



# AFFILIATION WITH ANNE ARUNDEL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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### **I. POLICY**

The department's affiliation with Anne Arundel Community College is a component of the Career Development Program's educational development plan. Under the terms of an agreement with Anne Arundel Community College (AACC), every eligible graduate of the Anne Arundel County Police Training Academy who subsequently enrolls at AACC may receive credit for twenty-*four (24)* semester hours, and each graduate will have earned a substantial portion of the credits necessary for an *Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.)* degree.

### **II. ANNE ARUNDEL COMMUNITY COLLEGE/POLICE ACADEMY DEGREE TRACK**

- A. The Anne Arundel County Police Academy has partnered with the Anne Arundel Community College (AACC) to provide a pathway for eligible officers to obtain their *A.A.S. Degree in Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice – Police Academy*. This degree track program consists of college coursework completed prior to hire, credits awarded through Police Academy articulation (after graduation), and any eligible credits received through military service programs.
- B. Through a combination of articulated credits from the Police Academy and the use of the County's existing educational reimbursement program to pay for the other required classes, officers may be able to obtain their A.A.S. degree through AACC for very little out of pocket costs.
- C. Officers participating in the degree track program are required to submit an admission application to AACC prior to beginning the program. Students are also required to be assessed in English and math by taking the College's placement tests, or by submitting ACT, SAT, or previous college transcripts that demonstrate math and English eligibility. Once prior credits and experience have been reviewed, students must officially register for AACC courses and submit payment or make payment arrangements prior to attending AACC classes. Students are encouraged to meet with an academic advisor each term to review remaining graduation requirements and to apply for financial aid and scholarships.
- D. The current articulation agreement allows every certified graduate of the Anne Arundel County Police Academy Program the opportunity to receive up to **24** credits toward the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, Police Academy Option A.A.S. degree at Anne Arundel Community College, contingent on the student's academic requirements. Officers who graduated from the Police Academy prior to the effective date of the existing agreement must have their prior training evaluated by AACC to determine the articulated credits that will be awarded.

- E. Graduates of the Anne Arundel County Police Department Academy may be awarded an A.A.S. Degree in Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, Police Academy Option from AACC upon completion of the AACC program requirements and general education requirements. A minimum of fifteen (15) credits must be taken through AACC. Students must apply for graduation by the deadline during the final term of attendance at AACC.
- F. AACC also offers guidelines and tracks for officers to obtain their Bachelor's Degree and/or Master's Degree through partnerships with regional universities such as the University of Maryland University College (UMUC) and the University of Baltimore.

### III. CRITERIA

The following criteria must be met in order for the student to receive the credits:

- A. Academy graduates must apply for admission to the College, submit official college transcripts from all previously attended colleges, and as applicable, official military transcripts, SAT, ACT, or Advanced Placement (AP) scores.
- B. Students must complete applicable portions of their respective program at the Academy with a grade average of **C (70%)** or better.
- C. Credit for articulated courses will be awarded upon receipt of a letter of certification from the **Training Division** commander. The letter of certification shall mean that the student has satisfied the requirements of the applicable approved program at the Academy and has graduated. Duplicate credit may not be given for identical courses taken at another college or university. The AACC policy for student transfer of previously obtained credits will be followed.
- D. Request for credit must be made within three years of the student's graduation from the Academy. Former graduates of the Academy (prior to **May 30, 2020**)—will have their records individually reviewed by the College, and where the **Director of Homeland Security and Criminal Justice Institute** approves, may receive credit. **The Training Division commander must still provide a Letter of Certification as to the student's grade eligibility for courses taken at the Police Training Academy.** Former recruits may be required to secure their credits through another process *as* determined by the **Director of the Homeland Security and Criminal Justice Institute**.

### IV. IMPLEMENTATION

The Training **Division Commander** will establish procedures for implementing this agreement, certifying students, and informing students of any changes in this policy and agreement.

### V. RELATED DIRECTIVES

This directive is related to Index Code 813, "Career Development Program".

### VI. PROPONENT UNIT: Training **Division**

### VII. CANCELLATION: This directive cancels Index Code 811 Prior date: **10-06-15**.