

ARIZONA WESTERN COLLEGE



PUBLIC SAFETY INSTITUTE

LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING ACADEMY
GENERAL INFORMATION GUIDE

WELCOME TO Arizona Western College

Thank you for your interest in the Arizona Western College Law Enforcement Training Academy (AWCLETA). The Law Enforcement Training Academy has been serving Yuma and La Paz counties since 1985 and is accredited by the Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training Board (AZPOST). AWCLETA is an extended academy program that requires two full college semesters to complete.

SELECTION PROCESS

There are two methods to seek admission to AWCLETA. Those two methods are Open Enrolled and Agency Appointed.

Under the Open Enrolled method, a prospective candidate must apply to AWCLETA during the application period. Generally, the application period runs from March to May each year. The first step of the process is to complete the AZPOST Statement of Personal History and Application for Open Enrollment. After review of the Personal History Statement and a personal interview, the Academy Director will make the determination if the candidate can continue in the selection process or be disqualified based on information contained in the Personal History Statement or outcome of interview. If approved, the candidate must successfully complete all additional AZPOST Minimum Qualifications for Appointment (AZPOST Rule R13-4-105). Included in those requirements are a polygraph examination, medical examination to include a drug screening, and a comprehensive background investigation. Upon successful completion of the background investigation, an Open Enrolled candidate will be conditionally accepted to attend the academy based on available seats.

Under the Agency Appointed method, a prospective candidate must apply to an Arizona law enforcement agency and be appointed by that agency. The appointing agency then submits an AZPOST Academy Application form to AWCLETA to request the candidate to attend the academy. All background investigation requirements will be completed by the Appointing Agency not AWCLETA. In most cases, agency appointed candidates are given preference for admission to AWCLETA over open enrolled candidates.

PLACEMENT TESTING

To be considered for admission into the AWCLETA, all applicants must successfully complete the reading comprehension and sentence skills tests with a score of 80 or more on each test. Placement tests are offered at the Campus Testing Center in the 3C Building. The tests can be completed Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please allow 1 to 2 hours for the tests.

CREDIT HOURS AND COST

Cadets who successfully complete all academic and proficiency skills are awarded 44 college credits from Arizona Western College that will apply to an Associate of Applied Science degree in Law Enforcement Training. All cadets whether agency appointed or open enrolled must register with Arizona Western College prior to the start of each semester. All costs, tuition and lab fees, are the responsibility of the cadet or appointing agency.

There is a \$400 Lab fee plus tuition cost per semester. In addition, cadets will be required to purchase uniforms and one criminal and traffic law book. The approximate cost for the uniforms and books will be about \$350.

CLASS LOCATION AND TIMES

Classes are generally conducted on the Main Campus of Arizona Western College in Room PSI 112 in the Public Safety Institute building. Some training such as defensive tactics, firearms, and vehicle operations are held at locations off campus.

Classes are normally held on Thursday and Friday evenings from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. and on Saturday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Class will be held every other Sunday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Although classes are scheduled well in advance, some schedule changes are necessary due to instructor unavailability.

ACADEMY INSTRUCTORS

All AWCLETA instructors are AZPOST certified general, proficiency or specialist instructors. Most instructors are active Arizona peace officers (patrol, investigative, supervisory or management) from our local law enforcement agencies.

OFFICER CERTIFICATION

Upon successful completion of the Academy course, agency appointed graduates will receive their Arizona Full-Authority Peace Officer certification. Open enrolled graduates will not receive their State certification unless they are appointed by an Arizona law enforcement agency. Open enrolled graduates will receive a certificate of completion for the Full-Authority Basic Peace Officer Certification course.

During the second semester of the Academy course, cadets will receive their Limited Authority Peace Officer status which allows Agency Appointed cadets to work under the supervision and direction of a Full Authority Peace Officer.

Completion of the Academy course is not a guarantee of employment with any law enforcement agency.

Equal Opportunity Policy and Students with Disabilities

Arizona Western College does not discriminate in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its services, programs, or activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age (40+) or disability, in compliance with the laws of the United States and the state of Arizona. The College seeks to provide disabled or handicapped students with any reasonable accommodation in order to facilitate access to College classes and activities. Students seeking such an accommodation should make an official request at Counseling/Advising Services or Disability Services located in the Student Services Building on campus. Any questions regarding the applicability of state and federal anti-discrimination laws to Arizona Western College and its services, programs or activities, and any grievances or claims of violation of such laws, should be directed to its compliance officer:

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