

Program Overview

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



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Forensic Science Technology

Central Ohio Technical College's Institute for Public Safety offers a two-year Associate of Applied Science Degree in Forensic Science. The student will complete courses in general education, basic and technical courses. Students of Forensic Science learn to answer questions related to cases within our legal system. This may be in relation to a crime or a civil action. Students learn to scientifically examine evidence and prepare for court presentation.

Pursuing a bachelor's degree is strongly encouraged. Those considering this technology should be aware that there are limited career opportunities for individuals who do not have a bachelor's degree.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the plan of study the student will be able to:

- Demonstrate application of the law of search and seizure and evidentiary rules;
- Employ scientific crime detection techniques for collecting and categorizing crime scene data;
- Document evidence and results of the crime appropriately;
- Demonstrate the ability to conduct interviews and interrogations, develop investigative plans, follow up investigative leads, and document their findings;
- Demonstrate skill in the area of laboratory instrumentation and analysis;
- Explain the pharmacology and detection of alcohol and major drugs of abuse;

- Demonstrate broad knowledge of general science through the study of chemistry, math and biology;
- Demonstrate problem-solving skills and the ability to work both independently and in groups that will correlate to the challenges within their field of study.

Important Student Characteristics

- Aptitude in math and science
- Accountability
- Honesty
- Good verbal and written communication skills

Career Opportunities

The graduate may choose to pursue a career as a:

- Forensic Technical Assistant
- Crime Scene Investigator
- Crime Scene Examiner
- Law Enforcement Officer

With further education:

- Crime Laboratory Analyst
- Criminalist
- Research Scientist
- Forensic Pathologist
- DNA Analyst
- Medical Examiner
- Mortician
- Quality Assurance Manager

Transferability

Central Ohio Technical College has transfer agreements for those graduating from the Forensic Program with the following institutions:

- Tiffin University
- Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science

- DeVry University

How do I Start?

New students can complete the **free** online application for admission at cotc.edu/apply. Current or returning students can contact The Gateway at any of our four campus locations for your next steps.

The Gateway:

Newark Campus	740.366.9222 800.963.9275
Coshocton Campus	740.622.1408
Knox Campus	740.392.2526
Pataskala Campus	740.755.7090

cotc.edu/gateway

COTC Admissions:

cotcadmissions@cotc.edu

COTC Academic Advising:

cotcadvising@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

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

See reverse side for more information.

Non-Discrimination Statement

Central Ohio Technical College is committed to building and maintaining a diverse community to reflect human diversity, and to improve opportunities for all. The college is committed to equal opportunity and eliminating discrimination. This commitment is both a moral imperative consistent with an intellectual community that celebrates individual differences and diversity, as well as matter of law. Central Ohio Technical College does not discriminate on the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, protected veteran status, or any other basis under the law, in its activities, programs, admission and employment. General information, questions, concerns or complaints related to these matters are to be directed to the Title IX Coordinator Holly Mason, Warner Center, Suite 236, Ohio State Newark/COTC, 1179 University Drive, Newark, Ohio 43055-1797 (740.364.9578) or ADA/504 Coordinator Connie Zang at the same location.



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