# **LETHAL WEAPONS TRAINING (Act 235) – General Information**

The PLEC of HACC, Central Pennsylvania's Community College, is a certified center as specified by the Pennsylvania Lethal Weapons Training Act 235. Each participant who receives an approval letter from the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) to attend this course and successfully completes the program will be certified by the PSP, Lethal Weapons Certification section. This training is designed for an individual, 18 years or older, who is employed for the purpose of providing security, protective patrol, detective or criminal investigative services for a fee and who carries a firearm, baton or other lethal weapon in the course of his/her employment. In order to be certified, the applicant must pass a physical, psychological examination, and a criminal history check. Appropriate PSP application forms must be completed by the applicant.

### HOW TO REGISTER – Before you can register you must do the following:

- Receive an approval letter from the PSP for this training
- You must send the letter to our office via email policetrng@hacc.edu
- You will then be contacted by our office with registration instructions!

The certification is not one of attendance, but of successful completion. Please be advised that all forms are available through the Lethal Weapons website at <u>www.psp.pa.gov/lethalweapons</u>.

NOTE: If enrollment numbers are insufficient, or an emergency situation should occur, courses may be canceled with limited notice.

## Lethal Weapons Act 235 Certification (40 hrs) \$350

Act 235 is a certification class. <u>Students taking this class should already be proficient in</u> <u>using a firearm</u>—as this <u>IS NOT</u> a beginner's course for new shooters.

The purpose of this course is to develop knowledge of the critical nature of the use of force as applied to Certified agents. Justification of use of force in the protection of life and property will be included. The student will learn safe handling of firearms and fire a familiarization course with a 12-gauge shotgun and meet qualification standards with a handgun.

This course consists of 24-hours of classroom instruction, 4-hours of armed and unarmed defense, and 12-hours of firearms training. Participants must successfully pass a written examination and a firearms qualification.

Students must have the ability to safely participate in the firearms course required for Lethal Weapons, Act 235 certification. One of the timed stages of this course requires kneeling and rising unassisted.

<u>Required equipment for this course</u>: A handgun that is at least a .38 or 9mm caliber and less than .50 caliber—which must be in good, operable condition as determined by HACC Range Instructors; at least two (2) magazines for semi-automatic pistols or at least one (1) speed loader for revolvers; 250 rounds of FACTORY ammunition (5 boxes of 50) for your weapon (NO RELOADS!); a "strong-side" hip holster; a cleaning kit and rags; eye and ear protection, and a baseball-style hat.

HACC will provide the use of a shotgun and ammunition during the shotgun familiarization portion of the course.

NOTE: An accidental discharge or an unsafe range incident as determined by our instructor/s; which results in the student being dismissed from the range is considered a failure of the firearms portion.

NOTE: Do not bring firearms to the classroom portions of this course.

Section	Date/s	Day/s	Time	Location
80243	Feb 11, 12, 18, 19	S/Su	8am-7pm	HACC/PLEC
80244	Mar 13 – 17	M - F	8am-7pm	HACC/PLEC
80245	Apr 15, 16, 22, 23	S/Su	8am-7pm	HACC/PLEC
80246	May 13, 14, 20, 21	S/Su	8am-7pm	HACC/PLEC
80247	Jun 10, 11, 17, 18	S/Su	8am-7pm	HACC/PLEC
90041	Jul 15, 16, 22, 23	S/Su	8am-7pm	HACC/PLEC
90052	Aug 12, 13, 19, 20	S/Su	8am-7pm	HACC/PLEC
90051	Sep 9, 10, 16, 17	S/Su	8am-7pm	HACC/PLEC
90053	Oct 9 – 13	M - F	8am-7pm	HACC/PLEC
90054	Nov 11, 12, 18, 19	S/Su	8am-7pm	HACC/PLEC

#### Lethal Weapons Act 235 Certification – Academic-Only \$190

Individuals who are interested in certification <u>without firearms</u> are required to attend a 26-hour course, which includes 22-hours of classroom instruction and 4-hours of armed and unarmed defense. Participants must successfully pass a written examination.

The Academic-Only Certification will be scheduled during a "regular" 40-hour Lethal Weapons class.

## Lethal Weapons Act 235 Recertification (8 hrs) \$190

Individuals are required to successfully complete the recertification course every 5 years.

The purpose of this course is to provide an update and refresher of those sections of the PA Crimes Code which are most applicable to certified agents. The student will learn how a pistol, revolver, and shotgun operate and safe handling techniques. The student will be required to demonstrate proficiency in the use of a handgun and safe handling and firing of a 12-gauge shotgun.

This course consists of 4-hours of classroom instruction and 4-hours of firearms training. Participants must successfully pass a written examination and a firearms qualification.

<u>Required equipment for this course</u>: A handgun that is at least a .38 or 9mm caliber and less than .50 caliber—which must be in good, operable condition as determined by HACC Range Instructors; at least two (2) magazines for semi-automatic pistols or at least one (1) speed loader for revolvers; 150 rounds of FACTORY ammunition (3 boxes of 50) for your weapon (NO RELOADS!); a "strong-side" hip holster; a cleaning kit and rags; eye and ear protection, and a baseball-style hat.

HACC will provide the use of a shotgun and ammunition during the shotgun familiarization portion of the course.

NOTE: An accidental discharge or an unsafe range incident as determined by our instructor/s; which results in the student being dismissed from the range is considered a failure of the firearms portion.

NOTE: Do not bring firearms to the classroom portions of this course.

Section	Date/s	Day/s	Time	Location
80237	Jan 21	S	8am-5pm	HACC/PLEC
80238	Feb 25	S	8am-5pm	HACC/PLEC
80239	Mar 18	S	8am-5pm	HACC/PLEC
80240	Apr 12	W	8am-5pm	HACC/PLEC
80241	May 6	S	8am-5pm	HACC/PLEC
80242	Jun 3	S	8am-5pm	HACC/PLEC
90055	Jul 8	S	8am-5pm	HACC/PLEC
90056	Aug 23	W	8am-5pm	HACC/PLEC
90057	Sep 20	W	8am-5pm	HACC/PLEC
90058	Oct 21	S	8am-5pm	HACC/PLEC
90059	Nov 15	W	8am-5pm	HACC/PLEC
90060	Dec 16	S	8am-5pm	HACC/PLEC

#### NOTE: Minimum enrollment per class is 4 and the maximum is 15.

## Lethal Weapons Act 235 Recertification – Academic-Only \$95

This course consists of 4-hours of classroom instruction. Participants must successfully pass a written examination.

The Academic-Only Recertification will be scheduled during a "regular" 8-hour Lethal Weapons Recertification class.

## Lethal Weapons Act 235 - Class failure of either part of the 40-hr class \$190

To repeat either the academic or firearms portion of the 40-hr class.

Participants must successfully pass a written examination on the classroom portion or a firearms qualification on the range—whichever is applicable.

The "repeat" of either the academic or firearms portion will be scheduled during a "regular" 40- hour Lethal Weapons class.

NOTE: An accidental discharge or an unsafe range incident as determined by our instructor/s; which results in the student being dismissed from the range is considered a failure of the firearms portion.

Note: You must repeat the course at the same location.

#### Lethal Weapons Act 235 - Class failure of either part of the 8-hr recertification class \$95

To repeat either the academic or firearms portion of the 8-hr class.

Participants must successfully pass a written examination on the classroom portion or a firearms qualification on the range—whichever is applicable.

The "repeat" of either the academic or firearms portion will be scheduled during a "regular" 8- hour Lethal Weapons Recertification class.

NOTE: An accidental discharge or an unsafe range incident as determined by our instructor/s; which results in the student being dismissed from the range is considered a failure of the firearms portion.

Note: You must repeat the course at the same location.