

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 associate’s degree as well as to understand the importance of higher education and quality training.

The following three pages outline educational opportunities for Kentucky law enforcement. Colleges and universities across the state and nation recognize the quality of accredited training provided at DOCJT. They have awarded college credits for completion of basic training along with some leadership development courses. 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. Patrick Miller has been assigned to assist interested officers. He is responsible for counseling law enforcement officers on educational opportunities, creating and maintaining alliances with institutions of higher education, and integrating 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 (EKU) and the Department of Criminal Justice Training are glad to announce that students who successfully complete Basic Training are again eligible for nine (9) hours of “Transfer Credit” from Eastern Kentucky University. Once students who successfully complete the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council approved Basic Training course and are admitted to EKU as a student 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)

University of Louisville:

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”.

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 Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS):

Officers who successfully complete the 18-week Basic Training program are eligible to obtain 13 credit hours toward their Associate of Arts degree at the nearest Kentucky Community College through the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS). 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”.

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 Department of Criminal Justice Training Basic Training program are eligible for 32 undergraduate transfer credit hours.

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 associates degree will be at the out of state tuition rate.

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 Department of Criminal Justice Training Basic Training Academy must provide official documentation that they completed the training.

Brown Mackie College

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

Beckfield College

Qualified students who have completed the 18 week Department of Criminal Justice Training Basic Training Academy 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's of Science degree in criminal justice for free.

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 Branch 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 credit 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 the 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 (859) 622- 5945.

Future Endeavors:

The Department of Criminal Justice Training continues to explore other advancements in education for Kentucky Law Enforcement personnel. We are looking 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.