

# Central Ohio Technical College

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## Degrees that *Work*

The mission of Central Ohio Technical College is to meet the technical education and training needs of students and employers in the area.

## Basic Police Academy

### Program Summary

#### Evening Basic Police Academy

Central Ohio Technical College offers an evening Basic Police Academy program which has been designed to meet the requirements of the Ohio Police Officer Training Council (OPOTC). Successful graduates of this program will be recommended to take the state certification examination. The program will last approximately six months and cadets will participate in 620 hours of training during evenings, Monday through Friday, 5 - 9 p.m. Cadets will be required to attend some classes on Saturdays and Sundays.

Students wanting the Evening Basic Police Academy will have the option to take a physical eligibility pre-test to see if they meet the 30th percentile of the Coopers Standard for fitness.

#### Summer Daytime Accelerated Basic Police Academy

The accelerated program is also designed to meet the requirements of the Ohio Police Officer Training Council (OPOTC). Successful graduates of this program will be recommended to take the state certification examination. The program will last approximately 14 weeks and cadets will participate in 620 hours of training. The accelerated program is typically held 8 a.m.- 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and requires some weekend class work.

Students wanting the Summer Accelerated Basic Police Academy will have the option to take a physical eligibility pre-test to see if they meet the 40th percentile of the Coopers Standard for fitness.

### Career Opportunities

Successful cadets of this program will be eligible to gain employment as:

- Police officers
- Deputy sheriffs
- Armed security officers
- Court Officers
- Corrections Officers
- Probation Officers

### Important Student Characteristics

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

### Admission Requirements

Specific admission requirements which must be met before a student will be admitted to this program:

- Submit the Application for Admission form with \$20 non-refundable application fee.
- Complete COTC Placement Assessment for Reading and Writing. If applicant places into pre-college coursework, those courses must be completed before the start of the BPA program.
- Attend a mandatory information meeting.
- Submit a completed enrollment packet required by the Ohio Police Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) for admission into the Academy. This includes a fingerprint background check by the State of Ohio, a check by the State of Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation (BCI&I) and the FBI to determine any criminal

record such as felonies or any domestic violence convictions which would disqualify the student from the Academy.

- 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.
- Approval from the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission for the student to enter training.
- Valid driver's license.
- Submit a signed statement agreeing to refrain from use of tobacco products during the OPOTA training program.

Enrollment packets will be distributed at information meetings. The first 30 complete program packets that are returned between the prescribed dates will be accepted. In case of a tie, eligibility will be determined by the date COTC received the Application for Admission form and the \$20 application fee. A waiting list may be created if there are more than 30 qualified applicants.

### Program Expenses

COTC Basic Police Academy Cadets will be in uniform as prescribed by the School Commander. In addition to tuition and fees (refer to "College Tuition and Financial Aid Opportunities" fact sheet) students pay:

- Student Liability Insurance Fee \$35
- Ammunition fee \$200
- Uniform
- Books

**Any Cadet who is unable to meet all Academy requirements will not be eligible to sit for the State Peace Officer Examination at the completion of training.**

Cadets must meet these additional requirements:

- A grade of "C" or better is required in all Academy courses;
- Must receive a satisfactory mark in the following OPOTC required areas: Student Notebook, First Aid, Subject Control, Firearms, and Driving;
- Meet the Ohio Peace Officers Basic Training Program Physical Fitness Standards for age/gender;
- Not miss more than the allowed time for absences for non-mandatory topics as determined by school commander.

Graduates of the Basic Police Academy will earn 32 college credits which can be applied toward an Associate of Applied Science degree in Law Enforcement Technology.

### Sample Curriculum

Course Title	Credit Hours
Basic Police Academy - Administration	2.50
Basic Police Academy - Criminal Law I	1.00
Basic Police Academy - Criminal Law II	2.50
Basic Police Academy - Human Relations	4.00
Basic Police Academy - Cultural Diversity	2.00
Basic Police Academy - Patrol	3.50
Basic Police Academy -	4.00
Basic Police Academy - Physical Conditioning I	0.50
Basic Police Academy - Physical Conditioning II	0.50
Basic Police Academy - First Aid	1.00
Basic Police Academy - Firearms	2.00
Basic Police Academy - Defensive Driving	1.50
Basic Police Academy - Subject Control	2.00
Basic Police Academy - Traffic Enforcement	5.00

Program Total Hours: 32.00

### How do I Start?

If you are a new student, you may apply online at [www.cotc.edu](http://www.cotc.edu). You may also contact the **Gateway - Office of Admissions** for more information:

E-mail: [cotcadmissions@cotc.edu](mailto:cotcadmissions@cotc.edu)

Newark Campus	740.366.9494 800.963.9275 Ext. 494
Coshocton Campus	740.622.1408
Knox Campus	740.392.2526
Pataskala Campus	740.964.7090

Returning COTC students should contact the **Gateway- Office of Academic Advising** at 740.366.9422 or 800.963.9275 Ext. 422.

Apply online at: [www.cotc.edu](http://www.cotc.edu)

For specific questions regarding Basic Police Academy contact Steve Crotzer at [scrotzer@cotc.edu](mailto:scrotzer@cotc.edu).

### Accreditation/Membership

Central Ohio Technical College is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission and is a member of the North Central Association. Phone: 312.263.0456 [www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org](http://www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org).

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, the Ohio Association of Two-Year Colleges and the Ohio College Association.



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