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IPS INFORMATION

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<https://www.polk.edu/ips>

DAY ACADEMY (24 weeks)

Monday through Friday

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

(Some nights will be required)

NIGHT ACADEMY (34-36 weeks)

Monday through Friday

6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

(At least 2 Saturday's per month 8am-5pm)

IPS FEES

(Must be a Florida resident for at least 1 year in order to qualify for Florida resident fees)

\$2338.43 Florida resident (sponsored by agency)

\$2716.43 Florida resident (self-pay)

\$8983.19 Non-resident

*Failure to pay fees by the first scheduled day of class will result in cancellation of the student's registration and the student will **NOT** be admitted to class.*

*Please contact Polk State College Financial Aid **immediately after you are notified you are accepted into the academy** if you are depending solely on VA or Financial Aid monies to pay your academy fees.*

Fees are subject to change without prior notice. All fees are the responsibility of the student.

CRIMINAL HISTORY

Per 943.14 (7) FSS, all applicants are required to go through the fingerprinting process for the academy. Processing of fingerprints is a mandatory and **NON-REFUNDABLE \$56.25**.

APPLICANT SCREENING FEE: \$100.00 – Due when the Law Enforcement application is submitted and is mandatory and NON-REFUNDABLE.

TESTING

All applicants must take the **Basic Abilities Test (BAT)**, as mandated by 943.17(1)(g) FSS. This test is given the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. You must register for the test and pay the **NON-REFUNDABLE** exam fee of **\$45.00** prior to the date the test is administered.

NOTE: You must pass the Basic Abilities Test in order for the application process to continue.

Polygraph Examination: The applicant will be responsible for scheduling their polygraph exam, with an IPS approved polygraphist upon completion of a pre-screening application. **\$125 NON-REFUNDABLE.**

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

A complete physical examination, including an EKG, is required of each applicant and must be done, by an approved licensed physician. A 7-panel drug screen is also required. The forms supplied by IPS must be utilized. The results of the examinations and the drug screen must be submitted to the IPS along with the application. **\$150**

ADDITIONAL FEES

*****All Additional Fees Are Approximate*****

DO NOT MAKE ANY PURCHASES PRIOR TO FORMAL NOTIFICATION OF YOUR ACCEPTANCE TO THE IPS.

Details of purchasing will be provided at orientation. Approximate total cost \$503.61 (not including boots and underbelt).

Polk State Bookstore

Book: Emotional Survival, State Statute, Jury Instructions-approx. **\$70**

Shirts: Class A Shirts (3 each recommended) **\$37.42 each** (including patch & flag)

Pants: Class A Pants (2 each recommended) **\$27.95 each**

Sweet Tees

Cap: Baseball-style **\$20 each**

Pants: BDU Pants (2 each recommended) **\$45 each**

Shirts: Class B Polo Shirts (1 each recommended) **\$28 each**

T-shirt: PT grey T-shirt (3 each recommended) **\$10.50 each**

Shorts: PT black shorts (3 each recommended) **\$11 each**

Note: *Boots and underbelt can be purchased anywhere. Prices vary depending on vendor.*

No Vendor / Items Supplied:

Ammo & Weapons: While in training, handgun, shotgun and ammunition are included in tuition and lab fees associated with the students' firearms class.