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61st Basic Academy



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Traditional Program (30 weeks)

- Have a high school diploma or GED.
- Be 20 years old before taking the state Basic Law Enforcement Training Exam (Tentatively Scheduled for May 9th 2025).
- Take a standardized reading comprehension assessment and score at the 10th grade level or higher.
- Pass police officers physical ability assessment.
- Undergo a thorough background investigation, including a complete criminal history check.
- Complete 30-week basic training academy. (December 2024/January 2025 through July/August 2025).
- Assigned anywhere in the state based on available positions after the successful completion of the 30 week Academy and 6 months of field training.
- Paid throughout training

61st Basic Academy Overview

- The 61st Basic Academy will consist of both a traditional program and an accelerated program which will run concurrently.
- Both schools are expected to start between December 2024 & January 2025.
- The traditional program will be comprised of 18+ weeks of Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) as well as 12 weeks of wildlife specific training. The traditional program will be hosted at the Wildlife Training Center at the Samarcand Training Academy in Jackson Springs, NC.
- The accelerated program will complete the first two weeks at the Wildlife Training Center at the Samarcand Training Academy in Jackson Springs, NC. The following 18+ weeks will consist of on the job training in the county in which they applied and were selected for.
- Once the traditional program completes the 18+ weeks of BLET portion of the Academy, the accelerated program trainees will join back with the traditional program and complete the remaining 10 weeks of wildlife specific training at the Wildlife Training Center at the Samarcand Training Academy in Jackson Springs, NC. The 61st Basic Academy is expected to graduate in late July 2025.
- The accelerated program trainees will complete 3 months of field training in their assigned county. The traditional program trainees will complete 6 months of field training in 1 of the 100 counties across the state based on the openings at the time of placement.

Accelerated Program Projected Openings by County:

- Hyde
- Washington
- Tyrell
- Beaufort
- Pitt
- Northampton
- Durham
- Gaston
- Graham



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