SOUTHWEST COLORADO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

SOUTHWEST LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY
APPLICATION PACKET

Requirements

Applicants must be at least 21 years of age, possess a valid driver's license, a high school diploma or GED and may be required to take an assessment test (ACCUPLACER) to determine reading, writing, and arithmetic 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 SWRLEA courses.

Course Layout

Full-time academy classes are generally held Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Part-time academy classes are normally scheduled Monday through Friday, 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Skills training is generally held on either Saturday or Sunday, depending on the availability of training venues. Completion of the 18 week curriculum will earn applicants thirty-seven college credits.

Program Cost

Tuition, college fees, and material supplies will be approximately $6,200 for those students that have been Colorado resident for more than one year and are eligible for funding through the College Opportunity Fund. For non residents, tuition will be determined on an individual basis.

Financial Aid

For financial aid information contact the Financial Aid Solution Center at 719-549-3200

Restrictions

Items that will keep students from enrolling in Academy: a bad driving record (DUI, suspension, reckless driving, etc.) in the past 3-5 years, certain misdemeanor convictions (see enclosed list); a conviction of any felony crime or a crime of moral turpidtude, or low ACCUPLACER scores.

Location

Core curriculum courses will be conducted at the Mancos Campus of Southwest Colorado Community College, located at 33057 Highwasy 160. Skills classes are conducted off site at venues available for use by the academy.

For More information

Contact the Southwest Regional Law Enforcement Academy at 970 564-6203

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APPLICATION PROCESS

Step 1	Complete an admission application to PCC, ONLINE ONLY at www.pueblocc.edu. Click on ***Apply Now*** icon to get started. If you do not have access to the internet, you can use the computers at the campus office. The application will be reviewed by admissions and an acceptance letter will be sent to you. Please ensure that PCC has a correct address for you.
Step 2	Complete an Academy application, which may be obtained on-line, at the Durango campus located at 701 Camino Del Rio, or the Mancos Campus, located at 33057 Highway 160. Complete the Southwest Regional Law Enforcement Academy application carefully and completely.
Step 3	Contact the PCC office to meet with an academic advisor. This meeting will assist you in setting educational goals. If you have previous college credit or have taken the SAT or ACT within the past five years, please bring copies when you meet with the advisor. This will assist the advisor in determining if you will need to take the ACCUPLACER Aptitude Tests. If the tests are required, please make arrangements to take them. In order to be admitted into the academy, your ACCUPLACER scores must meet or exceed the college levels in reading, writing, and arithmetic. These scores are listed below. Reading - 83 English / Sentence Skill-86 Math-34 Note: All Assessment tests must be completed prior to your interview for acceptance.
Step 4	If interested in financial aid or student loans, contact Financial Aid Solutions Center at 719-549-3200 Note: Payment arrangements must be made with the cashier's office or your Academy Certificate will be withheld and your eligibility to sit for the State P.O.S.T Exam will be denied.
Step 5	Obtain copies of fingerprint cards from the Academy office in the Commons Educational Center, 701 Camino Del Rio, Durango, Colorado, or the Mancos Campus 33057 Hwy 160 Mancos, Co. Take the card to any law enforcement agency listed on the attached form. Proof of identification may be required. Upon completion of the printing, ensure that all of the blocks on the card have been completed, paying close attention to the signature block of the person completing the prints.
Step 6	Obtain a copy of your driving record. This can be obtained by contacting any full service office of the Colorado Department of Revenue. The cost is approximately $3.00.

Step 7

Submit the Academy application directly to the Academy office. In order to be considered for admission to the Academy, the following items **MUST** be submitted with your application.

_____ 1. Copy of valid driver's license
_____ 2. Letter of acceptance from PCC
_____ 3. Copy of high school diploma or GED, and any college diplomas
_____ 4. Copy of driving history
_____ 5. Copy of ACCUPLACER Aptitude Test score
_____ 6. Copy of DD214 (if applicable)
_____ 7. Two completed fingerprint cards-MUST BE OBTAINED FROM ACADEMY

APPLICATIONS WILL <u>NOT</u> BE ACCEPTED UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY THESE DOCUMENTS

Step 8

Upon receipt of the application and supporting documents, an interview will be conducted. The interview panel will consist of law enforcement personnel, members of the Academy Advisory Board and the Academy Director. The panel will ask candidates a series of questions that will focus on your commitment to the program.

You will be contacted for an interview when the following requirements have been met:

A. You have applied online for admission to PCC
B. Completed the required applications for the Academy
C. Your background check shows that you have not been convicted of a felony crime or certain misdemeanors as defined by state statute.
D. Completed the Accuplacer Aptitude Tests with the required scores posted or an exemption status has been notated by your advisor.

Step 9

Upon completion of the interview, a decision will be made regarding acceptance into the program. Final selection of students will take place AFTER all the interviews are complete. Enrollment will be limited to sixteen students. Upon acceptance into the program, you will be notified by mail. The Academy office will ensure you are registered with PCC for your academy classes.

The Partnership

Southwest Colorado Community College and its relationship 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.

Southwest Regional Law Enforcement Academy

The Southwest Regional Law Enforcement Academy (SWRLEA) Certificate Program is a 37 semester hour 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 peace officers in the State of Colorado.

Successful completion of the Academy will meet the requirements of the Police Science option in the Associate of Applied Science Degree in Criminal Justice.

SWRLEAD CERTIFICATE TOTAL CREDITS 37

CRJ101	Basic Law Enforcement Academy I	6
CRJ102	Basic Law Enforcement Academy II	12
CRJ103	Basic Law Enforcement Academy III	2
CRJ105	Basic Law	8
CRJ106	Arrest Control Techniques	3
CRJ107	Law Enforcement Driving	3
CRJ108	Firearms	3

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(970)247-2929 ext 7203

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ACADEMY APPLICATION

Name _____
Last First Middle

Alias/Maiden _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Physical/Personal Informatior

Gender: M ____ F ____	Date of Birth:
Height:	Age:
Weight:	Driver's License #
Hair Color:	Social Security #
Eye Color:	E-Mail Address

Education

High School Graduate Yor N _____ Year of Graduation _____

Name of High School

GED: Y or N _____

College Education: Y or N _____

Name of College: _____

Degree Earned: _____

Number of Credit Hours: _____

Course of Study/Major: _____

Background

Are you a resident of Colorado? If yes, how long have you resided in Colorado? Please note: In order to qualify for in-state tuition, a Colorado resident is defined as a person who has resided in the state of Colorado continuously for 12 months.

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If you are not a resident of Colorado, what state are you a resident of? _____

Do you possess a valid Driver's License? Y or N _____

State: _____ **Number:** _____

Note: If you are admitted into the Academy, a copy of a valid driver's license will be required for your student file

Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor or petty offense? Y or N _____

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

_____

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_____

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Y or N _____

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

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_____

Have you ever been convicted of or charged with Domestic Violence? Y or N _____

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

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Do you have any physical disabilities or injuries that could prevent you from performing physical training, arrest control holds, sef-defense maneuvers, handcuffing techniques, baton strikes or running? (Explain-Use additional sheets as necessary)

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Are you currently, or have you ever been under the care of a mental health professional? (Explain-Use additional sheets as necessary)

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_____

Are you taking an prescription medications? (List all medications)

_____

Do you have any allergies? (Explain) _____

_____

Is your family in support of your decision to attend the Academy?

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Is your employer in support of your decision to attend the academy?

_____

Do you have prior experience in using a handgun? (Explain)

_____

Do you have prior law enforcement experience? (Explain)

_____

Have you served in the Armed Forces? If yes, what branch and rank?

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Note: A copy of your discharge/release papers (DD 214) are required for your student file.

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Verification Documents

Driver's License #: _____ **State:** _____

I, _____, whose date of birth is_____/_____/____, do certify that all the information in this application is true to the best of my knowledge and that I have never been covicted 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, 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 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.

Student Name: _____

Date: _____

Witness: Academy Administration 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	Obstruction a peace officer, firefighter, emergency mediacl 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 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.

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EQUIPMENT AND BOOK LIST

The Southwest Regional Law Enforcement Academy at Durango will provide the following equipment for use by attending students:

The following items will be issued used during the academy and will be turned in at completion of the academy

Firearms
Glock 17 9mm
Red Gun
Cleaning kit for weapons
Required Ammunition

Uniforms
Sam Browne Duty Belt
4 belt keepers
Strong hand belt holster with thumb break retention strap.
Magazine holsters capable of holding two magazines

Books
Police Field Operations
Criminal Investigations
DUI Manual
Accident Investigation Reporting Manual

Misc.
Traffic Template
Handcuffs
Handcuff key

Students will retain the following items are issued during the academy:

Uniforms
2 short sleeve uniform shirts
2 pair uniform trousers
1 sweatshirt
1 Pair sweat pants
1 long sleeve t shirt
2 short sleeve t shirts
1 hat

Books
Colorado Peace Officer's Legal Resource Book
Colorado Peace Officer's Handbook
PPCT Defensive Tactics Manual
Constitution Pamphlet

The following items must be provided by the student
Adequate ear and eye protection
Black boots that can be polished
Legal Notepads
Knee pads and wrist protectors for Arrest Control as needed by the individual student
Pens/Pencils
Additional notebooks
Flashlight