

Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet Criminal Justice Training College Credit Program

In 1998, the “Education Pays” campaign was introduced in an effort to bring awareness to Kentucky’s low national ranking in education attainment and the importance of education at all levels. The prospect of receiving better paychecks increases with the level of education or technical expertise. Therefore, the Department of Criminal Justice Training created alliances with Kentucky’s institutions of higher education and removed barriers that traditionally impede college enrollment. It is DOCJT’s goal for Kentucky law enforcement officers to hold an associates degree as well as to understand the importance of higher education and quality training.

This document outlines educational opportunities for Kentucky law enforcement. Colleges and universities across the state and nation recognize the quality of accredited training provided at DOCJT. These opportunities open the door to those law enforcement officers who understand the importance of higher education and the knowledge and advancement it brings.

DOCJT strongly encourages law enforcement officers to take advantage of educational and training opportunities. In order to assist officers interested in starting or continuing in their academic endeavors, Patrick Miller has been assigned to advise interested officers on educational opportunities, create and maintain alliances with institutions of higher education, and integrate Education Pays into the Career Development Program. Please contact Patrick Miller at (859) 622-5930 or patrick.miller@ky.gov for assistance and further program details.

Basic Training College Credit Opportunities

Eastern Kentucky University (EKU):

Eastern Kentucky University and the Department of Criminal Justice Training gladly announce that students who successfully complete Basic Training are eligible for nine (9) hours of “Transfer Credit” from Eastern Kentucky University. Once students complete the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council approved Basic Training course and are admitted to EKU they will be eligible for the following credit:

- PLS 216 – Criminal Law (3 hours)
- PLS 220 – Criminal Investigations (3 hours)
- PLS 415 – Contemporary Police Strategies (3 hours)

Course credit may be applied to the online or on-campus degree program in Police Studies at EKU. To learn more, visit www.plsonline.eku.edu.

The Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS):

Officers who successfully complete the 18-week Basic Training course are eligible to obtain 13 credit hours toward their Associate in Applied Science degree in Criminal Justice (AAS) at the nearest Kentucky Community College through the Kentucky Community and Technical College System. In order to receive this credit the officer will have to enroll and be accepted into the Kentucky Community College of their choosing. Once the officer is enrolled at a KCTCS Community College, he or she may apply for the 13 hours of "Transfer Credit".

University of Louisville (U of L):

Officers who have completed the 18-week Basic Training course are able to receive up to 12 lower level credit hours tuition free. In order to receive this credit the officer will have to enroll and be accepted into the University of Louisville. Once the officer is enrolled at U of L, he or she may then apply for the 12 hours of "Transfer Credit".

Brown Mackie College:

Qualified students who have successfully completed the 18-week Basic Training course and who are admitted to Brown Mackie College in Louisville are eligible to receive 24 hours of free transfer credit toward their Associates Degree.

Northern Kentucky University (NKU):

Officers who have completed the 18-week Basic Training course are now able to receive up to 9 hours of lower level college credit for free. In order to receive this credit, the officer will have to enroll and be accepted into Northern Kentucky University. Once the officer is enrolled, he or she may then apply for 9 hours of "Transfer Credit" in law enforcement special topics from the College of Arts and Sciences.

The Union Institute and University:

Officers in Northern Kentucky may find it beneficial to take advantage of the college credit offered by the Union Institute and University in Cincinnati, Ohio. Recruits who submit official records of successful completion of the 18-week Basic Training course are eligible for 32 undergraduate transfer credit hours.

Beckfield College:

Qualified students who have completed the 18-week Basic Training course and who are admitted to Beckfield College in Florence are eligible to receive 20 undergraduate hours toward completion of an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in criminal justice and 32 undergraduate hours toward completion of a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice for free.

The University of the Cumberland:

Officers in the South Central region of Kentucky have an opportunity to receive 15 hours of transfer credit toward completing a Criminal Justice Degree at the University of the Cumberland. In order to receive this credit the officer must enroll and be accepted at the University and provide their official "training transcript" from the Department of Criminal Justice Training.

Herzing College:

Qualified students who have met the Kentucky Peace Officer Professional Standards requirements and who meet the admission criteria of Herzing College in Alabama, and apply for admission to that institution are guaranteed transferability of 32 hours of agreed upon academic course work. Students who have completed the 18-week Basic Training course must provide official documentation that they completed the training.

Online Degree Opportunities

In an effort to make education more feasible for law enforcement officers working variety of shifts and locations, colleges and universities are beginning to offer more online course work and degree programs. The following colleges offer online degree programs that correspond with the college credit offered traditionally for officers in Kentucky.

Eastern Kentucky University (EKU):

Eastern Kentucky University offers one of the few programs in the nation dedicated to Police Studies and boasts a 40-year record of success in preparing leaders in law enforcement and related fields. The EKU Online Police Studies degree programs allow you to meet your goals on your terms. Those who successfully complete the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council approved Basic Training course and are admitted to EKU will be eligible for the following nine (9) hours of transfer credit:

- PLS 216 – Criminal Law (3 hours)
- PLS 220 – Criminal Investigations (3 hours)
- PLS 415 – Contemporary Police Strategies (3 hours)

To learn more, visit www.plsonline.eku.edu.

Rio Salado College:

Rio Salado College, a Maricopa County Community College in Tempe, Arizona, is proud to announce its Credit by Examination program in Law Enforcement Technology. This program is for individuals who are interested in attempting to receive college credit for learning acquired, demonstrated, and assessed at the Kentucky Department of Criminal Justice Training Academy.

Officers who have completed the 18-week Basic Training course are eligible to obtain 39 semester hours and apply to receive their Law Enforcement Technology Certificate. To receive this credit, students must submit a Credit by Examination Application from Rio Salado along with \$1345.50 (\$34.50 per credit hour). Officers may then go on to obtain their Associate of Applied Science Degree by applying to Rio Salado online at <http://policetraining.rio.maricopa.edu>. The additional 25 credit hours needed for the associate degree will be at the out-of-state tuition rate.

Owensboro Community College:

The Owensboro Community College now offers an online Associates of Applied Science in Criminal Justice. Officers completing Basic Training and enrolling in this community college are eligible to receive the 13 credit hours offered under the agreement with the Kentucky Community and Technical College System previously listed.

American Public University:

Students completing Basic Training since January 01, 1990 may be eligible to receive between 13 and 18 transfer credit hours toward a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice with a general concentration based on the internal recommendations for the American Public University. Information related to the transfer credit offered by this University may be found at <http://www.apus.edu/TransferCredit/accepted/Undergraduate/internal-policies/blet.htm> . If you wish to find out more about this opportunity you can request information at www.AMU.APUS.edu or www.APU.APUS.edu.

Online Schools in Kentucky:

For a complete list of Kentucky colleges that offer online courses and degree programs go to <http://www.onlineschools.org/guides/kentucky/> .

American College Testing (ACT)

The Department of Criminal Justice Training will pay all fees associated with the ACT college admission exam for eligible recruit officers. The ACT is a standardized, multiple-choice, college admission exam. It is accepted for admission by virtually all U.S. colleges and universities.

Advanced Individual Training (AIT) College Credit Opportunities

Leadership Development Section:

The Leadership Development Section currently has one course that offers college credit through Eastern Kentucky University (EKU). The course is Criminal Justice Executive Development (CJED). Once students successfully complete the CJED course and are admitted to EKU, they will be eligible for the following credits for the course:

Criminal Justice Executive Development:

CRJ 313 – Criminal Justice Ethics

PLS 315 – Police Administration

PLS 330 – Special Topics

OR

*CRJ 897 – Independent Studies in Criminal Justice (For students who currently have their undergraduate degree)

*Students must meet the eligibility requirements for admission to graduate school to receive this credit.

College Substitute for In-Service Training:

The Kentucky Law Enforcement Council (KLEC) may accept the completion of one, three-hour college course in lieu of in-service training once every three years. This will enable Kentucky Law Enforcement Foundation Program Fund (KLEFPF) participants to advance their education and continue to receive their annual training stipend. Participants are required to have their department head's approval, complete the course with a "C" grade or above, and attend a regionally accredited university or college. Once completed, the officer's agency head must sign and submit KLEC Form 68-2 "Application for In-Service Training Credit for College Courses" to the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council Director to request approval. Questions related to this program may be directed to Mr. Joe Boldt at (859) 622- 5945.

Future Endeavors:

The Department of Criminal Justice Training continues to explore other advancements in education for Kentucky Law Enforcement personnel. We continue looking for avenues to obtain college credit for our students who have completed the Telecommunications Basic Academy. We are still planning on expanding the number of hours offered to our Basic students from Eastern Kentucky University from 9 hours to 18 hours. Finally, we continue to research the possibility of obtaining college credit for Professional Development courses that are required to receive Kentucky Law Enforcement Council's Career Development Certificates. If anyone has any information or contacts to assist us with these endeavors, please contact Mr. Patrick Miller at (859) 622-5930.

SPECIAL CRITERIA FOR TRAINING

COURSE RISKS:

Low Risks:

- Training occurs indoors. Involves classroom lecture, facilitation exercises and/or computer work.

Intermediate Risks:

- Scenarios: Training involves classroom lecture, facilitation exercises, and outdoor scenarios. The scenarios could include physical confrontations with simulated subjects. Training may occur in inclement weather.

High Risks:

- Firearms- handgun/shotgun/rifle: Training involves classroom lecture and facilitation exercises. Training involves handgun, shotgun, and/or rifle exercises fired on a static line and in tactical courses. Training may occur in inclement weather. Training may involve explosives (Explosive Investigations).
- Driving: Training involves classroom lecture and facilitation exercises. Training involves vehicle operations including emergency response and precision driving. Training may occur in inclement weather.
- Defensive Tactics: Training involves classroom lecture and facilitation exercises. Training involves hands-on encounters with simulated suspects necessitating physical control such as handcuffing. Training could include outdoor scenarios. Training may involve exposure to chemical agents.
- Challenge Course: Involves classroom lecture and facilitation exercises. Training involves moving about on high elements approximately 35 feet off the ground. Even though the participant is tethered **at all times**, the potential of a serious injury places this activity in the high-risk category. Training can be conducted outdoors as well as indoors and may be performed outdoors during inclement weather.

COURSE FITNESS LEVELS:

Low Fitness level:

This training could include lecture, facilitation, classroom scenarios and/or computer work.

Intermediate Fitness level:

This includes practical exercises in an outdoor location during all times and weather conditions. This training could involve hands-on simulated encounters with suspects necessitating physical control such as handcuffing.

High Intensity Fitness level:

In this training, students will need to have the ability to engage in confrontational situations in a high stress environment.