

BASIC PEACE OFFICER ACADEMY MODULAR FORMAT

Modules III, II, & I
(Pre-Service/Self-Sponsored Students)

Course Information



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&
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Regular Basic Course-Modular Format Academy

Have you ever considered a career in law enforcement? The Moreno Valley College in partnership with the Riverside County Sheriff's Department, provides a unique opportunity for working adults. You will receive training to satisfy Basic Peace Officer instruction in as little as 13 months divided into three modules (levels): Module III Academy (Level III Reserve Officer Training); Module II Academy (Level II Reserve Officer Training); and Module I Academy (Level I Reserve Officer Training).

Classes occur evenings, during the week, and on alternating weekends at the Ben Clark Public Safety Training Center located adjacent to the March Air Reserve Base. The Modular Format Academy satisfies training requirements for those seeking careers as full-time peace officers or reserve officers.

Upon successful completion of each Module, you will receive college units. As a Moreno Valley College student you may be eligible to receive financial assistance to help cover the cost of your education. All instructors are POST certified law enforcement officers from the Riverside County area and/or instructors from the Riverside Community College District.

The academy classes contain both agency-sponsored and self-sponsored students. Self-sponsored students enter the academy at their own expense. Agency-sponsored students are hired by a law enforcement agency prior to entering the academy. If you wish to be sponsored, you must contact the law enforcement agencies directly. Although Moreno Valley College co-sponsors the academy, the college does not provide placement services. Job bulletins received from law enforcement agencies will be posted in the classroom or students may contact agencies directly to inquire about job openings. The Modular Format Academy is dedicated to the education and professional achievement of students planning on pursuing careers in law enforcement. The Academy also requires that recruits understand and accept the commitment to the training program.

Once a Recruit has successfully completed all three of the Modules, he/she will be certified by POST as having received Basic Peace Officer Training for the state of California; however, they must be appointed as a peace officer by a law enforcement agency. Academy graduates have three years from the date of completion to be hired before certification expires. In order to receive your certificate of completion from Moreno Valley College, you have to complete a certificate application. You can do the application online through *WebAdvisor* or visit one of the campuses directly.

Pre-Service law enforcement officers are currently in high demand; don't let this opportunity pass you by!

REQUIREMENTS:

- Minimum age to enter the academy is 18 (there is no maximum age)
- Possess a valid California Driver's License
- Be free of any felony convictions or legal mandates that restrict or prohibit employment as a law enforcement officer or possession of a firearm.
- Complete the application process with Moreno Valley College if you are not a current student already.
- For all listed academy level pre-requisites, click on the link www.mvc.edu/academicprograms/law/.

PRE-REQUIREMENTS:

- **{Module II & I students only}** Have passed P.O.S.T. Module III or II End of Course Proficiency Tests within the preceding 12 months of the class start date.

To apply to attend any of the Modular Academies, go to: <http://www.mvc.edu/academicprograms/law/> and click on the Modular (Part Time), under Basic Peace Officer Training Academy. **Visit Civics Plus website for additional information.**

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MODULE III

P.O.S.T. Control #: 2200-00133

MVC Course Code: ADJ-R1A2

6.5 Units

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This 12 week, 189 hour Academy is the first component of the Modular Format Academy. It is a discipline/stress-oriented program with an emphasis on Professionalism/Ethics & Leadership, Physical Training, Vehicle Operations, Arrest Methods/Defensive Tactics, Report Writing, First Aid/CPR, and Firearms training. In addition, there will be inspections, drill training (formation, facing movements, marching, etc.), and physical exercises (running, push-ups, sit-ups, jumping jacks, etc.). Students will attend the Academy in full uniform and are required to purchase their own physical training gear along with other miscellaneous supplies. This course is designed/intended for employed or aspiring peace officer candidates who wish to meet all training requirements for a Level III Reserve Peace Officer in the state of California.

ACADEMY SCHEDULE: The class meets Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights from 5:45-11:00PM, and alternating Saturdays (and some Sundays) from 7:45AM-5:00PM. See the course flyer for scheduled dates.

FEES: The Moreno Valley College tuition fee is **\$317.00** (including the student health fee). There is an additional **\$232.00** Academy Materials Fee (includes Learning Domains, range materials, and miscellaneous training materials). The stated fees are in addition to the cost of uniforms, equipment, gear bags, firearms, and ammunition. All fees are subject to change!

Upon successfully completing the level 3 academy, you will be certified as having received Level III Reserve Officer training for the State of California. However, you must be appointed as a reserve officer by a law enforcement agency. Successful completion of this course is necessary for entry into the Module II Academy.

TYPICAL DUTIES OF A LEVEL III RESERVE OFFICER: Level III Reserve Officers may perform specified limited support duties and other duties that are not likely to result in physical arrests, while being supervised in the immediate vicinity of a Level I Reserve Officer or a full-time regular officer. Some of the duties Level III officers may perform are as follows:

- Prisoner/Evidence Transport (without immediate supervision)
- Parade/Traffic Control
- Clerical
- Crime Prevention Duties
- Other duties as assigned by the individual department

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MODULE II

P.O.S.T. Control #: 2200-00140

MVC Course Code: ADJ-R1B

11 Units

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This 14 week, 250 hour Academy is the second component of the Modular Format Academy. It is a discipline/full-stress oriented program with an emphasis on Community Relations, Physical Training, Cultural Diversity, Investigative Report Writing, Chemical Agents, Arrest Methods/Defensive Tactics, and Firearms/Shotgun training. In addition, there will be inspections, drill training (formation, facing movements, marching, etc.), and physical exercises (running, push-ups, sit-ups, jumping jacks, etc.). Students will attend the Academy in full uniform and are required to purchase their own physical training gear along with other miscellaneous supplies. This course is designed/intended for employed or aspiring Reserve Level II candidates who wish to meet all training requirements for a Level II Reserve Peace Officer in the state of California.

ACADEMY SCHEDULE: The class meets Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights from 5:45-11:00pm, and alternating Saturdays (and some Sundays) from 7:45am-5:00pm.

- **FEES:** The Moreno Valley College tuition fee is **\$524.00** (including the student health fee). There is an additional **\$250.00** Academy Materials Fee (includes Learning Domain workbooks, range materials, and miscellaneous training materials). The stated fees are in addition to the cost of uniforms, equipment, gear bags, firearms, and ammunition. All fees are subject to change!

Upon successfully completing the level 2 academy, you will be certified as having received Level II Reserve Officer training for the State of California. However, you must be appointed as a reserve officer by a law enforcement agency. Successful completion of this course is necessary for entry into the Module I Academy.

TYPICAL DUTIES OF A LEVEL II RESERVE OFFICER: You must successfully complete Modules III & II to be certified as a Level II Reserve Officer. A Level II Reserve Officer may perform general law enforcement duties with immediate supervision of a Level I Reserve Officer or a full-time regular officer. A Level II Reserve Officer may also perform all Level III Reserve Officer duties without immediate supervision.

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MODULE I

P.O.S.T. Control #: 2200-00150

MVC Course Code: ADJ-R1C

18.5 Units

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This 25 week, 474 hour Academy is the final component of the Modular Format Academy. It is a high-discipline/high-stress oriented program with an emphasis on Patrol Tactics, Emergency Vehicle Operations, Lifetime Fitness, Traffic Accident Investigation, Traffic Enforcement, Gang Awareness, Arrest Methods/Defensive Tactics, Investigative Report Writing, and Firearms training. In addition, there will be inspections, drill training (formation, facing movements, marching, etc.), and physical exercises (running, push-ups, sit-ups, jumping jacks, etc.). Students must also successfully pass 14 scenario training, Physical Fitness (Work Sample Test Battery), and Defensive Tactics (Will to Survive) in order to graduate. Students will attend the Academy in full uniform and are required to purchase their own physical training gear along with other miscellaneous supplies. This course is designed & intended for employed or aspiring candidates who wish to meet prerequisite training requirements for Level I Reserve Peace Officer or full-time peace officer in the state of California.

ACADEMY SCHEDULE: The class meets Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights from 5:45-11:00pm, and alternating Saturdays (and some Sundays) from 7:45am-5:00pm.

- **FEES:** The Moreno Valley College tuition fee is **\$869.00** (including the student health fee). There is an additional **\$434.00** Academy Materials Fee (includes Learning Domain workbooks, range materials, and miscellaneous training materials). The **\$1000.00** Emergency Vehicle Operations course fee payable upon attendance for EVOC. The stated fees are in addition to the cost of uniforms, equipment, gear bags, firearms, and ammunition. All fees are subject to change!

While this program fulfills state required mandated training for a Level 1 reserve officer or regular full-time peace officer, individual law enforcement agencies maintain discretion to waive or accept persons who have completed the program.

TYPICAL DUTIES OF A LEVEL I RESERVE OFFICER: This is the highest level of the Regular Basic Course-Modular Format Academy. Successful completion of this program affords you the same P.C. 830.1 powers and duties as the POST (full-time) Basic Peace Officer Academy. You may seek employment as a regular full-time officer or a Level I Reserve Officer. Level 1 Reserve Officers may perform the same general law enforcement duties and functions as a regular full-time peace officer with supervision determined by the law enforcement agency.

Frequently Asked Questions about the RBC-Modular Academy Format

Q. What is the difference between the Basic and Modular Academies?

A. The difference between both academies is the format that it is offered in. The “Basic” Academy is scheduled generally, Monday through Friday from 6AM-5PM; it is also called the Intensive, Full-time, or Daytime Academy. The Basic Academy takes approximately 6 months to complete. The “Modular” Academy is scheduled Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 6-11PM and every other Saturday from 8AM-5PM; it is also called the “part-time”, “reserve” or “nighttime” Academy. The Modular Academy consists of three modules and takes approximately 13 months to complete. Successful completion of all three modules equates to the training obtained in a full-time basic law enforcement academy.

Q. Is there a study guide for the PELLETB (written exam)?

A. Yes, there are study guides and study links on our website. Please visit www.mvc.edu for information.

Q. How long are my scores good for (Written / Physical Fitness Assessment)?

A. The PELLETB T-score is good for a year. The scores for the Physical Fitness Assessment are good for six (6) months.

Q. Can I use my T-score from another agency?

A. Yes. You must have taken the P.O.S.T. Entry Level Law Enforcement Test Battery (PELLETB) exam in order for us to accept your T-score. Bring a letter from that agency (on department letterhead) stating the score you received. In order for us to accept your score, your score must be higher than 40 and you must have taken it within the preceding 12 months of the start date of the academy. All scores are subject to validation.

Q. What is the difference between a sponsored and self-sponsored recruit?

A. A sponsored recruit is one who is hired by a law enforcement agency, whereas a self-sponsored recruit pays his/her way through the program.

Q. How often is the Modular Academy offered?

A. The Modular Academy series start dates vary throughout the year. Level’s 3 and 2 usually run simultaneously with Level 1.

Q. What are the age, height, and weight requirements to enter the Academy?

A. The only absolute requirement is that recruits be a minimum of 18 years old. There is no maximum age. Many recruits in their mid-50s have successfully completed the program. There are no height and weight requirements; however it would be to your benefit if your weight was in proportion to your height.

Q. Is the Academy recognized by out of area law enforcement agencies?

A. Yes, the P.O.S.T. certificate is recognized throughout the state of California; however, it is incumbent upon each recruit to research the individual agency’s respective requirements. Agencies such as Los Angeles Police Department do not accept any other academy certificate, and you will be required to attend their academy training. Our academy curriculum exceeds California P.O.S.T. standards for peace officer training.

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Q. Do I receive college credit for completion of the Academy?

A. Yes, each module is listed as a separate course in the Moreno Valley College catalog and each course counts for a specific number of units of college credit. You will also receive P.O.S.T. credit for training hours that are applied towards specialized certificates in law enforcement agencies.

Q. Does the Academy conduct a background investigation?

A. Yes, the academy requires self-sponsored students to complete their Live Scan fingerprints to conduct a Department of Justice (DOJ) and FBI record search to ensure they have no felony convictions. The academy may check criminal history of recruits, but the actual detailed background investigation is accomplished by the hiring agency. All recruits are also required to submit a copy of their driving record and a personal history statement.

Q. When are the fees required for the Academy?

A. The college fees will be paid by the students via WebAdvisor upon enrollment in the course. The Academy Materials Sheriff's Fee is due 10 days prior to the start date of the class. The Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (*Module I Academy students only*) fee will be collected before attending the training (approximately half way through the academy). Agencies sponsoring any recruits need to contact the sheriff's Accounting and Finance office and the college's Admissions and Records office to pay the recruit's fees.

Q. Can I miss some academy sessions for work-related obligations?

A. Yes, but there are many mandatory days that cannot be made up if they are missed. Each academy allows for a specific number of excused absent hours. You are only allowed to miss 5% of the total number of hours in each course. If you go past the 5% mark, you will be dropped from the class. These hours are regulated by P.O.S.T. and there are no exceptions.

Q. Do I have to participate in Physical training?

A. Yes, physical qualification is mandatory for P.O.S.T. certification and for successful completion of the program. Exercises such as running, push-ups, sit-ups, and calisthenics should be expected daily.

Q. Do I have to participate in Firearms training?

A. Yes. Firearms qualification is mandatory for P.O.S.T. certification and successful completion of the program. Each student must pass several handgun courses and qualify with the shotgun. All recruits must provide their own handgun and ammunition; the academy provides the shotguns. All recruits must provide their own hand gun; the academy provides the shotguns. When purchasing your firearm, keep in mind that there is a 10-day waiting period set by California law.

Q. Do I have to participate in Chemical Agents training?

A. Yes, chemical agents training is an integral portion of the course and is mandatory for P.O.S.T. certification and for successful completion of the program.

Q. Can I use Learning Domain Workbooks that I got from a previous recruit?

A. Yes; however, they must be the current version. Each recruit is given a USB with the digital versions of the Learning Domains. POST makes changes to the workbooks twice a year in January and July. If any have been revised, you can just purchase those specific LDs.