

# Act 235 - Lethal Weapons Training

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania requires that any person wishing to become a certified security officer or is privately employed and is required, as a condition of employment, to carry a lethal weapon, must participate in a 40 hour Basic Certification Course which is the Act 235 Lethal Weapons Program. Additionally, participants who have been certified must re-certify every five years.

### Act 235 Programs

- 40 Hour Lethal Weapons Basic Training Course With Firearms (SECUR100)
- 26 Hour Basic Certification Course Without Firearms (SECUR101)
- 8 Hour Lethal Weapons Basic Training Recertification with Firearms (SECUR102)
- 14 Hour Firearms Upgrade (SECUR108)
- 5 Hour Recertification With Firearms Only (SECUR115)

### Program Selection Matrix

What Student Needs	Course to Achieve Goal
Student is obtaining initial Basic Certification for Act 235 and is going to carry a lethal weapon for his employment	40 Hour Basic Certification Course <b>With Firearms</b> (SECUR100)
Student is obtaining initial Basic Certification for Act 235 and is going to carry a lethal weapon for his employment but has a <b>WAIVER for Firearms</b>	26 Hour Basic Certification Course <b>Without Firearms</b> (SECUR101)
Student is obtaining Recertification for Act 235 ( <b>Needs both Academic and Firearms</b> )	8 Hour Recertification Course <b>With Firearms</b> (SECUR102)
Student is obtaining Recertification for Act 235 and has a <b>WAIVER for Firearms</b>	3 Hour Recertification Course <b>Without Firearms (Academics Only)</b> (SECUR103)
Student is upgrading from a Non-Firearm Act 235 Certification to a Firearm Certification	14 Hour <b>Firearms Upgrade</b> (SECUR108)
Student is obtaining Recertification for Act 235 and has a <b>WAIVER for Academics</b>	5 Hour Recertification <b>With Firearms Only</b> (SECUR115)

### Important Information About the Program

You have **EXACTLY 6 Months** from the date on your approval letter to complete a course. After that date has expired you will have to go through the application process again from the beginning.

Any additional fees associated with completing the program requirements are the responsibility of the student.

Programs are offered in March, June & September.

Program requirements can be found on the backside of this flyer.



### Program Coordinator

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### School Location

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### Refund Information

northampton.edu/NonCreditRefund

### PA State Police Requirements

psp.pa.gov/lethalweapons

#### REQUIREMENTS FOR 40 HOUR BASIC PROGRAM

- ✓ **Must** be at least 21 years of age.
- ✓ **Visit** [psp.pa.gov/lethalweapons](http://psp.pa.gov/lethalweapons). All required applications and forms are online at that site. Click on [Certification Procedures](#) and select Basic to begin the application process.
- ✓ **Complete** and submit online application and follow instructions for fingerprinting by IdentGo.
- ✓ **Download** forms for your Physical and Psychological evaluations with PA licensed physicians. The physicians must send the evaluations to:  
PA State Police  
Lethal Weapons Certification Unit  
8002 Bretz Drive  
Harrisburg, PA 17112

After receiving your approval letter, **enroll** in our 40 Hours Basic program by visiting [northampton.edu/LifeLearn](http://northampton.edu/LifeLearn). Type SECUR100 into the search course box to select your session. Credit card payment is due at the time of registration.

**\*\* Weapon and ammunition are not supplied. Students must bring their own.\*\***

#### REQUIREMENTS FOR RENEWALS

- ✓ **Visit** [psp.pa.gov/lethalweapons](http://psp.pa.gov/lethalweapons). All required applications and forms are online at that site. Click on [Certification Procedures](#) and select Renewal to begin the application process.
- ✓ **Complete** the Renewal of Agent Certification and pay the \$30 Recertification Fee online.

After receiving correspondence authorizing you to attend an 8 hour recertification class, visit [northampton.edu/LifeLearn](http://northampton.edu/LifeLearn). Type SECUR102 into the search course box to enroll in the training. Credit card payment is due at the time of registration.

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