What is the Selection Process?

Once the BAT and PAT are successfully completed, the selection process will begin. Please allow at least 90 days prior to the projected start of an Academy. Those who meet the minimum criteria in all areas will be scheduled for the next available Academy.

Applicants must
- Complete required forms - available online at www.tcpublicsafetytraining.com
- Pass a medical examination from a licensed physician
- Appear in person to discuss the selection process
- Pay Selection Center testing processing fee
- Pass polygraph exam, psychological exam, criminal history check, background investigation and drug screen
- Be fingerprinted

Here’s How to Apply

Visit www.irsc.edu to complete the IRSC Application for Admission. Click Apply to IRSC. Submit official transcripts (high school, GED and all postsecondary schools).

Apply for Financial Aid

Complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.fafsa.ed.gov

Interested in a Scholarship?

Apply online at https://stars.irsc.edu/
Why Choose Law Enforcement or Corrections?

If you are ready for a challenging and exciting career protecting and serving the public, law enforcement or corrections may be for you.

You will be a respected professional in a career field that will always be needed. Employment opportunities for law enforcement and correctional officers are projected to increase by about 10 percent by 2018.

What Programs Are Available?

IRSC offers the para-military structured Corrections Academy and Law Enforcement Academy. Both are selective admission programs and are offered at different intervals throughout the year. Applicants must be processed through the Academy Selection Center prior to acceptance into these training programs.

Corrections Academy

In the Corrections Academy, you will learn to perform duties for the care, custody and control of subjects placed in prison, jail or other correctional facilities.

Corrections Academy classes meet Monday through Friday during the day for 18 weeks. The Academy offers 584 hours of training.

Upon successful completion of the Corrections Academy, you are eligible to sit for the State of Florida Certification Examination. With a passing score, you will then be eligible to become a certified officer in the State of Florida, contingent upon being hired by an agency.

Law Enforcement Academy

In the Law Enforcement Academy, you will learn to exercise authority, enforce laws and regulations, make traffic stops, testify in court, compose reports and maintain records.

Law Enforcement Academy classes are held both during the day and in the evening. The day academy is approximately 24 weeks in length, meeting Monday through Friday. The evening academy meets Monday through Friday and occasionally on Saturdays for a period of approximately 44 weeks. Each academy offers 848 hours of training.

After successful completion of the Academy, you will be eligible to sit for the State of Florida Certification Examination. With a passing score, you will then be eligible to become a certified officer in the State of Florida, contingent upon being hired by an agency.

Applicants must

- Be at least 19 years of age
- Be a U.S. citizen
- Possess a high school diploma or its equivalent, as determined acceptable by the Florida Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission
- Posses a valid driver license at the time of Academy entry
- Be of good moral character
- Not have been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor involving domestic violence, perjury or false statements as the terms are defined by law, regardless of whether or not adjudication has been withheld
- Not have been dishonorably discharged from the United States Armed Forces
- Not have falsified application or personal history forms
- Not have used, transported or sold illegal substances for two years prior to application
- Not have had a suspended driver license for three years prior to application
- Successfully pass the Basic Abilities Test (BAT) and Physical Abilities Test (PAT)