

Frequently Asked Questions

Bachelor of Applied Science in Public Safety Management

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Who should enroll in this program?

The BAS in Public Safety Management is designed to prepare managerial and supervisory personnel in public safety professions. Students enrolling in the program bring a variety of safety and security backgrounds to enrich the educational experience, including law and law enforcement, corrections, fire science, and emergency medical services. This degree also provides an excellent opportunity for individuals with an associate in arts degree and interest or experience in public safety.

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I am interested. What should I do?

Review the program information on the BAS web pages including the [Admissions Criteria](#). Complete and submit the online [Information Request Form](#). A program representative will contact you by telephone or email to answer any questions you may have and/or arrange an appointment with the Program Advisor.

Who is eligible to apply for admission?

You may apply if you have an associate in arts (AA) degree or the associate in science (AS) degrees specified in the Admissions Criteria. Students within one semester of completing stated requirements may apply. Those who have completed an AA degree but do not have stated technical requirements should contact the Program Advisor. Edison State College is currently accepting Supplemental Applications.

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How do I apply for admission?

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| Step One | Complete and submit the online Information Request Form . Within 3-5 working days, you will be contacted to arrange an appointment, either by telephone or in person, with the Program Advisor. |
| Step Two | <p>Apply to Edison State College. If you are currently enrolled at the College, proceed to Step Four.</p> <p>If you have not attended Edison State College within the past year, you will need to complete an Edison State College Admission application, printable version here (PDF) or online.</p> <p>Print and mail the signed application to:</p> <p>Office of the Registrar
Edison State College
P.O. Box 60210
Fort Myers, FL 339906-6210</p> |
| Step Three | <p>Submit official high school transcripts. Submit official college transcripts from all previously attended colleges or universities, other than Edison State College.</p> <p>Mail all transcripts directly to the Office of the Registrar (address above).</p> |
| Step Four | Complete and submit the Supplemental Application . (PDF) |

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I've applied, now what?

If you applied for admission to the College, you will receive a letter from the Office of the Registrar within 30 days notifying you that you have been admitted to Edison College or that additional documentation must be submitted.

You will also receive a letter from the Office of the Registrar, either informing you that you have been admitted to the BAS PSM program or informing you of additional requirements that must be fulfilled.

Upon Acceptance:

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| Step One | When you receive notification of admission to the BAS program, schedule an appointment with the Academic Advisor by calling (239) 489-9132. You will be presented with an educational plan to assist you in planning your classes. |
| Step Two | Register online for your classes at my.edison.edu or register in person at the Admissions and Registration counter at your local campus. |
| Step Three | Print your class schedule. |
| Step Four | Pay for your class fees by the deadline date appearing on your class schedule. You can pay online with a credit card or at the Cashier's Office at your local campus. |

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What classes will I take for this degree?

In addition to the general education component requirements, the degree is composed of 15 credit hours of management core courses, 15 credit hours of public safety core courses, six credit hours of electives, and a three credit-hour capstone course. The Program of Study may be accessed [here](#).

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Can I attend this program as either a part time or full time student?

Yes. The program is designed for public safety professionals with shift-friendly and [flexible course scheduling](#), addressing the needs of both full and part time students.

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Will courses that I have taken at other colleges apply toward this degree?

As part of the admissions process, Edison College's Office of the Registrar will review college transcripts and evaluate credits for transferability.

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What is the cost per course?

For the 2006-2007 academic year, in-state tuition for lower level courses (course numbers starting with a '1' or '2') is \$70.69 per credit hour. In-state tuition for upper-level courses (course numbers starting with a '3' or '4') is \$77.70 per credit hour. All upper level courses are three credits.

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Is financial aid available?

Yes, Federal financial aid and private scholarships for BAS students are available through the College's financial aid office. Call (239) 489-9336 for more information or email finaid@edison.edu.

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When can I start taking classes?

Students admitted to the BAS program, as well as students requiring additional lower level course work, such as general education, may register for classes during the Fall, Spring, or Summer semesters. Refer to the [Academic Calendar](#) (PDF) or [Events Calendar](#) for registration dates. Separate registration periods are set for web registration, and for on-campus registration. Other important dates such as later registration, add/drop period, refund and withdrawal deadlines, are also in the [Academic Calendar](#) (PDF) and [Events Calendar](#).

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Where will classes be held?

Lower level courses in the areas of general education, elective, criminal justice or paralegal studies courses, are routinely scheduled at the various Edison State College campuses and centers. Upper level courses will be held initially at the Lee Campus. [View the complete course schedules](#).

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How will the credits I've already earned be applied toward the BAS degree?

Your college transcripts will be evaluated to determine which of the courses that you've already taken will transfer to the BAS PSM degree. General education courses taken within the past ten years will be applied to the BAS general education requirements. Up to 45 credit hours of criminal justice course work with an AA designation or paralegal studies course work taken at Edison State College within the past seven years will be applied to the technical component of the degree. Other AA designated course work (such as foreign language) may be applied as needed. Courses taken at another institution will be evaluated individually to determine whether they are accepted for transfer. A minimum of 30 credits in the degree program must be taken at Edison State College.

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Do I have to complete a foreign language requirement prior to admission?

Foreign language is not a requirement prior to admission to the program. The State of Florida Department of Education does require that all students who earn a bachelor's degree must have either two years of the same foreign language in high school or two semesters of college-level foreign language prior to graduation. American Sign Language can be used to meet this requirement.

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What are the requirements for graduation?

Graduation requirements may be accessed [here](#).

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Will this degree be recognized by other institutions?

Typically, the minimum requirement for entry to a master's degree program is a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution. Edison State College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to offer associate and bachelor's degrees. Some graduate schools may have specific course prerequisites or degree requirements for admission. It is up to each institution to determine its admission requirements. Students planning to enroll in a graduate program should contact their institution of choice to determine its admission requirements.

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Who should I contact for more information?

Please phone 1-800-749-2322, ext 1132, or 239-489-9132, or email basdegree@edison.edu.

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