

CRIMINAL JUSTICE-LAW ENFORCEMENT 720 ACADEMY

Technical Diploma

Program Code: 30-504-2

Total Credits: 22

This program is specifically designed for students with a minimum of 40 college credits who seek to meet the certification requirements necessary to become a law enforcement officer in the state of Wisconsin. Students must meet the entrance requirements as set forth by the Wisconsin Department of Justice.

Mid-State's Criminal Justice-Law Enforcement 720 Academy prepares students to obtain state certification to be employed/practice in the state of Wisconsin. The College does not guarantee its curriculum matches the requirements for preparation, examinations, or licensure for other states.

To learn more about this program, visit mstc.edu/programs.

ACADEMIC ADVISOR

To schedule an appointment with an academic advisor, call 715-422-5300. Academic advisors will travel to other campuses as necessary to accommodate student needs. For more information about advising, visit mstc.edu/advising.

NEW STUDENT CHECKLIST

Complete the following steps to prepare for your New Student Advising appointment with your academic advisor:

- Submit a Mid-State application at mstc.edu/apply.
- Send official transcripts to:
Mid-State Technical College
Student Services
500 32nd Street North
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.gov. Mid-State's Financial Aid team is available to assist with your FAFSA application and to answer your financial aid questions. Contact Financial Aid or schedule an appointment at mstc.edu/financial-aid.
- Set up student MyCampus account at mstc.edu/mycampus-assistance.
- Schedule a New Student Advising appointment at mstc.edu/advising.

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CAREER PATHWAY



Career pathways help you build your education step by step. Each stage offers one or more credentials that are recognized by employers and lead to real jobs—and you can keep building toward your career goals as you go.

Begin at any point.

Prior Learning

Credit for Prior Learning

- Certifications and Licenses
- Military Experience
- National/Standardized Exams
- Transfer Credit
- Work and Life Experience

Learn about Credit for Prior Learning at mstc.edu/cpl.

High School Credit

- High School Dual Credit
- Mid-State Fast Track

Learn about High School Credit at mstc.edu/dc.

Technical Diploma

- Criminal Justice-Law Enforcement 720 Academy (22 Credits)
Start Your Career: Deputy Sheriff, Police Officer, Private Security, State Trooper

Bachelor's Degree

For those interested in continuing their education, Mid-State offers transfer guides with various four-year colleges and universities. For more information, visit mstc.edu/transfer.

Other Options

Related Programs: Advanced Emergency Medical Technician, Criminal Justice-Corrections & Community Advocacy, Criminal Justice-Studies, Emergency Medical Technician, Emergency Services Management, Fire Service Certification, Jail Officer Academy, Paramedic, Paramedic Technician

OUTCOMES

Employers will expect you, as a Criminal Justice-Law Enforcement 720 Academy graduate, to be able to:

- Think critically.
- Manage emergencies.
- Communicate effectively.
- Demonstrate professionalism.
- Conduct investigations.
- Interact with others.
- Demonstrate technical skills.

TECHNICAL SKILLS ATTAINMENT

The Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) has implemented a requirement that all technical colleges measure outcomes attained by students. This requirement is called Technical Skills Attainment (TSA). The main objective of TSA is to ensure graduates have the technical skills needed by employers. Faculty will let students know when and how the TSA is being assessed in the program.

Anyone with a felony conviction or a domestic abuse conviction cannot become a law enforcement officer without a governor's pardon. Numerous moving traffic violations or a lengthy criminal history or mental illness that prevents the applicant from performing essential job functions may hinder opportunities for employment.

ADDITIONAL ENTRY CRITERIA

To apply to the Criminal Justice-Law Enforcement 720 Academy program:

- The applicant shall have attained a minimum age of 18 years.
- The applicant shall possess a Wisconsin high school diploma or a diploma issued by an out-of-state high school accredited by an appropriate agency of the state or have a General Education Development (GED) Certificate or a High School Equivalency Diploma (HSED). In Wisconsin, high school diplomas are issued by public and private schools. A home-based private educational program does not lead to a traditional Wisconsin high school diploma. A student who is enrolled in a home-based private educational program must attain a GED or HSED to be eligible for preparatory law enforcement officer training.
- The applicant shall possess a valid Wisconsin driver's license or such other valid operator's permit recognized by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation as authorizing operation of a motor vehicle in Wisconsin.
- The applicant shall not have been convicted of any federal felony or of any offense that if committed in Wisconsin could be punished as a felony unless the applicant has been granted an absolute and unconditional pardon.
- The applicant shall not have been convicted of any misdemeanor crime of domestic violence unless the applicant has been granted an absolute and unconditional pardon.
- The applicant shall not be prohibited by federal or state law from possessing a firearm.
- The applicant shall be a United States citizen.

- The applicant shall possess either a two-year associate degree from a Wisconsin Technical College System district or its accredited equivalent from another state or a minimum of 40 accredited semester credits. An official college transcript from the educational institution where credit was awarded shall serve as evidence of an applicant having met the associate degree or college credit requirement. School accreditation can be checked at the US Department of Education website.
- A physical assessment shall be conducted to verify that the applicant can meet the physical standards required of a law enforcement officer. The assessment shall be conducted by a Wisconsin licensed physician who shall provide a signed written report on the results of the assessment to the training school.
- An oral interview shall be conducted with a panel of law enforcement executives or with teaching or counseling staff affiliated with the training school to determine the applicant's suitability for law enforcement officer employment and to assess the applicant's demeanor, background, and ability to communicate.
- Physical ability will be tested prior to entrance into a preparatory law enforcement officer training academy and again during Phase 3 of the academy. There are both entrance and exit standards for passing the Physical Readiness Test.

TECHNICAL STANDARDS

A list of specific physical, emotional, and mental tasks needed to function as a law enforcement officer is available at mstc.edu/programs/criminal-justice-studies. Contact the Accessibility Services Coordinator in the Student Services & Information Center to receive assistance.

PROGRAM PROGRESSION

In order to successfully complete the program, students must:

- Receive a grade of "C" or better in all courses required for graduation. Please note that the ability to repeat courses is dependent upon availability of courses.

STUDENT HANDBOOK

Visit mstc.edu/studenthandbook to view Mid-State's student handbook, which contains information about admissions, enrollment, appeals processes, services for people with disabilities, financial aid, graduation, privacy, Mid-State's Student Code of Conduct, and technology.

SAMPLE FULL-TIME CURRICULUM OPTION

Criminal Justice-Law Enforcement 720 Academy • 22 Total Credits

Term 22 Credits	Course Number	Course Name	CPL	Credits
	30504500	Overview of Patrol Response	No	2
	30504501	Physical Fitness	No	1
	30504502	Application of Investigations	No	1
	30504503	Overview of Criminal Justice	No	1
	30504504	Principles of Emergency Vehicle Response	No	2
	30504505	Sensitive Crimes	No	2
	30504506	Overview of Investigations	No	2
	30504507	Application of Traffic Response	No	3
	30504508	Principles of Investigations	No	1
	30504509	Principles of Tactics	No	5
	30504510	Overview of Tactics	No	1
	30504511	Scenario Assessment	No	1

Please Note

- Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) options are available for some courses. You can visit mstc.edu/cpl or contact your academic advisor for details.
- This curriculum sequence is only for student planning. Actual student schedules will vary depending on course availability.
- Program completion time may vary based on student scheduling and course availability. For details, go to mstc.edu/schedule.
- Get the latest updates online at mstc.edu.

Application of Investigations

30504502

1 credit

Through classroom lecture and on-campus labs, and WI Department of Justice 720 Academy integration exercises students will learn and apply skills addressed in the following Phase II topics of the Department of Justice 720 Academy curriculum framework: Ethics II: Moral Reasoning and Professional Responsibility, Cultural Competence II: Fair and Impartial Policing, Interrogations, Testifying in Court, and Crimes III.

Prerequisite: Admission to Criminal Justice-Law Enforcement 720 Academy program 305042 and must successfully complete the application process.

Application of Traffic Response

30504507

3 credits

Through classroom lecture, and on-campus lab and WI Department of Justice integration exercises, students will learn and apply skills addressed in the following Phase III topics from the WI Department of Justice 720 Academy curriculum framework: Traffic Law Enforcement - Core and Radar, Traffic Crash Investigations & Incident Management, Operating a Motor Vehicle While Intoxicated (OMVWI), Standardized Field Sobriety Tests (SFST), Hazardous Materials and Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD), Incident Command Systems and NIMS, and Report Writing.

Prerequisite: Admission to Criminal Justice-Law Enforcement 720 Academy program 305042 and must successfully complete the application process

Overview of Criminal Justice

30504503

1 credit

Through classroom lecture and Wisconsin Department of Justice 720 Academy integration exercises, students learn and apply skills addressed in the following Wisconsin Department of Justice 720 Academy Phase I curriculum framework topics: Academy Orientation, Fundamentals of Criminal Justice, Ethics, Cultural Competency, Agency Policy, and Professional Communication.

Prerequisite: Admission to Criminal Justice-Law Enforcement 720 Academy program 305042 and must successfully complete the application process

Overview of Investigations

30504506

2 credits

Through classroom lecture, on-campus lab, and WI Department of Justice 720 Academy integration exercises students will learn and apply skills addressed in the following Department of Justice 720 Academy curriculum framework Phase I topics: Constitutional Law I, Crimes I, Interviews, and Report Writing.

Prerequisite: Admission to Criminal Justice-Law Enforcement 720 Academy program 305042 and must successfully complete the application process

Overview of Patrol Response

30504500

2 credits

Through classroom lecture, on-campus lab, and Wisconsin Department of Justice integration exercises, students will learn and apply skills addressed in the following Wisconsin Department of Justice 720 Academy curriculum framework Phase I topics: Critical Thinking and Decision-Making, Basic Response (RESPOND), Radio Procedures, Introduction to TraCS, Traffic Law Enforcement, and First Aid/CPR/AED.

Prerequisite: Admission to Criminal Justice-Law Enforcement 720 Academy program 305042 and must successfully complete the application process

Overview of Tactics

30504510

1 credit

Through classroom lecture, on-campus lab, and Wisconsin Department of Justice 720 Academy integration exercises, students learn and apply skills addressed in the following Department of Justice 720 Academy curriculum framework Phase I topics: Fundamentals of Firearms, Vehicle Contacts I, Officer Wellness, and Defensive and Arrest Tactics.

Prerequisite: Admission to Criminal Justice-Law Enforcement 720 Academy program 305042 and must successfully complete the application process

Physical Fitness

30504501

1 credit

Through classroom lecture and on-campus lab students will apply Phases I-III Health Fitness WI Department of Justice 720 Academy curriculum framework program requirements and Officer Wellness Suicide Prevention.

Prerequisite: Admission to Criminal Justice-Law Enforcement 720 Academy program 305042 and must successfully complete the application process

Principles of Emergency Vehicle Response

30504504

2 credits

Through classroom lecture, on-campus lab, and Wisconsin Department of Justice 720 Academy integration exercises, students learn and apply skills addressed in the following Department of Justice 720 Academy Phase II topics: Emergency Vehicle Operation and Control (EVOC) and Vehicle Contacts II.

Prerequisite: Admission to Criminal Justice-Law Enforcement 720 Academy program 305042 and must successfully complete the application process

Principles of Investigations

30504508

1 credit

Through classroom lecture, and on-campus lab, and WI Department of Justice 720 Academy integration exercises students will learn and apply skills addressed in the following Phase II topics of the WI Department of Justice 720 Academy curriculum framework: Constitutional Law II, Physical Evidence Collections, and Crisis Management. The Phase II Written Exam will be given in this course.

Prerequisite: Admission to Criminal Justice-Law Enforcement 720 Academy program 305042 and must successfully complete the application process

Principles of Tactics

30504509

5 credits

Through classroom lecture and on-campus lab and integration exercises, students will learn and apply skills addressed in the following Phase II topics from the Department of Justice 720 Academy curriculum frameworks including: Professional Communication Skills II, DAAT, Firearms II, Tactical Response, and a Tactical Emergency Casualty Care.

Prerequisite: Admission to Criminal Justice-Law Enforcement 720 Academy program 305042 and must successfully complete the application process

Scenario Assessment

30504511

1 credit

The scenario week is divided into two components: training and testing. The goal of the training component is to further develop and consolidate students' skills and abilities to perform in realistic law enforcement situations. The goal of the testing component is to assess whether students' performance in realistic law enforcement situations meets established criteria. The scenario testing component is graded and students must earn a passing grade to successfully complete preparatory law enforcement training.

Prerequisite: Admission to Criminal Justice-Law Enforcement Academy program 305042 and must successfully complete the application process

Sensitive Crimes

30504505

2 credits

Through classroom lecture, and on-campus lab and WI Department of Justice 720 Academy integration exercises, students will learn and apply skills addressed in the following Department of Justice 720 Academy curriculum framework Phase III topics: Domestic Violence, Juvenile Law, Victims, Sexual Assault, and Child Maltreatment. The DOJ Phase III Written Examination will be administered in this course.

Prerequisite: Admission to Criminal Justice-Law Enforcement 720 Academy program 305042 and must successfully complete the application process