**What is Law Enforcement Training Technical Certificate?**

The basic Law Enforcement Technical Certificate prepares students to meet standards for law enforcement officers as established by the Tennessee Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission (POST)\*. Credit earned for the successful completion of this training may be applied toward the Associate of Applied Science degree in Law Enforcement. Upon completion of the entire course of instruction, the student will be awarded 24 semester hours of credit.

Currently, these courses are primarily available through full-time enrollment in the Law Enforcement Training Academy. Approval from the Coordinator of the Law Enforcement Training Academy is required for admission to the class.

\*NOTE – Currently, the training itself is NOT POST certified. It uses equivalent standards.

**What will I learn?**

Upon completion of this program, students will be able to do the following:

* Identify the requirement, processes, and challenges of a career in law enforcement.
* Demonstrate critical thinking and problem solving skills.
* Demonstrate the ability to communicate effectively.
* Identify and apply applicable legislative principals to public service practice.
* Evaluate effective actions in general law enforcement situations.
* Analyze the functions of different components of the United States criminal justice system.
* Evaluate the constitutional protections offered to all citizens and connect them to general police procedures

**Do I need a degree to work in the field of criminal justice?**

Degree requirements vary with each agency. Some local agencies require only a high school education while others require two-years of college credit. Most federal agencies require a four-year degree.

**How do I become a police officer?**

You must apply and be accepted into the individual department where you wish to work.

**How long does it take to earn a technical certificate in law enforcement?**

Law Enforcement Training Academy students can complete the Technical Certificate in one semester. Full time college students can complete it in two semesters.

**What is the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Law Enforcement – Police Administration Concentration?**

The AAS degree prepares students to meet standards for law enforcement officers. Nashville State’s two-year Law Enforcement A.A.S. degree can be the start of an exciting career if you are intrigued by public safety, criminal justice, and crime solving. Develop the skills for successful careers in law enforcement, private security and crime scene investigation.

The Police Administration concentration provides training in criminal law, contraband, national security, interrogation, defense tactics, surveillance, and firearms usage.

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**How long does it take to earn an AAS degree in law enforcement?**

Law Enforcement Training Academy students can complete the AAS degree with the Police Administration concentration in three semester. Full time college students can complete it in four semesters.

**What is the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Law Enforcement – Crime Scene Investigation Concentration?**

The AAS degree prepares students to meet standards for law enforcement officers. Nashville State’s two-year Law Enforcement A.A.S. degree can be the start of an exciting career if you are intrigued by public safety, criminal justice, and crime solving. Develop the skills for successful careers in law enforcement, private security and crime scene investigation.

The Crime Scene Investigation concentration develops skills in evidence collection, analysis, logic and reasoning, lab procedures, forensics, and critical thinking.

**What will I learn?**

Upon completion of this program, students will be able to do the following:

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**How do I become a Crime Scene Investigator?**

You must apply and be accepted into the individual department where you wish to work.

**How long does it take to earn an AAS degree in law enforcement?**

Full time college students can complete it in four semesters.