Basic Police Academy
Requirements and Prerequisites

- Lakeland Community College Police Academy will automatically disqualify an applicant/cadet for any of the following: Falsifying, omitting, or failing to report true information, or misrepresenting any information by any form or means, anytime during the application process or academy session. This includes providing false information by any form or means to: the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission, Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy, in telecommunications, social media, and/or to other Academy students.
- Must be a U.S. citizen.
- 21 years of age by the start of the Academy.
- Must be a high school graduate or GED equivalent.
- Completion of Basic Police Academy application by December 1, 2016.
- Prior to acceptance, applicant must pass the OPOTC Physical Fitness Assessment test.
- Prior to acceptance applicant must pass our Psychological exam.
- Prior to acceptance, applicant must pass a drug screen test.
- Possess a valid Ohio driver’s license.
- NO felony convictions or serious misdemeanors.
- Sealed or expunged felony convictions as an adult and/or juvenile may exclude applicant from entering the police academy.
- NO conviction or any domestic violence offense as defined in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 2919.25.
- NO more than one (1) OVI conviction in the past five (5) years.
- No misdemeanor convictions within the past two (2) years of the start of the application process.
- NO conviction for any sex offense as defined in Ohio Revised Code 2907.
- NO conviction for any offense of violence, as defined in Ohio Revised Code 2901.01(A)(9).

*Minor Misdemeanors:* On February 19, 2010, the Court of Appeals for the First Appellate District of Ohio in *State v. Robinson*, 2010-Ohio-543, determined that a minor-misdemeanor violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 2925.11 (possession of a drug of abuse, to include marijuana) creates a disability prohibiting the possession of a firearm by
state standards, unless the person convicted has been relieved from disability. Accordingly, Peace Officer Basic Training candidates who have previously been convicted of minor-misdemeanor possession will be barred from participating in the Academy, unless the disability is relieved by court order.

- To maintain a safe and quality learning environment, the size of an Academy class will not exceed 30 students/cadets.