

## **LETHAL WEAPONS ACT 235 CERTIFICATION, Certificate – Noncredit**

*Law Enforcement - Office of Academic Affairs & Workforce Development*

*CIP Code: 430107*

Provides students with the skills needed to develop knowledge of the critical nature surrounding the use of force, as it applies to Certified Agents. Justification for the use of force, as it pertains to the protection of life and property, is covered. Students are taught the safe handling of firearms and are able to demonstrate their proficiency by firing a 12-gauge shotgun and meet qualification standards with a handgun.

This course consists of 22-hours of classroom instruction, four (4) hours of armed and unarmed defense, and 14 hours of firearms training. Participants must successfully pass a written examination on the classroom portion and a firearms qualification on the range. Students who successfully complete the course are certified by Pennsylvania State Police (PSP).

Classes are held at the Senator Jeffrey E. Piccola Law Enforcement Complex at HACC's Harrisburg Campus through on-campus/in-person instruction. Interested students should contact the Law Enforcement Training Unit at HACC's email: [policetrng@hacc.edu](mailto:policetrng@hacc.edu).

### *Career Opportunities*

This training allows students to become PA ACT 235 certified

Possible occupations include armed security officer, detective or criminal investigation services.

### *Competency Profile)*

This curriculum is designed to prepare students to:

- Demonstrate operational knowledge of a pistol revolver and shotgun
- Demonstrate operational proficiency with a handgun
- Demonstrate familiarization with the 12-gauge shotgun
- Demonstrate academic proficiency in the course via a final written examination
- Become PA ACT 235 certified. (This certification is active for five (5) years. The student must be recertified

### **PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

Students must present an official approval letter from the Pennsylvania State Police indicating that they may attend. This letter must be provided to the office of Piccola Law Enforcement Complex before being registered for the course.

### **RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE**

Students must complete the course in its entirety to receive certificate of completion:

- Legal Authority
- Constitutional Restrictions
- Principles of Justification
- PA Crimes Code
- Limited Authority
- Incident Investigation and Reporting
- Testifying in Court
- Armed and Unarmed Defense
- Firearms Training and Qualifications