



## PUBLIC & SOCIAL SERVICES

**Program Description:** This program is the academic equivalent to the Basic Peace Officer Training Course required by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) for all Texas Peace Officers to be licensed. The Texas Peace Officer Specialization Associate of Applied Science degree will also satisfy the degree requirement rule by TCOLE in the Academic Alternative program.

The Criminal Justice Program Coordinator (Department Chair) must approve all enrollments into any peace officer sequence courses one semester prior to registration. Before a student can register for any sequence courses in this program, the following documents and requirements must be received and satisfied in compliance with TCOLE rules, state law and ACC policy: criminal records check and FBI fingerprinting, drug free report, physical examination, psychological examination, proof of U.S. citizenship, valid driver's license, DD-214 if military, college transcript, and any other documentation that may be required.

**A degree is NOT required prior to entering the program but must be obtained before being granted the endorsement required to sit for the state exam.** Students must have, at minimum, an associate's degree (does not have to be in criminal justice) before receiving the endorsement.

Students transferring into this program from other institutions with criminal justice accredited academic hours, may be allowed to receive transfer credit if comparable with ACC Criminal Justice courses and meet TCOLE standards.

Students with non-criminal justice degrees must successfully complete all seven Core Courses and the four Peace Officer Sequence courses in the Texas Peace Officer Sequence Level 1 Certificate award plan. Students without degrees must satisfactorily complete the associate's degree with the seven Core Courses and the four Peace Officer Sequence courses. All students in the Texas Peace Officer Sequence Level 1 Certificate program must pass a comprehensive program examination and apply for graduation from the 38 credit hours certificate program before the Academic Endorsement of Eligibility can be issued. The Academic Endorsement of Eligibility qualifies and permits a student to take the Peace Officer Licensing Examination which is prepared and administered by TCOLE. Meet with the Criminal Justice Program Coordinator for more information.

*Use this **Program Map** to choose courses with your college advisor and track your progress towards milestones and completion of program.*

Pre-Degree Requirements		
Program Specific	Reading and Writing Placement <i>Placements based on TSI</i>	Mathematics Placement <i>Placements based on TSI</i>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Basic Developmental Courses <input type="checkbox"/> ESOL Courses <input type="checkbox"/> INRW Courses	<input type="checkbox"/> NCBM and MATD courses paired with MATH courses <input type="checkbox"/> NCBM and MATD courses
SEMESTER-BY-SEMESTER PROGRAM PLAN FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS		
<i>Plans can be modified to fit the needs of part-time students by adding more semesters</i>		

Core Courses	CR	Advising Notes
CRIJ 1301 - Introduction to Criminal Justice	3	
CRIJ 1313 - Juvenile Justice System	3	
CRIJ 1310 - Fundamentals of Criminal Law	3	
CRIJ 1306 - Court Systems and Practices	3	
CRIJ 2323 - Legal Aspects of Law Enforcement	3	
CRIJ 2314 - Criminal Investigation		
CRIJ 2328 - Police Systems and Practices		
	<b>21</b>	<b>Program Semester Hours / Meet with your advisor</b>
Peace Officer Sequence		
CJLE 2420 - Texas Peace Officer Procedures	4	
CJLE 2421 - Texas Peace Officer Law	4	

CJLE 2522 - Texas Peace Officer Skills	5	
CJLE 2424 - Texas Peace Officer Capstone	4	Capstone Course. Must be taken in last term. <b>ACHIEVMENT:</b> Completion of Texas Peace Officer Sequence Level 1 Certificate.
	<b>17</b>	<b>Program Semester Hours / Meet with your program advisor</b>
<b>Total Program Hours</b>		<b>38</b>

Please always check online at [catalog.austincc.edu](http://catalog.austincc.edu) or meet with your academic or program advisor to ensure that you are viewing the latest and most accurate information.

## Career & Transfer Resources

ACC's Career and Transfer websites provide detailed, guided information on career exploration and transfer.

[www.austincc.edu/career](http://www.austincc.edu/career); [www.austincc.edu/transfer](http://www.austincc.edu/transfer)

For further information regarding this specific program, please see the Career & Transfer Resources supplement provided in the next section of this Program Map.

### Program Map

## Criminal Justice: Texas Peace Officer

*Certificate: Texas Peace Officer Sequence Level 1 (C1)*

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### Career Information

By completing the Texas Peace Officer Sequence Certification, along with completing the CJ-Law Enforcement degree, the student will be eligible to take the state peace officer license exam. All peace officers in the state of Texas must obtain the license issued by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement in order to be perform peace officer duties. By obtaining the license the job market is broadened as most police agencies required the license before application for peace officer positions will be accepted.

#### Common Job Titles

Police Patrol Officers (includes Law Enforcement Officer, Officer, Patrol Officer, Peace Officer, Police Officer, Police Patrol Officer, Public Safety Officer, State Trooper, Uniform Patrol Police Officer)

#### Regional Labor Market Information

Police Patrol Officers: New workers generally start around \$43,261. Normal pay for Police Patrol Officers is \$70,172 per year, while highly experienced workers can earn as much as \$100,463. Over the last year, 43 companies have posted 594 jobs for Police Patrol Officers in this region. There are currently 4,541 Police Patrol Officers that are employed in Austin-Round Rock, TX.

Source: <https://austincc.emsicc.com/careers/police-patrol-officer>

**Career and labor market research tools** (see Quick Reference Guide at <http://www.austincc.edu/career>):

EMSI: <https://austincc.emsicc.com/>, Bureau of Labor Statistics: <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>, O\*NET: <https://www.onetonline.org/>

**Career Resources:** ACC's career services website provides information on career exploration and employment at <http://www.austincc.edu/career>. Students are encouraged to consult with their [area of study advisor](#) for additional career assistance. The above information is provided as a guide and reference tool for occupations related to this program. This is not a guarantee of job placement in any of these occupations after successful completion of an ACC program. The common job titles listed are representative titles and are provided for career research. These are not the only occupations possible in this area of study.

### Transfer Information

The Texas Peace Officer Sequence Level 1 Certificate is designed for students who are preparing to take the Texas Peace Officer exam. Students must have, at minimum, an associate's degree (does not have to be in criminal justice) before being granted the endorsement required to sit for the state exam. Individual courses in this program may transfer to 4-year institutions, but students intending to transfer may want to follow the Criminal Justice Law Enforcement AAS degree plan. Students are strongly encouraged to work with their advisor to determine which courses will transfer.

**Additional Transfer Resources:** ACC's transfer website provides information on additional colleges & universities:

<http://www.austincc.edu/transferguides>. Students are encouraged to consult with a faculty advisor, [area of study advisor](#), and/or their chosen transfer institution to ensure courses taken at ACC will apply toward their bachelor's degree program.