

TECHNICAL STANDARDS

Jail Officer Academy

In this program grouping, students should be able to meet specific technical standards. These standards are the essential skills and abilities needed to be successful in a program, with or without reasonable accommodation. All Technical Standards documents are available for review on the Mid-State Technical College [website](#).

It is important to review and understand these technical standards before applying to the program.

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| TECHNICAL STANDARD | DEFINITION OF TECHNICAL STANDARD | EXAMPLES OF TECHNICAL STANDARD |
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| Auditory Skills | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ability to detect loud, soft, high, and low frequency sounds. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ability to actively listen and interpret spoken language in a variety of settings. Conduct audio surveillance for extended periods of time. |
| Behavioral Skills | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ability to exhibit professional behaviors in the work environment. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be accountable for schedules and work performance. Demonstrate initiative, flexibility, enthusiasm, honesty, and cooperative behavior. Perform duties efficiently, willingly, and thoroughly. Present professional appearance and maintain personal hygiene. |

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| <p>Communication Skills</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possess adequate comprehension and understanding of the English language in spoken, written, and nonverbal formats. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effectively communicate with people of all ages by giving information/directions and advising of rights/processes. • Prepare investigative and other reports using appropriate grammar, symbols, and mathematical computations. • Prepare and process such documents as citations, affidavits, and warrants. • Communicate effectively and coherently over law enforcement radio. • Recognize, interpret, and respond to nonverbal behavior of self and others. • Resolve conflict in a calm, non-defensive, and respectful manner. • Demonstrate communication skills in court and other formal settings. |
| <p>Critical Thinking Skills</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to collect, interpret, and integrate information and make decisions within a range of function. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read and comprehend relevant information in textbooks, statutory/case law, legal/non-legal documents. • Exercise independent judgment in determining when there is reasonable suspicion to detain, when probable cause exists to search and arrest, and when force may be used and to what degree. • Detach from individual prejudices and assumptions to make informed decisions in high and low stress situations. |
| <p>Interpersonal Skills</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to work collaboratively with others. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interact appropriately with individuals from a variety of social, emotional, cultural, and intellectual backgrounds. • Ability to listen to others and determine their needs and wants. • Ability to employ basic conflict management skills. • Endure verbal and mental abuse when confronted with hostile views and opinions of other people in an antagonistic environment. |
| <p>Mobility and Motor Skills</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adequate ability to perform physical requirements. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operate a law enforcement vehicle during all times of the day, in all types of conditions, in emergency and non-emergency conditions. • Physical capability to run, walk/stand for long periods of time, climb, manipulate, heavy objects, crawl, and use body strength to gain entry through barriers. • Proficiency with firearms at levels prescribed in certification standards. |
| <p>Tactile Skills</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to detect faint vibrations, temperature differences, and texture differences that may assist in collecting evidence. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perform searches of people, vehicles, buildings, and large outdoor areas which involve feeling and detecting objects. |

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| Visual Skills | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Possess sufficient eyesight to read documents and records. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conduct visual surveillance for extended periods of time. |
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