – October
- We accept pre-service and sponsored students
  - Pre-service- unemployed, looking for a job
  - Sponsored – already employed by a L/E agency
- For Pre-service candidates – 6-8 week special admission process
  - POST Compliance Review with Academy Director
  - Background check
  - Physical exam
  - Criminal history/Driver history check
  - Drug screen
- Upfront Pre-service candidate fees – approximately \$900 (paid to entities outside of college)
  - This includes background, POST application, medical exam, uniforms, drug screen, duty gear, etc.
- All candidates must pass PAT for admission
- Tuition - \$1936
  - HOPE pays approximately \$1000 of this tuition
  - Other assistance available; Student Loans, grants, and scholarships
  - GI Bill – May not only pay tuition, other monies are also paid to student such as monthly stipend and living expenses
- 23 College semester hours towards a Criminal Justice Associate’s Degree (60 hour degree)
- 11 week program – Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- Daily Physical Training
- High Discipline program
- Upon successful completion of every subject each candidate will receive 408 POST hours.