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Cleary University | Flint Police Department Degree Completion Pathway Program FAQs

Q: Who can participate in this program?

A: All employees of the Flint Police Department are eligible to participate in the Cleary University Degree Completion Pathway Program.

Q. What Degree Completion Pathway Program are available?

A. Pathway programs are available for three distinct segments, based on their professional experience and training. These tracks include:

TRACK A | EXPERIENCED OFFICERS (8-12 YEARS WORK EXP.)

- Degree completion program for experienced officers - 30 credits to graduation

TRACK B | MID-LEVEL OFFICERS (4-7 YEARS WORK EXP.)

- Degree completion for Mid-level officers – 57 credits to graduation

TRACK C | ENTRY-LEVEL OFFICERS (1-3 YEARS WORK EXP.)

- Degree completion for Entry-Level officers - 81 credits to graduation

Q. How long will it take to finish by degree?

A. Depending on your work life and professional experience, you can complete your degree in as little as 12 months. Other tracks may range from two to three years to complete your program of study.

Q. How many credits can I transfer to Cleary?

A. Each student varies, however the maximum amount a student can transfer in is 90 semester credit hours or 75% of a bachelor's degree.

Q. What is Prior Learning?

A. Prior learning is the process by which officers will receive prior learning credit through Cleary's proprietary Prior Learning Assessment Process (PLA) which maximizes transfer credits, reduces costs, and decreases time to degree. Prior learning including transfer credits, credit by exemption, experiential credits, professional training (Police Academy, Paramedic, EMT Training, etc.), will be evaluated for college-level credit and applied toward your degree.

Q. Where are classes held?

A. Classes will be held one evening per week, onsite, face-to-face in Flint or on campus at Cleary University (3750 Cleary Dr. Howell, MI 48843).

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Q. If I enrolled at Cleary University prior to the start of this partnership program, can I transfer in?

A. Cleary University will assess each student's unique situation prior to any transfers or transitions.

Q. If I must withdraw from the Degree Completion Pathways Program can I reenroll?

A. Students who withdraw from the Program and are in good standing (2.0 GPA or above) must resume their degree within 12-months to maintain their degree status.

Q. What happens if I leave the Program during an active course?

A. Students who leave during an active course are subject to Cleary's withdrawal policies for Flint Police officers.

Q. Are my spouse or dependents eligible for this Program?

A. No, however Cleary University has established a 25% discount off published tuition and would be able to enroll through regular university admissions processes.

Q. What degree will I earn through this partnership program?

A. Regardless of what Track you enroll in based on your work/life experience this custom program will result in your earning a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree (BBA) with a concentration in Diversity, Leadership and Public Safety.

Q: What are my out-of-pocket expenses per year?

A: As part of this exclusive pathway agreement, your maximum out-of-pocket expenses per year will NOT exceed \$9,000. This also includes ALL digital books and course materials throughout your program of study.

Q: How can I find out information about Cleary and this program?

A: Visit www.cleary.edu/flint for information about programs, application process, financial aid, and admission requirements. For information specifically regarding Cleary University please visit www.cleary.edu.

Q: Is Cleary University an Accredited University?

A: Yes, Cleary University is fully accredited by The Higher Learning Commission
<https://www.hlcommission.org>

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Q: Can I transfer to Cleary University from another college?

A: Yes, you must complete Cleary application for admission requirements, as well as any supplemental information required by the Cleary University Records Department. They will evaluate your previous academic transcripts. Students may request an official transcript by ordering through the Parchment storefront found at:

https://exchange.parchment.com/send/adds/index.php?main_page=login&sid=aSgHojQfp9D3lOKm

Q: What are Cleary University's Admission Requirements?

A: These can be found at: www.cleary.edu/flint.

Q. Are tutoring and advising services provided?

A. Yes, these pathway programs were designed with police officers in mind, and include access to tutoring, advising, and student support services. In addition, students will have access to career counseling and placement services throughout the duration of their program and for life once they earn their degree from Cleary University.

Q: Who can I speak to learn more about the Cleary University | Flint Police Department Pathway Program?

A: Discuss options with our program specialist:

Ms. Kristi Stutz

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Q: Do I need to apply for financial aid?

A: Yes. We encourage all students to apply for Financial Aid to maximize all grant monies available at the state and federal levels. Students can complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) prior to being registered for classes. You can do so online at: www.studentaid.gov. All federal grants (free money) will be applied toward tuition.

Q: Are there time requirements to finish a degree?

A: Yes, they are dependent upon which Track you are enrolled ranging 12 months (Track A | Experienced Officers) to 3 years (Track C | Entry Level Officers).

Q: What happens if I am no longer employed by the Flint Police Department?

A: You can continue your education at Cleary; however, you will revert to the standard university Courage and Public Service tuition rates. Each semester all participants will be approved by the Flint Police Department to confirm they are in good standing with the department.

Q: What type of computer do I need to take courses at Cleary?

A: Students can use an iPad, Chromebook, PC, or Mac.

Q: Can I get my bachelor's degree and then continue on to get my master's degree at Cleary?

A: Yes, you can. We have established a custom MBA program for police officers with a concentration in Leadership.

Q: How long is each class?

A: Each class throughout your program of study is six (6) weeks in duration. There are three classes per each semester (Fall, Spring and Summer).