



Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Ohio Peace Officer Basic Certificate Program

The Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (O.P. O.T.A.) certification is one of the most popular Hocking College certificate programs and can be earned in just one semester. Join our graduates who earn O.P.O.T.A. certification and are immediately eligible for full-time employment.

Students will apply direct, hands-on practice in our unique classrooms, including our crime lab, firing range, police cruisers, Virtual reality goggles, and VirTra 1800 real life simulator. With experienced, certified instructors and hands-on application, our students consistently achieve passing rates on the state-certified exam.



PROGRAM PRE-REQUISITES

This certificate program requires 100% participation and includes some night, evening, and weekend courses. In order to begin this program, students must complete a Pre-PT test, a background check, and a drug test. OPATA now requires that students have a current first aid, CPR, AED certification, Incident Command 100, and Incident Command 700. If you do not have these certifications, they will be offered during the academy. In order to move forward in their careers, students must also pass a state test following the completion of the program. Students will not be able to become a Peace Officer until they are at least 18 years of age and they must be able to pass regular drug screenings.

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

Students can continue their education in a bachelor degree program through our articulation agreements with other colleges in Ohio including Ohio University, Franklin University, and the University of Cincinnati, as well as across the country.

EMPLOYMENT

The average salary of a Police Officer in 2020 was \$67,290. The local average salary ranges from \$40,000 - \$80,000.

Examples of places where Hocking College alumni have worked or are currently working include the following:

Ohio Investigative Unit • City of Athens Police Department • Ohio State Highway Patrol • Athens County Sheriff's Department • Ohio Department of Natural Resources • Lake County Metro Parks • Lancaster Police Department • Fairfield County Sheriff's Office

ALL-INCLUSIVE PRICING

Hocking College offers all-inclusive pricing and works with students to assure they have complete college funding, including financial aid, before they start classes. All-inclusive pricing includes the following:

PER SEMESTER

\$300.....Learning Fee
\$20.....Health Center Services
\$75.....Career Center Services
\$600.....Computer Purchase 1st Semester
Not Included in the All-Inclusive Pricing
\$106.....Annual Parking / Footwear

***** After IT approves your personal Computer, complete the OPT-OUT form to have charges removed from your account.**
*****Students must have laptop that meets College requirements. Students not verifying a satisfactory laptop with will be required to purchase one through the College. Cost is subject to market pricing.**

Pricing for housing and meal plans can be found at hocking.edu/residence-halls.

DEGREE TRACK

2026/2027 Academic Year

SCHEDULE	COURSE	COURSE NAME	CREDIT HOURS	COURS FEES
16 Weeks	PSCI-2255	Peace Officer Basic Academy	18.00	\$4,360
		SEMESTER TOTAL	18.00	
		IN-STATE TUITION & FEES		\$8,625
		OUT-OF-STATE TUITION & FEES		\$11,895
		TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	18.00	
		TOTAL IN-STATE TUITION & FEES		\$8,625.00
		TOTAL OUT-OF-STATE TUITION & FEES		\$11,895.00

**All courses and course fees are subject to change. Visit us online to see the most up-to-date curriculum and pricing for this program.*

QUESTIONS? CONTACT ME.

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