

Daniel J. Benny, Ph.D.

Commercial Security and Police Administration, 1980 and 1981



Dr. Daniel J. Benny embodies the qualities of an outstanding HACC alumnus because of his outstanding educational achievements, professional certifications and service to the criminal justice and security professions.

Benny has more than 35 years of experience in public safety management, including the Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission, U.S. Navy Ships Parts Control Center, Elizabethtown College and 10 years as director of safety and security for HACC. He continues to serve HACC as an adjunct instructor in law enforcement and also works as a private investigator and security consultant. He is a licensed private investigator and has achieved the highest professional security certification issued by the American Society for Industrial Security International.

After graduating from HACC, Benny continued his education, earning a bachelor's degree in security administration from Alvernia College, two master's degrees – one in security administration from Norwich University and one in aeronautical science from Embry Riddle University – and a doctorate in criminal justice from Capella University. He also served as a naval intelligence officer in the U.S. Navy Reserve and is a graduate of the U.S. Naval War College.

Benny is now using his education and experience to teach full time at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University and serves as chair of the aviation security program. He also teaches boating safety for the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission and the Coast Guard Auxiliary and is a first-aid instructor for the American Red Cross. He volunteers his time as an aerospace education officer and instructor for the Civil Air Patrol and the Federal Aviation Administration.

In addition, Benny has published more than 500 articles and is the author of four textbooks.

HACC Impact

“Because of HACC, I was able to focus on my professional goals and gained the knowledge I needed to obtain my first security management position. HACC was a great place to start, and I am forever grateful for the foundation it gave me.”