



PROFESSIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT CERTIFICATE

This certificate can be completed as a stand-alone certificate for the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy or may be combined with criminal justice courses.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRADUATES

With an ever-increasing demand for well-educated police, graduates can expect to find employment in a local, state or federal agency as a law enforcement officer.

Education requirements for police officers range from a high school diploma to a college degree. Job opportunities are most favorable for graduates with an associate's degree or higher who also possess bilingual skills with training in police science or military police experience.

SALARY

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics as of 2021, police officers earned an average entry level salary of \$66,000/year, \$31.74/hour. This figure did not include overtime wages. They also received paid vacation, sick leave and medical and life insurance. Many retire at half-pay after 25 or 30 years of service.

Through 2022, the Bureau of Labor Statistics projects employment for police officers and detectives to increase approximately 5 percent nationally. Regional job growth varies in part due to state and local funding.

ACCREDITATION

This certificate is accredited by the Ohio Attorney General - Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission (OPOTC). Accreditation is ongoing with unannounced on-site inspections by an OPOTC Field Representative. Full on-site inspections are done every three years. For more information concerning accreditation standards contact the Ohio Attorney General

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LOCATION

Findlay-area Campus
Toledo-area Campus

REQUIRED COURSES

This is a State-regulated Certification program through the Ohio Attorney General's office and subject to specifications set for Peace Officer training in the State of Ohio. Please refer to the Ohio Administrative Code for further details.

CJS 171	Basic Academy 1	Credits: 5(Lec: 3.50 Lab: 4.50)
CJS 172	Basic Academy 2	Credits: 9.50(Lec: 9.50)
CJS 173	Basic Academy 3	Credits: 9.50(Lec: 8.50 Lab: 3)
CJS 174	Basic Academy 4	Credits: 6(Lec: 5 Lab: 3)

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