

Academic Programs with Special Admittance: Law Enforcement

The Associate Degree Program in Law Enforcement at Southern State Community College is offered in partnership with the Greenfield Peace Officers Training Academy. While students may take courses in the program, LENF102 and LENF103 are open only to students admitted to the Greenfield Peace Officers Training Academy. Students who have completed an accredited Peace Officers Training Academy Program may receive credit for LENF102 and LENF103 for completion of the Academy.

Admission to the Academy is through Commander Robin A. Roche of the Greenfield Peace Officers' Academy. For information through Souther State Community College, contact the peace officer training representative at extension 2605.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMITTANCE TO PEACE OFFICER BASIC TRAINING:

Students wishing to attend Basic Peace Officer Training must:

- Possess a valid Ohio Driver's License
- Can NOT have a felony conviction in any jurisdiction of the U.S. or under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. This includes felony convictions that have been sealed or expunged by court order. However, this prohibition does not apply to a person adjudicated as a delinquent child in juvenile court for committing an act that would be a felony if committed by an adult
- Can NOT have a conviction of domestic violence or any related offense occurring as a result of a domestic violence incident
- Can NOT be under a weapons disability as set forth in Ohio Revised Code Section 2913.13 or federal weapons disability
- Can NOT have any criminal charges pending in any jurisdiction and / or be on probation, parole, or any other program in which a court retains authority to imposes conditions or modify conditions of a sentence
- Any and all requirements set forth by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission upon the category of the student's classification
- Must have attained their 18th birthday prior to the commencement of firearms training

CATEGORIES OF STUDENTS AND THEIR REQUIREMENTS:

- **Appointed Officers**
Any person employed in a position statutorily required to complete the basic training course
- **Open Enrollment Student**
Any person who is not employed by a law enforcement agency and has not received an appointment as a peace officer; must be 18 years of age or more and have a high school diploma or equivalent

- **Training Recruit**

A fulltime employee of a law enforcement agency whose primary duty is to attend and successfully complete the basic course and who, upon completion of the basic course, is appointed as a peace officer by that agency

- **Prior Equivalent Student**

An appointed student intending to enroll in Peace Officer Basic Training who has successfully completed prior training or education that was not under the auspices of the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission (OPOTC) may request credit for prior training or education if OPOTC determines that the prior training or education is at least equal to OPOTC training requirements. Training or education which may be accepted can include, without limitation, training or education certified by another state or government agency, military service, the Ohio State Highway Patrol, or a college, university or other educational institution.

- **Refresher Student**

Open enrollment students who are appointed as peace officers more than one year, but less than two years, after they have received their OPOTC training certificate or appointed peace officers who have a break in service or more than one year but less than four years will be required to complete a 80-hour Peace Officer Refresher training program or a minimum 287 hours in the basic training program.

- **Update/Mandate Student**

A peace officer whom has a break in service that is required to update his or her training certification to be in compliance with any training requirements the General Assembly may have mandated after that officer completed basic training.