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Core Custody Academy
ACADEMY

Frequently Asked Questions
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What is the minimum age requirement to attend the Core Custody Academy? 18

Do I have to be a U.S citizen? Yes

Do I need a valid Driver's License? Yes

How long is the Core Custody Academy?

The academy is 176 hours of STC mandated training and approximately 40 hours of additional training. The course is 6 weeks long.

How much should I budget for the Core Custody Academy?

An Independent student should expect to spend \$752.00 for school fees and another \$500-\$700 for uniforms and miscellaneous equipment. As a sponsored student your employing agency will typically pay all your student fees, one uniform and equipment costs. Co-sponsored recruits may be able to share costs with their agency.

What type of education do I need prior to coming to the Core Custody Academy?

High school diploma, or GED, AA or AS or BA or BS College degrees. Independent students: Placement into ENGLISH 513 or higher on the START Placement exam.

What is the difference between a sponsored, co-sponsored and independent Core Custody Academy Recruit?

Sponsored Recruit: A law enforcement agency, typically a sheriff's department or city that operates a city jail, has hired this Recruit and is paying that person a salary while attending the Academy. The sponsored Recruit is pre-hired to fill a Corrections/Custody position after graduation.

Co-sponsored Recruit: A law enforcement agency is providing partial financial support to offset course fees, uniforms, etc. The Recruit has no guarantee of a corrections/custody position after graduation.

Independent Recruit: You are responsible for all Academy fees and hope to get hired as a Corrections/custody officer while attending or after graduation from the Academy.

Can I work part-time while attending the full-time Core Custody Academy?

Yes, however, the Academy staff strongly recommends against any Recruit working while attending the Academy due to the rigors of studying, testing, the emotional and physical demands of the Academy. You are not allowed to miss ANY of the course program, per STC regulations.

What kind of tests will I have to take while attending the Core Custody Academy?

You must take and successfully pass Standards and Training for Corrections (STC) Job Knowledge tests, Behavior Skills Tests and Written Skills Tests. Additionally, you must successfully pass practical tests on the Prison Rape Elimination Act, arrest and control, chemical agents, First Aid/CPR, and an Emergency Vehicle Operations Course.

Will I have homework while attending the Core Custody Academy?

Yes, you should be prepared to commit to the following daily homework schedule while attending the Academy:

- 2 hours of studying per night
- 1 hours of written homework assignments
- 1-2 hours of uniform, equipment preparation, cleaning, polishing boots, etc.

What English language skills do I need in order to be successful in the Core Custody Academy?

You must be able to spell and write grammatically correct handwritten memorandums, and factual investigative reports. You must be able to understand, answer questions, and carry out all verbal orders given by Academy staff. Independent students must pass the Start placement test (see Hancock College webpage) with a placement of English 513 or higher.

How physically fit do I need to be in?

You should be able to complete the following minimum physical fitness requirements in the first week of the Academy:

- 1.5 mile run
- 20 push ups
- 25 sit ups
- 1 unassisted pull-up

Will I have to pass a physical test while attending the Core Custody Academy?

Yes, all Academy Recruits will be tested and timed on the following STC physical fitness tests:

- On a straight track complete a 50 yard sprint within 20 seconds.
- Drag a 165 lb. dummy for a distance of 20 feet within 30 seconds.
- On a flat course starting 15 yards back from a flight of stairs or bleacher steps, walk or jog the 15 yards, climb up 10 steps, turn and climb back down the steps, and walk or run back to the starting point within 30 seconds.
- Demonstrate the ability to walk a total distance of 75 feet within 30 seconds wearing a 30 lb. air pack or backpack.

What if I have past criminal convictions, arrests, or citations?

You cannot attend the Core Custody Academy if you have:

- Misdemeanor arrest or conviction including but not limited to sexual assault, assault/battery, drug sale/distribution, or moral turpitude crimes.
- Convicted of a crime classified as a felony.
- Convicted of a Domestic Violence or any other crime classified as a misdemeanor enumerated in section 29800 of the California Penal Code or any other state or political subdivision of the United States of America that would prohibit my possession of a firearm.
- Arrested for a crime classified as a felony, which was filed with the Court by the District Attorney as a felony, but was reduced to a misdemeanor as part of a plea bargain.
- Arrested for a crime classified as a felony, which was filed with the Court by the District Attorney as a felony that was reduced to a misdemeanor after successfully completing the terms of probation.
- Registered sex offender.
- A member of a criminal street gang; or entered into a state database file as a member or associate of a criminal street gang within the last three years.
- A member of a terrorist organization, domestic or foreign, that advocated the violent overthrow of the United States Government.
- Addicted to any illegal narcotic or substance.
- Voluntarily or involuntarily committed to a mental institution by a court, the military, a medical doctor, or self.
- Currently on parole or probation.
- Any current or pending bench warrant(s) issued for Failure to Pay fine or Failure to Appear in court.
- An arrest or conviction of a life threatening traffic violation, i.e., reckless driving, speed contest, suspect of a pursuit or traffic collision resulting in serious injury or death, within the three years prior to the start date of the Academy.
- An arrest or conviction of Driving Under the Influence (DUI) of alcohol and/or drugs within the three years prior to the start date of the Academy. Two or more arrests or convictions of Driving Under the Influence (DUI) of alcohol and/or drugs on your DMV driver's history.
- A suspended, revoked or restrict California drivers license.

May I use my own duty gear?

Yes, with prior approval by an Academy Coordinator.

When will my Standards and Training for Corrections (STC) Basic Academy certificate expire?

There is no hard and fast rule to this question. An employing agency will make their own determination after a review of your application and experience and in consultation with STC.