

Internship Program

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The Gastonia Police Department works with colleges and universities to provide internship opportunities to students. Specific assignments available are:

- Police officer (Uniform and Investigations)
- Media and Public Information
- Crime Analysis and Research

The sponsoring school establishes the standards for length of service and work product required. Check with your school's intern advisor for details.

The Gastonia Police Department only allows internships that receive a grade from a sponsoring educational institution.

All interested candidates undergo the same application process and background investigation as other applicants including polygraph examination, interview, fingerprinting, and drug screening. Factors that would disqualify an individual from being hired by the agency will also disqualify an applicant from the internship program. Please allow 90 days for the background investigation. Disqualifying factors include: recent illegal drug use, felony conviction, misdemeanor crimes of violence, or an excessive number of traffic violations.

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The City of Gastonia has immediate openings for college Juniors and Seniors to attend Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) at Gaston College. This is an excellent Intern Opportunity for those individuals who desire to become police officers, and the City of Gastonia will pay for this training. After completion of BLET and College Degree, the student should submit an employment application to the City of Gastonia for a Police Officer position. In North Carolina one must complete 618 hours of BLET before being sworn as a Police Officer.

Participants in the BLET INTERN program will undergo a background investigation, including driving and criminal checks. A visual and physical examination along with a polygraph and drug screen will be conducted. Attend BLET at Gaston College at no cost for approximately 16 weeks, which includes classroom work and rigorous physical conditioning. Be scheduled upon request to work in the Gastonia Police Department for up to 20 hours per week when not attending class. Have the opportunity to be housed at one of our Fire Stations during BLET. Be expected to apply to the City of Gastonia Police Department upon graduation from BLET and completion of College Degree.

No experience and High School Degree	\$29,796
No experience and a 2 Year Degree	\$32,897
No experience and a 4 Year Degree	\$36,500

