



## Georgia Piedmont Technical College Law Enforcement Academy Fact Sheet

Please go to <https://www.gptc.edu/lea> for additional information about our academy and to apply

- 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 – April
    - April/May – August
    - August – December
- 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.
- Tuition - \$3434.00 (special tuition rate @ \$200 credit hr.)
  - HOPE pays approximately \$1050 of this tuition
  - If the student is Pell eligible our experience has been that it pays approximately \$1800
  - Other assistance available; Student Loans, grants, and scholarships
- 42 College semester hours towards a Criminal Justice Associate's Degree (60 hour degree)
- 17 week program – Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. – 6:15 p.m.
- Daily Physical Training
- Paramilitary style program
- Upon successful completion of every subject each candidate will receive 740 POST hours. This includes: (not included in traditional academy)
  - Taser – with exposure
  - ASP baton
  - Standardized Field Sobriety Testing
- High Liability topics – instruction time increased (over traditional academy)
  - 80 hour EVOC program (emergency driving)
  - 72 hour Firearms program
  - 60 hour Defensive Tactics program

