

# Admission Requirements

To be accepted into the Victoria College Law Enforcement Academy, candidates must meet the following TCOLE and Academy requirements:

- Be a United States Citizen.  
*Accepted forms of proof of citizenship or naturalization include a certified copy of a birth certificate, a passport, certificate of citizenship, passport card, or naturalization papers.*
- Must be a high school graduate, or have a general education development (GED) test indicating high school graduation level.
- Be 21 years of age before graduation from the Academy.
- Be fingerprinted and subjected to a search of local, state, and U.S. national records and fingerprint files to disclose any criminal record.
- Not currently charged with any criminal offense for which conviction would be a bar to licensure.
- Have never been on court-ordered community supervision or probation for any criminal offense above the grade of a Class B misdemeanor or a Class B misdemeanor within the last ten (10) years from the date of the court order.
- Have never been convicted of an offense above the grade of a Class B misdemeanor or a Class B misdemeanor within the last ten years.
- Have never been convicted in any court of an offense involving family violence as defined under Chapter 71, Texas Family Code.
- Not prohibited by state or federal law from operating a motor vehicle.
- Not prohibited by state or federal law from possessing firearms or ammunition.
- Have never received a dishonorable or other discharge based on misconduct which bars future military service.
- Have not had a commission license denied by final order or revoked; not currently on suspension, and does not have a surrender of license currently in effect.
- Be examined by a licensed physician and be declared, in writing, within the past 90 days, both:
  - a. Physically sound and free from any defects which may adversely affect the performance of duty as a peace officer.
  - b. Show no trace of drug dependency or illegal drug use after a blood test or other medical test.
- Have been examined by a licensed psychologist or psychiatrist and been declared to be in satisfactory psychological and emotional health to serve as a peace officer.
- Meet physical fitness standards.
- Successfully complete all entry requirements and forms as required by the Victoria College Police Academy.

**We encourage any prospective applicant that has any criminal history to complete the FAST Form and be approved by TCOLE prior to scheduling the medical and psychological examination. We will notify you when we receive the FAST results from TCOLE.**