

# MUNICIPAL POLICE ACADEMY, CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY (MPT)

Effective: Fall 2004

All students successfully completing this certificate will earn thirty-six (36) credits, an ACT 120 certificate and be eligible to begin work as a Municipal Police Officer

This program requires a special process for admission. Check with Admissions (<https://www.dccc.edu/admissions-financial-aid/admissions/special-application-procedures>) to submit additional materials and/or follow procedures for admission.

## Program Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students should be able to:

- Apply principles of police discretionary conduct.
- Describe the role of personal and professional conduct.
- Depict police leadership traits and techniques.
- Analyze psychological barriers to confrontation by police of their own emotional and psychological problems.
- Analyze the U.S. and Pennsylvania Constitution provisions that provide the legal basis for the exercise of police power.
- Recognize provisions of Pennsylvania statutes that define criminal conduct.
- Cite provisions of the Mental Health Act, Protection from Abuse Act, Liquor Control Act and Crime Victims Compensation Act.
- Identify major provisions of the Controlled Substance Act pertinent to their enforcement capacity.
- Apply appropriate provisions of the Motor Vehicle Code to specific factual situations.
- Define reportable and non-reportable, traffic and non-traffic motor vehicle collisions.
- Apply standard accepted principles of police patrol.
- Delineate Miranda-warning requirements.
- Define a preliminary investigation.
- Apply principles of preliminary, crime site and follow-up investigation.
- Apply principles of interview and interrogation.
- Differentiate criminal investigation from civil investigation.
- Identify the impact of role awareness, reference groups and motivation of human behavior.
- Describe Constitutional and other legal requirements for arresting an individual or taking the individual into custody.
- Demonstrate procedures required for arrest of individuals and for searches of those taken into custody.
- Delineate unique problems involved in the detention of mentally ill, emotionally unstable and physically handicapped individuals.
- Illustrate proper procedures for use of pistols, shotguns and holsters.
- Operate police vehicles under normal and emergency circumstances.
- Describe the officer's responsibilities for civil and/or criminal penalty in case of police vehicle accident.

- Illustrate written reports and note-taking skills.
- Apply principles of emergency medical care to crisis situations.
- List emergency medical problems confronted by police officers.
- Describe various violent and dangerous situations, more particularly those involving domestic disputes, mentally ill individuals and violent criminals.
- Identify proper procedure to handcuff suspects or prisoners.

## Full-Time Academic Plan

The College will award a certificate of proficiency to students who complete 30 credits of an approved career program. These credits will not normally include physical education, developmental, basic and/or continuing education courses and will usually consist of 24 credits in the career specialty and six credits in general education. At least 15 of the credits must be earned at Delaware County Community College. The student must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher.

First Semester		Hours
MPT 100	Introduction to Law Enforcement	2
MPT 101	Professional Development	4
MPT 102	Law and Procedures	3
MPT 104	Vehicle Code	2
MPT 106	Patrol Procedures and Operations	3
MPT 107	Principles of Criminal Investigation	3
MPT 204	Firearms	3
MPT 207	Emergency Response Training	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>23</b>
Second Semester		Hours
MPT 105	Motor Vehicle Collision Inspection and Related Issues	1
MPT 103	Law and Procedures II	3
MPT 200	Human Relations	2
MPT 202	Crisis Management	2
MPT 205	Operation of Patrol Vehicles	2
MPT 206	Report Writing and Case Preparation	2
MPT 208	Handling Arrested Persons	1
<b>Hours</b>		<b>13</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>36</b>

## Part-Time Academic Plan

Course	Title	Hours
First Semester		
MPT 100	Introduction to Law Enforcement	2
MPT 101	Professional Development	4
MPT 102	Law and Procedures	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
Second Semester		
MPT 104	Vehicle Code	2
MPT 106	Patrol Procedures and Operations	3
MPT 107	Principles of Criminal Investigation	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>8</b>
Third Semester		
MPT 204	Firearms	3
MPT 207	Emergency Response Training	3
MPT 105	Motor Vehicle Collision Inspection and Related Issues	1
<b>Hours</b>		<b>7</b>
Fourth Semester		
MPT 103	Law and Procedures II	3
MPT 200	Human Relations	2
MPT 202	Crisis Management	2
<b>Hours</b>		<b>7</b>

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### Fifth Semester

MPT 205	Operation of Patrol Vehicles	2
MPT 206	Report Writing and Case Preparation	2
MPT 208	Handling Arrested Persons	1
<b>Hours</b>		<b>5</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>36</b>

## Career