

Protective Services



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The Protective Services program prepares students for careers in law enforcement, firefighting and emergency medical services.

Students in this program learn the basic knowledge and skills of first responders who provide assistance at the scene of an emergency, such as an accident, natural disaster, fire or other incident. Instruction includes topics in the U.S. legal system, incident management, hazardous materials handling and communications, and basic police, firefighting and EMT skills.

Students may sit for the Erie Firefighter exam at 18 years of age; those interested in becoming a police officer must be 21 and complete some postsecondary training.

Career Pathways:

Fire Fighter
Police Officer*
EMT/EMR
Security Guard (unarmed)
Correctional Officer*
Private Investigator
Probation Officer*
Gaming Surveillance

*Some job titles will require post-secondary education

Program Entrance Recommendations:

- Physical fitness
- Good communication skills (oral and written)
- Team player
- Problem solving skills
- Compassion

Earn Industry Certifications:

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)
CPR/AED/First Aid
Blood Borne Pathogens
NIMS (National Incident Management System)
Various self-defense certifications (baton, pepper spray, handcuffing)

Earn College Credits:

Lackawanna College
Pittsburgh Technical College
Pennsylvania Highlands Community College
Harrisburg Area Community College
Northern Pennsylvania Regional College
Community College of Philadelphia

PA Bureau of CTE SOAR Articulation Credits:

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