



Bridgerland Technical College Police Academy January 2020



The Police Academy program is offered at Bridgerland Technical College (BTECH) each year to fulfill the need of students desiring to enter this profession. The program is approved and authorized by the Utah Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST). All classes are taught at BTECH. The instructional staff is composed of the Local Area Police Agency administrators, off-duty officers and local attorneys. If you have a desire to serve your community and its residents and have the physical and mental aptitude, then you may be interested in the Police Academy.

Special Function Officer/Basic Correction Officer Training

Utah law requires all potential peace officers to receive basic training before they can be certified and function with any authority in the State of Utah. The BTECH Police Academy provides basic training required for employment. This training block of the academy begins every January. The training to be delivered provides an excellent foot-in-the door approach to a law enforcement career. This training is transferrable to other in state police officer training institutions. Areas of study include: Legal subjects, Ethics, Patrol Concepts and Criminal Investigation procedures. An individual completing this block of training will be eligible to work as a correction officer in any jail or prison facility in the state of Utah and become qualified to enter the Law Enforcement Officer Training portion of the academy. The individual will become POST certified in both Special Function Officer and Basic Correction Officer upon completion.

**Application deadline for the January 2020 Academy is
December 1, 2019.**

Start	Time	Tuition
January 6, 2020	Mon-Thurs 6-10 p.m.	\$1400

Please refer to the *Steps for Applying* section of this handout for instructions on how to submit an application for the for the Police Academy.

Law Enforcement Officer Training

This training begins in July and completes the remaining hours required by POST to become certified as a Law Enforcement Officer. Most major law enforcement departments require completion of this training before consideration for employment. This block of training consists of classroom experience and practical application of law enforcement subjects. Enrollment is limited to those individuals who have successfully completed the Special Function Officer Training. The individual will become certifiable through POST and receive a BTECH Certificate.

To qualify for this program, you must have a current Special Function Officer Certification and be able to pass a background investigation. A new POST background application must be submitted. Please see the *Where Do I Get an Application* section of this handout to see where to obtain a POST Application.

During training, students are required to wear a police academy approved uniform and physical fitness uniform, which is in addition to tuition.

Start	Time	Tuition
July 2020	Mon-Thurs 6-10 p.m.	\$2045

Steps for Applying

- Must be a citizen of the United States
- Must be 21 years of age at the time of Special Function Officer Certification
- Have evidence of a high school diploma or GED
- Successfully pass the National Peace Officer Standards and Training (NPOST) exam consisting of math, reading, grammar and report writing. The NPOST exam is offered through BTECH's Assessment Center. For an appointment, call 435-750-3188. The cost for the exam is \$35. Test scores are good indefinitely.
- Submit your completed application via the POST Applicant Portal on or before the application deadline.

Where Do I Get an Application?

Once you have successfully passed the NPOST exam, you will need to fill out the application on POST's website at www.post.utah.gov. Please select the *Basic Training & Prospective Officers* tab. Then under *Requirements to Become Certified*, click the *POST Application for Training and Certification* link.

A \$50 fee is required by POST in order for them to process your application. This is a non-refundable fee that will be collected by BTECH. Once your application has been submitted and it is ready to be processed, you will receive an e-mail from BTECH stating it is time for us to collect the fee. This can be done by coming to the Student Services office or you can contact us at 435-753-6780 to pay over the phone. Payment can be made by cash, check or credit card.

Registering for the Academy

Registering and paying your tuition is what secures your position in class. A maximum of 30 students are taken in the academy on a first come/first serve basis. Registration will open on Monday, July 8, 2019. You may register for the academy prior to your background investigation with POST being complete. However, starting the program in January is contingent upon successfully passing the background investigation.

Tuition for the Special Function/Correction Officer block is \$1400. As a convenience to our students, a payment plan option is available. A minimum of \$280 is required at the time of registration.

Financial Aid for the Police Academy

The academy is not eligible for federal Pell Grant and typically no scholarships are available through the BTECH Financial Aid Office. Community services and programs may be available to assist students. Contact the Department of Workforce Services or the State of Rehabilitation for qualifying requirements. Check local phone listings for the nearest locations and contact information.

Estimated Expenses for the Academy

This information is provided to help you plan accordingly for expenses related to the academy, which are in addition to tuition. Expenses are not incurred all at once. This is only an estimate of equipment and supplies; other equipment/supplies may be required that are not listed. Please remember we cannot predict changes that may occur in prices. The information listed is current at the time of publication but is subject to change without notice. Please do not purchase any items listed until you have been accepted to the program.

- POST Application Fee\$50
- BTECH Fees\$45
- Money Order for fingerprint processing\$15
- Manuals (one for each block)\$60
- Utah Criminal and Traffic Code Book\$27
- Accident Investigators Template.....\$14
- Classroom Uniform
 - Polo Shirt(s)\$36 each
 - BDU Pant(s).....\$40 each
 - Boots.....\$60-\$120
- Physical Fitness Uniform
 - Sweat Shirt(s)\$39 each
 - Sweat Pant(s)\$30 each
 - T-shirt(s)\$20 each
 - Short(s).....\$25 each
- Firearm\$450 approx
- Leather and Equipment\$200 approx
duty belt, handcuffs, handcuff case, baton, baton case, duty holster, belt keepers

Miscellaneous Purchases

- Hat.....\$15