

GUIDELINES FOR BASIC PEACE OFFICER INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION – OPOTC

This guide is intended to assist both unit and special subject instructor applicants. Use this guide when applying to be an instructor or requesting to amend your current instructor certification. Please read all instructions carefully before completing the instructor application or request for amendment form. Once you determine you meet the minimum qualifications, follow these guidelines to select specific topics to teach in the peace officer basic training program.

These guidelines were written for the applicant who meets minimum qualifications for peace officer basic training instructor, including, but not limited to, completion of an OPOTC approved 80 hour instructor skills training course or one of the qualified exemptions. Some courses have additional requirements, and some courses are exempted from the minimum qualifications, but have special requirements unique to them.

Course specific instructor requirements, including any additional requirements and/or exempted/special requirements, are identified in the grid below. Once you determine that you meet the minimum qualifications, access and complete the instructor form available through the link below. Supporting documentation must accompany completed applications.

Please note that these guidelines are based upon recommendations from our current job task analysis, subject matter experts, and OPOTA law enforcement training officers. In addition, these guidelines are approved by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission. This guide is not all inclusive and subject to change without notice. If you have any questions, please contact a peace officer basic training certification officer at 740-845-2700.

Topic No.	Topic Name	OPOTC Guidelines
1-1	Introduction to Basic Training	Approved OPOTC Peace Officer Basic Training Commander
1-2	Introduction to Policing	5 years full-time law enforcement experience
1-3	Fundamentals of the Criminal Justice System	5 years full-time law enforcement experience
1-4	Community Diversity & Procedural Justice*	OPOTA instructor training course, "Community Diversity & Procedural Justice Instructor" (eff. 7/1/2016)
1-5	Ethics & Professionalism**	Advanced training course in subject matter, minimum 8 hours and 5 years full-time law enforcement experience
1-6	Below 100*	OPOTC approved Below 100 instructor course
1-7	Report Writing**	Advanced training course in subject matter, minimum 8 hours (e.g., OPOTA course "Modern Report Writing") and 5 years full-time law enforcement experience
2-1	Legal Basics*	Licensed Ohio attorney with a current Attorney Registration Card; or OPOTA instructor training course, "Peace Officer Basic Training Legal Instructor"

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2-2	Ohio Revised Code*	Licensed Ohio attorney with a current Attorney Registration Card; or OPOTA instructor training course, "Peace Officer Basic Training Legal Instructor"
2-3	Arrest, Search & Seizure*	Licensed Ohio attorney with a current Attorney Registration Card; or OPOTA instructor training course, "Peace Officer Basic Training Legal Instructor"
2-6	Civil Liability & Use of Force*	Licensed Ohio attorney with a current Attorney Registration Card; or OPOTA instructor training course, "Peace Officer Basic Training Legal Instructor"
2-7	Testifying in Court*	Licensed Ohio attorney with a current Attorney Registration Card; or OPOTA instructor training course, "Peace Officer Basic Training Legal Instructor"
3-1	Interacting with the Media	5 years full-time law enforcement experience
3-2	Blue Courage*	OPOTA instructor training course, "Blue Courage Academy"
3-3	Domestic Violence*	OPOTA instructor training course, "Domestic Violence Instructor"
3-4	Crisis Intervention (2013)**	Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training, minimum 32 hours. NOTE: CIT training must have been received through NAMI, ADAMH, or a mental health board
3-5	Child Abuse & Neglect*	OPOTA instructor training course, "Child Abuse & Neglect Instructor"
3-6	Missing Persons & Human Trafficking*	OPOTA instructor training course, "Missing Persons & Human Trafficking Instructor"
3-7	Juvenile Justice System	5 years full-time law enforcement experience
3-8	Responding to Victims' Needs & Rights**	Advanced training course in subject matter within 5 years, minimum 8 hours. NOTE: CPT courses and eOPOTA courses are not approved equivalents
4-1	Firearms Revolver*	OPOTC approved Revolver Instructor course or 2-week Firearms instructor course
4-2	Firearms Shotgun*	OPOTC approved Shotgun Instructor course or The Big Three or 2-week Firearms instructor course
4-3	Firearms Semi-Auto Pistol*	OPOTC approved Semi-Automatic Pistol Instructor course or The Big Three or 2-week Firearms instructor course
5	Driving (2007)*	OPOTC approved Basic Academy Driving Instructor course (eff. 8/2007)
6-1	Subject Control Techniques (2012)*	OPOTC approved Subject Control Instructor course (eff. 4/2012)
6-2	Impact Weapon*	OPOTC Subject Control Instructor (2012) and OPOTA instructor training course, "Impact Weapons Instructor"
7-1	First Aid/CPR/AED*	Current instructor certification from American Heart Association, American Red Cross or American Safety and Health Institute in First Aid, CPR and AED, must submit current with application

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7-2	Critical Injury First Aid*	Must meet one of the following requirements: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Certified Peace Officer and Self-Aid Buddy-Aid or Critical Injury First Aid Advanced training course and CIFA instructor course 2. Certified Tactical Medical Provider (e.g. EMT-T, Tactical Paramedic). The tactical provision of the certification must be completed through one of the nationally certifying organizations (e.g. NAEMT, EMT-Tactical, Warrior School) 3. Certified Peace officer or EMT-B and previous experience as a tactical medical provider (e.g. Military Medic, Combat Life saver, assigned to TEMS team) and CIFA Instructor course. Proof of experience as a tactical medical provider can be shown by providing documentation from team training records with a law enforcement agency.
8-1	Patrol Aspects & Overview	5 years full-time law enforcement experience
8-2	Companion Animal Encounters	5 years full-time law enforcement experience
8-4	Building Searches**	Advanced training course in subject matter, minimum 8 hours and 5 years full-time law enforcement experience
8-5	Stops & Approaches (2015)*	OPOTC approved Vehicle Stops Instructor course (eff. 1/1/2015)
8-6	Vehicle Theft & Identification	5 years full-time law enforcement experience
8-7	Gang Awareness**	Advanced training course in subject matter within 5 years, minimum 8 hours or 3 years full-time law enforcement experience and 3 year experience with agency or multi-jurisdictional gang task force, letter of verification from agency CEO required
8-8	LEADS**	Currently certified in LEADS, RCIC, proof of certification required
8-9	Booking & Handling	5 years full-time law enforcement experience
8-10	Ohio Law Enforcement Gateway (OHLEG)	5 years full-time law enforcement experience
9-00	Civil Disorders**	Advanced training course in subject matter within 5 years, minimum 8 hours
10-1	Introduction to Traffic**	OPOTC approved Traffic Collision Investigation course, minimum 80 hours
10-2	Motor Vehicle Offenses**	OPOTC approved Traffic Collision Investigation course, minimum 80 hours
10-4	Traffic Crash Investigation**	OPOTC approved Traffic Collision Investigation course, minimum 80 hours
10-5	Uniform Traffic Ticket	5 years full-time law enforcement experience
10-6	NHTSA Speed Measuring Device*	OPOTC approved Radar/Lidar Instructor course
10-7	Traffic Direction & Control**	OPOTC approved Traffic Collision Investigation course, minimum 80 hours
10-8	Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (2014)*	OPOTC approved SFST (Standardized Field Sobriety Testing) Instructor course (eff. 7/1/2014)
11-1	Crime Scene**	OPOTA training course "Evidence Technician (eff. 6/2013), or OPOTA CSI Academy (eff. 1/2020), or Miami Valley Regional Crime Lab. training course "Evidence Technician," minimum 80 hours

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11-2	Digital Evidence**	OPOTA training course "Computer Crime First Responder" or "Cyber Crime First Responder"
11-4	Police Photography**	Police Basic photography course, minimum 40 hours; or OPOTA training course "Evidence Technician" (eff. 6/2013) or Miami Valley Regional Crime Laboratory training course "Evidence Technician," minimum 80 hours
11-5	Tracing Stolen Property	5 years full-time law enforcement experience
11-7	Drug Awareness (2012)**	Advanced training course in subject matter, minimum of 32 hours or "Drug Recognition Expert" with 5 years full-time law enforcement experience and 3 years drug investigation experience, letter of verification from agency CEO required, and OPOTA 2019 Drug Awareness Webinar Update
11-11	Lineups	5 years full-time law enforcement experience
11-12	Gambling	5 years full-time law enforcement experience
11-14	Surveillance	5 years full-time law enforcement experience
11-15	Interview & Interrogation**	Advanced training course in subject matter within 5 years, minimum 24 hours with 3 years full-time detective experience
12-1	Physical Conditioning**	OPOTC approved Physical Fitness Instructor course
12-2	Critical Incident Stress Awareness**	OPOTC approved advanced training course in subject matter, minimum 8 hours
13-1	HAZMAT & WMD Awareness for the First Responder**	OPOTC approved HAZMAT & WMD Awareness course <i>and</i> HAZMAT & WMD Train-the-Trainer course
13-2	Bombs & Explosives**	Advanced training course in subject matter, minimum 16 hours or 3 years full-time law enforcement experience and 3 years' experience with agency or multi-jurisdictional SWAT team, letter of verification from agency CEO required
13-3	Terrorism Awareness**	Advanced training course in subject matter within 5 years, minimum 8 hours
13-4	Incident Command System**	FEMA training courses, "IS 100.c" and "IS 200.c"
13-5	National Incident Management Systems (NIMS)**	FEMA training courses, "IS 100.c," "IS 200.c" and "IS 700.b"

**Denotes Instructor Course is Required for Certification*

***Denotes Advanced Training Course in Subject Matter is Required for Certification*

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