



Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET)

certificate program

Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) is the course mandated by the State of North Carolina to become certified as a law enforcement officer. BLET is an intense study of all aspects of the work as a sworn officer. The course is required to be a minimum of 640 hours of classroom lecture and practical hands on learning. There are 36 areas of learning in BLET ranging from arrest, search and seizure to investigations and physical fitness, just to name a few. All blocks of instruction are taught by professionals and peers who are currently or have previously worked in their field of expertise. The majority of our instructors have more than 10 years of experience in their respective areas of the career field. We have a high rate of first time completion in the course due to the hard work and dedication of our cadre of instructors. Students who complete BLET will have earned 20 hours towards their Associates in Arts Degree in Criminal Justice Technology. Graduates are expected to be able to perform as an entry level law enforcement officer at any agency within the State of North Carolina. Graduates will have been tested in both academics and practical skills needed to begin work. Students will be required to pass the Police Officers Performance Abilities Test (POPAT) which is mandated for course completion.

Study Options

- Certificate Program [C55120]

Future Employment Outlook

The US Bureau of Labor Statistics forecasts growth in the law enforcement sector to grow by 5% over the next decade. The Bureau further predicts there will be 37,500 new jobs created in this area between 2018 and 2028. In 2018, the median law enforcement position paid more than \$30/hour and \$63,380/year. Ideal candidates for this position will be required to pass a background check and drug screening. Law enforcement is career which requires physical fitness to be successful. BLET helps to prepare officers for a lifelong commitment to their fitness.

Possible Careers

Graduates should qualify for employment requiring a BLET certification as a/in:

- police officer
- investigator
- deputy sheriff
- baliff
- sworn crime scene technician
- detective
- state law enforcement agencies

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Certificate Requirements

Basic Law Enforcement Training

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Basic Law Enforcement Training Certificate [C55120]

Major Required Courses

CJC 100 Basic Law Enforcement Training 20

Total Credit Hours Required for Certificate Program20

Credits

All students entering the Basic Law Enforcement Training program must meet the special requirements as indicated by the N.C. Criminal Justice Standards and the N.C. Sheriff's Standards Divisions of the N.C. Department of Justice. Students may not be convicted of any felony or serious misdemeanor offenses as defined by the Commission.

1. Students must contact BLET Director before completing Mitchell Community College Application.
2. The Mitchell Community College Application must be completed.
3. **Have graduated from High School, have an Adult High School Diploma, or have passed the GED** with an equivalency certificate which meets the minimum requirements set by the State of North Carolina.
4. **Meet the minimum standards for employment** as established by the NC Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission and/or the NC Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission which include being:
 - Minimum 20 years of age (Applicant must be 20 years of age as of the first day of class or have written authorization from the Director of the Criminal Justice Standards Division if less than 20 years old.);
 - Be of good moral character;
 - Examined and certified by a licensed physician or surgeon to meet the physical requirements necessary to perform the functions of a law enforcement officer.
5. **Have not ever committed or been convicted of any of the following:**
 - a. a felony; a crime for which the punishment could have been imprisonment for more than two years; or
 - b. a crime or unlawful act for which the punishment could have been imprisonment for more than six months but less than two years and the crime or unlawful act occurred within the last five years; or
 - c. four or more crimes or unlawful acts described in "b" above regardless of the date of occurrence; or
 - d. four or more crimes or unlawful acts for which the punishment could have been imprisonment for less than six months except if the last conviction date occurred more than two years prior to the date of enrollment; or
 - e. a combination of four or more unlawful acts described in "b" or "d" above regardless of the date of conviction.
6. **Possess a valid North Carolina driver's license.**
7. **Reading test.** The NC Criminal Justice Education and Training Commission require all enrollees to take a nationally standardized reading test prior to being admitted to a BLET course. Scores indicating being proficient in reading will meet reading test requirements.
8. To be employed in this field, it is necessary to be a U.S. citizen.

ADMISSION INTERVIEW

Each applicant is interviewed by the BLET Director or designee. The interview is used to determine if the applicant meets the minimum standards for employment as established by the NC Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission and/or the NC Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission.

PROCEDURES FOR ADMISSION

1. Final approval to enroll in the program is contingent upon meeting admissions requirements, acceptable health certification, and proof that you meet all minimum standards of the NC Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission and/or the NC Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission and have the School Director concurrence.
2. Obtain a BLET application packet from the BLET Office. Packets may be obtained in one of three ways: Picked up from the BLET Office; Mailed to the applicant; or Download from Mitchell's Website (<https://www.mitchellcc.edu/basic-law-enforcement-training-blet/schedulesadditional-informationforms>).
3. Along with completed application paperwork, provide the following supporting documentation:
 - A certified copy of GED or high school transcript. High school diplomas earned through correspondence enrollment are not recognized toward the educational requirements, by North Carolina Training and Standards.
 - Copy of birth certificate.
 - Obtain Medical Examination Report, obtained less than one year prior to the class starting date, (Form F-1 and F-2) which is included in the application packet to be completed by a physician licensed to practice medicine in North Carolina.
 - Obtain a certified copy of your arrest and driving history record from the Office(s) of the Clerk of Court in every county in which you have resided since the day you turned 16 years of age. The history/histories must be dated, by the generating agency/agencies, no more than one year prior to the class starting date.
 - Copy of North Carolina driver's license.
 - Copy of MCC reading placement test results, taken less than one year prior to the class starting date. A score placing you into course DRE 098 or above at a North Carolina Community College is necessary to enter the BLET program.
 - Obtain a Sponsorship Form which is included in the packet. (See **TUITION** below)
 - Veterans are required to supply a copy of their DD-214, "Member 4" page.
4. Application packet must be submitted no later than one month prior to the first day of class.
5. Applicants must be punctual and present the first day of class.

TUITION (VA Approved)

Tuition is waived with a Sponsorship Form (background check) completed by a North Carolina law enforcement agency. Without a Sponsorship Form, applicants must pay in-state or out-of-state tuition. In addition, the Sponsorship Form **DOES NOT** constitute any responsibility to the law enforcement agency to hire or pay any costs associated with Basic Law Enforcement Training. Applicants may attend BLET training without a Sponsor Form but must pay full cost of in-state or out-of-state tuition.

Want to Earn a Degree?

Mitchell Community College offers a wide range of Public Safety courses. We have degree programs in: Criminal Justice Technology, Pre-Criminal Justice College Transfer, Fire Protection Technology and Emergency Medical Science. For more information, visit mitchellcc.edu/public-safety-technologies.



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