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.

Program Summary
Central Ohio Technical College’s Institute for Public Safety offers a two-year Associate 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 broad knowledge of general science though 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.

Career Opportunities
The graduate may choose to pursue a career as a:
- Forensic Technician
- 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

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

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

Admission Requirements
In addition to the general admission requirements for all COTC students, the following specific requirements have been established for Forensic Science applicants:
- Submit the Application for Admission with $20 non-refundable application fee at cotc.edu
- COTC placement tests or proof of waiver eligibility
- Official high school transcript with date of graduation or GED. If not a high school graduate or GED holder, applicants should consult with the program director regarding potential limitations for employment.

How do I Start?
If you are a new student, you should apply online at www.cotc.edu. If you are a current or returning COTC student, contact one of the Gateway Offices listed below, send an e-mail to cotcadmissions@cotc.edu or connect with the Gateway website at http://www.cotc.edu/current-students/Gateway/Pages/Gateway.aspx.

Newark Campus  740.366.9222  800.963.9275 Ext. 69222
Coshocton Campus  740.622.1408
Knox Campus  740.392.2526
Pataskala Campus  740.755.7090

For specific questions regarding Forensic Science Technology contact:
- Katherine Shipley, Instructor
  Institute for Public Safety
  740.755.7097; kshipley@cotc.edu

See reverse side for more information.
**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
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, Inc., the Ohio Association of Two-Year Colleges and the Ohio College Association.

**Non-Discrimination Statement**
Central Ohio Technical College does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, age, national origin, sexual orientation, religion, color, veteran status, and/or disability.
General information, questions, concerns, or complaints related to these matters are to be directed to the Title IX Coordinator, John Berry, Ph.D., or designee, Warner Center Suite 226, Ohio State Newark/COTC, 1179 University Drive, Newark, Ohio 43055-1797 (740-364-9578) or ADA/504 Coordinator, Connie Zang, at the same location.