



**Southwest Regional Law Enforcement Academy – Durango  
PROGRAM INFORMATION/APPLICATION**

*Southwest Colorado Community College and its partnership with local law enforcement agencies, is pleased to offer state certified training for those who wish to become Peace Officers within the State of Colorado. The cooperative effort with these agencies provides the student with quality training that is on the cutting edge of current trends in law enforcement.*

The Southwest Regional Law Enforcement Academy – Durango (SWRLEAD) certificate program is a 37-credit semester program. The Southwest Regional Law Enforcement Academy is certified by the Colorado Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) Board. Students who complete the program are eligible to take the Colorado POST test for certification as a peace officer in the State of Colorado. Successful completion of the Academy will also meet the requirements of the Police Science option for an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Criminal Justice through Southwest Colorado Community College. The credit breakdown is detailed below:

<b>LEA 101</b>	<b>Basic Law Enforcement Academy I</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>LEA 102</b>	<b>Basic Law Enforcement Academy II</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>LEA 103</b>	<b>Basic Law Enforcement Academy III</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>LEA 105</b>	<b>Basic Law</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>LEA 106</b>	<b>Arrest Control Techniques</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>LEA 107</b>	<b>Law Enforcement Driving</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>LEA 108</b>	<b>Firearms</b>	<b>3</b>

**Gainful Employment Information**

The US Department of Education requires disclosure of information for any financial aid eligible program that “prepares students for gainful employment in a recognized occupation.” Go to: [www.pueblocc.edu/Academics/DegreesCertificates](http://www.pueblocc.edu/Academics/DegreesCertificates) for additional program & employment outlook information.

Pueblo Community College is an equal opportunity educational institution and does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, religion, color, national origin, sex, or disability in its activities, programs, or employment practices as required by Title VI, Title IX, Section 504, Age Discrimination Act, and Title II of the ADA. The College has designated the Director of Human Resources as its Affirmative Action Officer with the responsibility to coordinate its civil rights compliance activities and grievance procedures. For information, contact the Director of Human Resources, 900 W. Orman Ave., Pueblo, CO 81004, telephone and TDD (719) 549-3220; or the Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, Region VIII, Federal Office Building, 1244 North Speer Boulevard, Suite 310, Denver, CO 80204, telephone (303) 844-3417.

## **Southwest Regional Law Enforcement Academy – Durango INFORMATION**

### **Requirements:**

Applicants must be at least 21 years of age, possess a valid driver's license, a high school diploma or GED and will be required to take an assessment test (Accuplacer) to determine reading, writing, and math skills level. Individuals who want to enroll in this certificate program must meet specific guidelines prior to admission into the program. Only those students admitted into the program will be allowed to enroll in SWRLEAD courses.

### **Location:**

Core curriculum courses will be conducted at the Commons Educational Center, located at 701 Camino del Rio, in Durango. Skills classes are conducted off-site at venues available for academy use.

### **Course Layout:**

The academic academy classes generally meet Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. or 1:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. depending on classroom/instructor availability. Skills classes (i.e. arrest control, firearms, driving) are generally held on either Saturday or Sunday, depending on the availability of training venues. Final schedules will be given to students on the first day of class. The program runs for 18 weeks and the POST test is usually administered the week after graduation.

### **Program Cost:**

The total cost of the academy for a Colorado resident who is COF \* eligible is approximately \$5,800. This cost includes tuition, college fees, equipment, books, uniforms, and course materials. Students are responsible for providing some additional items not covered in the materials cost of the program. Students are also responsible for the POST test fee (approx. \$125) which is collected by the POST representative on the day of the test.

### **Financial Aid/Payment:**

If you are interested in financial aid, including student loans, please complete a FAFSA application online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) Please contact Dr. Dan May for specific questions regarding financial aid at 970-247-2929 ext. 7200. If you are self-paying, payment plans are available through the college cashier's office. Otherwise, payment in full is due at orientation.

### **Restrictions:**

Enrollment may be affected by any of the following:

- A bad driving record within the last 3 years (i.e. DUI, suspension, reckless driving, etc.)
- Certain misdemeanor convictions (see attached list)
- A conviction of any felony crime or a crime of moral turpitude
- Low ACCUPLACER scores

*\*College Opportunity Fund – stipend available to in-state Colorado resident undergraduates*

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**APPLICATION PROCESS**

**Step 1:**

Complete an *online* application to Pueblo Community College at [www.pueblocc.edu](http://www.pueblocc.edu). Click on the “Apply Today” link, complete the application, and PRINT OUT THE CONFIRMATION PAGE which shows your assigned student number (SXXXXXXXX).

**Step 2:**

Apply *online* for the College Opportunity Fund (COF). Click on the COF link on the main page at [www.pueblocc.edu](http://www.pueblocc.edu), complete the application, and PRINT OUT THE CONFIRMATION PAGE.

**Step 3:**

An ACCUPLACER test is required for admittance. Please schedule a time with the College main office to take the test (970-247-2929). Your scores on the test must meet or exceed the college levels in reading, sentence skills, and math. The minimum scores required are as follows:

Reading – 83

English/Sentence Skills – 86

Math - 34

*Note: If you have any prior college or have SAT or ACT scores within the last 5 years, it is possible that you may receive an exemption from the ACCUPLACER test. In order to be considered for the exemption, you must bring in your unofficial transcripts or SAT/ACT scores and meet with an academic advisor.*

**Step 4:**

If you are interested in financial aid or student loans, fill out a free application online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). In order to complete the application, you will need your tax information, the PCC school code – 014829, and a pin # (to receive your pin, apply for one at [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov)). If you have specific questions regarding financial aid, please contact Dan May at 970-247-2929 ext. 7200.

**Step 5:**

Complete an academy application (attached) and turn it into the academy office along with the following documents:

1. Copy of valid driver’s license
2. Copy of high school diploma or GED
3. Copy of driving history (available at the Driver’s License Office, fee applies)
4. Copy of DD214 (for military veterans only)
5. Two completed fingerprint cards (available in the academy office, only CO POST cards accepted)
6. Accuplacer test scores

**Step 6:**

Once all required documents are received, an interview will be scheduled. During the interview, a panel consisting of law enforcement personnel and Academy Advisory Board members will ask candidates a series of questions that will focus on your commitment to the program. A background check will also be completed to ensure that you have not been convicted of a felony crime or certain misdemeanors as defined by state statute.

**Step 7:**

After your interview, a decision will be made regarding your acceptance into the program. Final selection of students will take place AFTER all the interviews are complete – you will be notified by phone and/or mail. Enrollment will be limited to 24 students.



3. Have you ever been arrested? YES / NO

**If yes**, list the month/year, agency that initiated the contact and the reason for the arrest:

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4. Have you ever been the focus of a criminal investigation? YES / NO

**If yes**, list the month/year and the crime being investigated:

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5. Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor or petty offense: YES / NO

**If yes**, list the month/year, agency that initiated the contact and the crime convicted of:

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6. Have you ever been convicted of a felony: YES / NO

**If yes**, list the month/year, agency that initiated the contact and the crime convicted of:

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7. Have you ever been convicted of or charged with Domestic Violence: YES / NO

**If yes**, please explain and provide supplemental documentation to your application:

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8. Do you have any physical disabilities or injuries that could prevent you from performing physical training, arrest control holds, self-defense maneuvers, handcuffing techniques, baton strikes or running: YES / NO

**If yes**, please explain (use additional sheets if necessary): \_\_\_\_\_

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9. Are you currently, or have you ever been under the care of a mental health professional:  
YES / NO

**If yes**, please explain (use additional sheets if necessary): \_\_\_\_\_

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10. Do you have any allergies: YES / NO

*If yes*, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
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11. Is your family in support of your decision to attend the Academy: YES / NO

12. Is your employer in support of your decision to attend the Academy: YES / NO

13. Do you have prior experience in using a handgun: YES / NO

*If yes*, please explain your experience: \_\_\_\_\_  
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14. Do you have prior law enforcement experience: YES / NO

*If yes*, please explain your experience: \_\_\_\_\_  
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15. Have you served in the Armed Forces: YES / NO

*If yes*, what branch and rank: \_\_\_\_\_

**PERSONAL AFFIRMATION**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do certify that all the information in this application is true to the best of my knowledge and that I have never been convicted of a felony crime or any crime of moral turpitude. I hereby authorize the Southwest Regional Law Enforcement Academy at Southwest Colorado Community College, local law enforcement agencies, and/or any of their administrators, staff, or agents to perform a background investigation to verify the truth of this statement. I understand that if it is discovered that any information provided in this application is not true, or if I am found to have been convicted of a felony crime or a crime of moral turpitude, that I will be immediately dismissed from the Academy. Furthermore, I will not be eligible for any refunds and will remain liable for all charges incurred.

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Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## MISDEMEANORS WHICH WILL AFFECT CERTIFICATION

C.R.S	CITE
18-3-204	Assault in the third degree
18-3-402	Sexual Assault
18-3-404	Unlawful sexual contact
18-3-405.5	Sexual assault on a client by a psychotherapist
18-3-412.5	Failure to register as a sexual offender
18-6-403 (3)(b.5)	Sexual exploitation of children (See 24-31-305(1.5)(g) "as it existed prior to July 1, 2006
18-7-201	Prostitution prohibited
18-7-202	Soliciting for prostitution
18-7-203	Pandering
18-7-204	Keeping a place of prostitution
18-7-208	Promoting sexual immorality
18-7-302	Indecent exposure
18-7-601	Dispensing violent films to minors
18-8-102	Obstructing government operations
18-8-103	Resisting arrest
18-8-104	Obstructing a peace officer, firefighter, emergency medical services provider, rescue specialist or volunteer
18-8-108	Compounding
18-8-109	Concealing death
18-8-111	False reporting to authorities
18-8-112	Impersonating a peace officer (Misdemeanor before July 1, 2004; Felony on or after July 1, 2004
18-8-113	Impersonation of a public servant
18-8-114	Abuse of public records
18-8-201	Aiding escape
18-8-204.2	Possession of contraband in the second degree
18-8-208	Escapes
18-8-208.1	Attempt to escape
18-8-212	Violation of bail bond conditions
18-8-304	Soliciting unlawful compensation
18-8-305	Trading in public office
18-8-308	Failing to disclose a conflict of interest
18-8-403	Official oppression
18-8-404	First degree official misconduct
18-8-503	Perjury in the second degree
18-8-611	Simulating legal process
18-8-612	Failure to obey a juror summons
18-8-613	Willful misrepresentation of material fact on juror questionnaire
18-8-614	Willful harassment of juror by employer
18-8-802	Duty to report use of force by peace officers
18-9-111	Harassment-stalking
18-9-121	Bias-motivated crimes
18-18-404	Unlawful use of a controlled substance
18-18-405	Unlawful distribution, manufacturing, dispensing, sale, or possession of a controlled substance
18-18-406	Offenses relating to marihuana and marihuana concentrate
18-18-411	Keeping, maintaining, controlling, renting or making available property for unlawful distribution or manufacture of controlled substances.

## **Southwest Regional Law Enforcement Academy – Durango Equipment and Book List**

At the beginning of the semester, students are issued the majority of equipment, books, and supplies that they will need during the academy. Some of these items will be retained by students, while other items must be returned at the end of the program (please see details below):

**These items will be issued for student use during the academy but must be returned on the last day of class:**

- Firearms: Glock 17 9mm  
Red Gun and holster  
Required Ammunition
  
- Uniforms: Sam Browne duty belt and buckle  
Four belt keepers and baton ring  
ASP baton/holder  
Ammunition pouch  
Handcuffs/case  
Ballistic Vest
  
- Books: Criminal Investigations  
Police Field Operations  
Character and Cops  
Street Survival  
The Tactical Edge  
Tactics for Criminal Patrol  
DUI Manual  
Traffic Accident Investigation Manual
  
- Misc: Traffic Template

**The following items are included in the total cost of the academy and may be retained by the student after completion of the program:**

- Uniforms: 2 short-sleeve uniform shirts  
2 pairs uniform trousers  
1 pair BDU trousers  
1 inner-belt  
Name badge  
1 sweatshirt  
1 pair sweatpants  
1 long-sleeve tshirt  
2 short-sleeve tshirts  
1 hat
  
- Books: Colorado Peace Officers Legal Source Book  
Colorado Peace Officers Handbook  
PPCT Defensive Tactics Manual  
Firearms/Driving/PPCT/POST Study Guide booklets  
Constitution pamphlet
  
- Misc: USB drive  
Hand sanitizer  
Notepads  
Flashlight  
Gun cleaning kit

**The following items must be provided by the student:**

Ear/Eye protection  
Black boots (that can be polished)  
Knee pads/wrist protectors for Arrest Control  
Basic school supplies (i.e. paper, pencils, notebooks, etc.)