

Law Enforcement Technology

Program Summary

The Law Enforcement Technology program at Central Ohio Technical College offers a two-year Associate of Applied Science degree in Law Enforcement Technology.

This plan allows students to receive a degree and complete the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) requirements simultaneously in a daytime or evening setting.

Learning Outcomes

- Demonstrate competency requirements in entry-level positions as a certified law enforcement officer.
- Demonstrate knowledge through the study of general education courses with enhanced communications skills (both written and spoken), and a comprehensive knowledge of human behavior dynamics through the behavioral science courses.
- Identify and demonstrate problem-solving skills that will correlate to those they will be challenged by as a law enforcement officer upon employment.
- Perform their duties in an ethical and professional manner with highest regard for the United States Constitution and the rights of others.
- Develop independent and lifelong learning and working habits.
- Prepare to meet state requirements for state certification as a Peace Officer.
- Prepare to transfer to a four-year college or university to receive a baccalaureate degree in Law Enforcement or Criminal Justice after completing their two-year degree of Applied Science at Central Ohio Technical College.

Career Opportunities

Depending on the final quarter option chosen, graduates of this program have career opportunities as:

- Police Officers
- Deputy Sheriffs
- Court Officers
- Corrections Officers
- Probation Officers
- TSA (Transportation Security Administration) Officers
- Homeland Security Officers

Important Student Characteristics

- Good physical conditioning
- Good reading skills
- Good motor skills
- Accountability
- Ability to follow directions with precision
- Dependable transportation
- Excellent time management skills
- Capable verbal and written communications
- Basic computer skills

Admission Requirements

The Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) will be held in the 5th and 6th quarters according to the student's plan of study. Spaces available in the Academy program are limited and selection is based on successful completion of all general and pre-admission Academy requirements.

Applicants must complete the following COTC general admissions requirements:

- Submit the Application for Admission form with \$20 non-refundable application fee.
- Complete COTC Placement Assessment or proof of waiver

eligibility. If applicant places into pre-college course work, that course work must be successfully completed before starting the Academy.

- Submit official high school transcript with date of graduation indicated. If not a high school graduate, submit a copy of the G.E.D. certificate or meet Ability to Benefit admission criteria on the COMPASS Placement Test.
- Submit official college transcript from all colleges previously attended.

Those students seeking the Law Enforcement Technology degree must meet the following pre-admission requirements before entering the Academy: (5th quarter)

1. Attend a mandatory information meeting.
2. Submit a completed enrollment packet required by the OPOTA for admission into the Academy. This includes a fingerprint background check by the State of Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation (BCI& I) and the FBI to determine any criminal record which would disqualify the student from the Academy, such as felonies or any domestic violence convictions.
3. A completed pre-test screening of the physical conditioning requirements including a signed waiver acknowledging the consequences of not passing the final physical conditioning test before the written final exam.
4. Approval from the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission for the student to enter training.
5. Valid driver's license.

6. Submit a signed statement agreeing to refrain from use of tobacco products during the OPOTA training program.

Deadline date for pre-application to OPOTA program is October 8.

Final Quarter Options

Students can choose to specialize in one of three options during their final quarter:

- Advanced Homeland Security; OPOTA Certification required
- Advanced Patrol and Investigations; OPOTA Certification required
- Corrections Management; OPOTA Certification NOT required

Sample Curriculum

Quarter One		Credits
1383	Psychology of Adjustment	5
1532	Composition I	4
5113	Wellness I	0.5
5209	Principles of Criminal Justice	4
5262	Government and Courts	3

Quarter Two		Credits
1388	Abnormal Psychology	3
1533	Composition II	4
5114	Wellness II	0.5
5235	Constitutional Law and Evidence	4
	Non-Technical Elective - Lab Science	5

Quarter Three		Credits
1534	Effective Communications	4
1601	Principles of Computing	1
5115	Wellness III	0.5
5117	Ethics in Criminal Justice	4
	Non-Technical Elective - Mathematics	5

Quarter Four		Credits
1382	Sociology	3
5116	Wellness IV	0.5
5223	Public Service Practicum	2
5240	CA Criminalistics	3
5263	Criminology	4

Quarter Five		Credits
1399	Cultural Diversity for Law Enforcement	3
5163	CA Skills I	4
5197	CA Criminal Law	3
5277	Human Relations in Law Enforcement	4
5279	CA Administration	2

Quarter Six		Credits
5164	CA Criminal Investigation	4
5166	Traffic Enforcement	5
5273	CA Skills II	3
5278	CA Patrol	4

Quarter 7 - Students Choose One of the following Paths:

Corrections Options:		
5118	Basic Jail Training II	4
5119	Public Administration	4
5120	Correctional Management	4
5130	Basic Jail I	

Homeland Security Option:		
5122	Counter-terrorism and Intelligence	4
5123	Physical Security	4
5124	Protective Operations	4
5125	Tactical Crisis Resolution	4

Advanced Patrol and Investigations Option:		
5126	Advanced Criminalistics	4
5127	Advanced Patrol Tactics	4
5128	Advanced Traffic Accident Investigation	4
5129	Computer Crimes	4

How do I Start?

Apply online at: www.cotc.edu

Contact the **Gateway - Office of Admissions**

E-mail: cotcadmissions@cotc.edu

Newark Campus 740.366.9494

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Coshocton Campus: 740.622.1408

Knox Campus: 740.392.2526

Pataskala Campus: 740.964.7090

Former COTC students should contact the **Gateway - Office of Academic Advising:**

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Accreditation/ Membership

Central Ohio Technical College is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission and is a member of the North Central Association.

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COTC is also a member of the American Association for Higher Education, the American Association of Community Colleges, the American Council on Education, the American Technical Education Association, Inc., the Ohio Association of Two-Year Colleges and the Ohio College Association.



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