



Owens Community College Owens Police Academy Process

The Ohio Basic Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) at Owens Community College holds multiple academies:

Toledo Campus

Spring semester

- (1) Full-time: 7:30am – 5:30pm | Monday – Friday
 - January through mid-May
- (1) Day Part-time: 7:30am – 1:00pm | Monday – Friday
 - January through mid-August
- (1) Night Part-time: 4:30pm – 10:00pm | Monday – Friday
 - January through mid-August

Fall semester

- (1) Full-time: 7:30am – 5:30pm | Monday – Friday
 - Mid-August through mid-December
- (1) Night part-time: 4:30pm – 10:00pm | Monday – Friday
 - Mid-August through mid-April (of the following year)

****Final schedule will be determined based on interest****

1. Candidates will complete an interest card on the Owens Community College website, search “Police Academy”.
 - a. Spring semester interest card; open from July 1st – September 30th
 - b. Fall semester interest card; open from February 1st – April 30th
2. Candidates will receive an email to schedule a pre-entry physical fitness test. The email will include a “How to Become a Peace Officer” document with Cooper Standard fitness benchmarks for required exercises, a condensed OPOTA student handbook and a campus map of the testing location at the Student Health Activities Center (SHAC).
 - a. Spring semester enrollment pre-fitness test given in September/October
 - b. Fall semester enrollment pre-fitness test given in May
3. Upon successful completion of the pre-fitness test, candidates are given a packet of forms to be completed. These forms are for both the State of Ohio and Owens Community College. During this same time, candidates will schedule an interview with a Commander to return completed forms.
4. At the scheduled interview, candidates will return the completed paper work for the Commander to review and process. They will also be given academy expectations, an overview of the academy, order uniforms and receive information on how to register for the academy.

PLEASE NOTE: Owens Police Academy is a state-regulated program. Due to state mandates, a minimum number of students must be able to meet these standards in order for the course to commence. Due to this requirement, the course may not run every semester.