

How to Apply

Complete the steps below to apply for the BLET Academy. Only 24 students are accepted for each class. Applicants must have a good driving record and clean criminal record.

1 Take a reading comprehension test.

North Carolina law requires **all** students to take a reading comprehension test within one year of the class start date and score at or above the 10th grade level. You must sign up for the test:

Go to blet.waketech.edu and click on the [How to Apply](#) link on the sidebar menu. Provide the information requested at the bottom of the page.

2 Attend an information session.

Attend the information session immediately following your reading test, and pick up your registration packet at the end of the session.

3 Complete and turn in your registration packet.

All items on the registration checklist must be completed and turned in by the due date on the packet.

4 Attend orientation.

A mandatory orientation, held at the Public Safety Education Campus, covers BLET rules, regulations, and other important information.

Be sure to arrive at least 15 minutes early—latecomers will not be allowed to participate!

Daytime or evening programs:

Day Academy

7 a.m.–6 p.m., Monday–Friday
Offered twice each year:

- January–June
- July–December

Night Academy

5–10:15 p.m., Monday–Thursday
Aug–June (plus occasional Saturday classes)



Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) Academy



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Basic Law Enforcement Training: BLET

Wake Tech's Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) Academy prepares students for entry-level employment as law enforcement officers with state, county, or municipal governments or private enterprise.

Training includes 616 hours of instruction mandated by the NC Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission, along with practical exercises and the study of ethics. Topics include:

- Criminal
- Juvenile
- Civil
- Motor vehicle and alcoholic beverage laws
- Investigative
- Patrol
- Officer survival
- Emergency responses
- Community relations

Wake Tech offers 128 additional hours of training in officer survival, public speaking, and related topics for a total of 744 hours.

Upon completion, cadets are eligible to take the BLET State Exam. Cadets then have one year from the exam date to be duly appointed and sworn as a law enforcement officer in North Carolina.



Sponsorship

Some students are sponsored for BLET by state, county, or municipal agencies. Sponsorship does not obligate the sponsoring agency to hire cadets upon completion of training or to provide monetary assistance; nor does it obligate cadets to take a job with the sponsoring agency. Sponsorship is not required; cadets may enter and pay for the program on their own.

Cadets interested in being sponsored should contact law enforcement agencies and ask about training sponsorships.

NOTE: A signed sponsorship form from a sponsoring agency waives the NC Community College System fees for the course. Waiver Exemptions NC Statute 115B.

BLET Academy: Expectations for Students

Performance and Behavior

BLET students are expected to meet the highest standards of performance and behavior. Acceptance into the Academy is contingent upon meeting admissions requirements, providing health certification, and verifying that all standards of the NC Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission and the NC Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission have been met.

NOTE: Any applicant who is uncertain about meeting admissions requirements as stated above should contact the program director.

Physical Expectations

BLET candidates will participate in strenuous physical fitness training at least four days per week to prepare for the Police Officer's Physical Ability Test (POPAT), which includes sit-ups, push-ups, running up and down stairs, crawling through a tunnel, dragging a body, and managing a weighted door.

Prior to the first day of class, future cadets should be engaged in fitness training that combines strength, endurance, and aerobic activities, and should be able to do at least the following:

- 40 push-ups in one minute
- 40 sit-ups in one minute
- Run 2 miles without stopping in 20 minutes

Be prepared to complete this sample Cadet workout:

On a 400 meter track:

- Laps 1, 3, 5, 7: run at a moderate pace
- Lap 2: run 100 meters stop at Station 1 and perform 10 jump squats; run 100 meters, stop at Station 2 and perform 10 sit-ups; run 100 meters, stop at Station 3 and perform 10 jump burpees; run 100 meters stop at Station 4 and perform 10 pushups.
- Lap 4 same as Lap 2, with 20 reps each Station
- Lap 6 same as Lap 2, with 30 reps each Station
- Lap 8 same as Lap 2, with 40 reps each Station

NOTE: Wake Tech cannot guarantee that the BLET Academy is safe or appropriate for everyone. Any liability, loss, or damage occurring in connection with the exercises, instruction, or advice given in the Academy is expressly disclaimed. Future cadets should consult their doctors before embarking on this exercise routine. Cadets should never force or strain during exercise and should stop exercising and seek medical attention if they experience pain or discomfort during workouts.

Estimated Program Costs

Registration	\$180.00
Equipment	400.00
Insurance fee	2.00
Campus Access Fee	18.00
Uniforms	350.00 (varies)
Books	577.00
Total	\$1,527.00

*Costs may vary. Registration fees are established by the State Board of Community Colleges and are subject to change without notice. **Not included** in this estimate is the cost of the required physical examination and documentation.*

