

Massachusetts CTE Teacher Testing Program Criminal Justice Content Outline

Written and Performance Exam General Overview

- The intent of this exam is to assess the candidate's ability to teach the skills found in the Massachusetts Technical Education Framework.
- The written exam is a state-developed exam aligned to the frameworks which can be accessed [here](#). The performance exam is a NOCTI-developed teacher test and has been determined by DESE to align to the state frameworks.
- Many questions and tasks require a synthesis of knowledge based on experience in the field and may not be found in any book.
- Use this exam outline and the Massachusetts Technical Education Framework to focus your preparation for the exams.
- Candidates are encouraged to prepare for their written exam by reviewing textbooks and reference material which have been listed as part of this exam outline. These resources can be found using online search tools, online vendors, and websites.

Written Exam

- Number of Questions: 100
- Administration Time: 3 hours
- Passing Score: 70.0%
- Administration Method: Remote Proctored Online Testing Session

Written Exam Content Coverage

6% Health and Safety

60% Trial Court System and Constitutional and Criminal Law

- Trial Court System
- Criminal and Trial Procedures
- Fundamentals of Constitutional Law
- Civil Infractions and Criminal Law

32% Investigative and Police Procedures

- Police Procedures and Investigative Reports
- Investigating and Processing Crime Scenes
- Ethics and Diversity Issues in Law and Community Policing
- Interviewing and Communication Techniques
- Police Field Procedures
- Private Investigative Techniques

2% Electronic Communication Issues

Written Exam Reference Materials (Reference Current Edition)

- **Criminal Law** by Joel Samaha (Cengage)
- **Smart Talk: Contemporary Interviewing and Interrogation** by Denise Kindschi Gosselin (Pearson)
- **Understanding Community Policing** by Community Policing Consortium (US Department of Justice)
- **Community Policing and Problem Solving: Strategies and Practices** by Kenneth J. Peak and Ronald W. Glensor (Pearson)
- **The Ethics of Policing** by John Kleinig (Cambridge University Press)
- **Leadership, Ethics and Policing** by P.J. Ortmeir and Edwin Meese III (Pearson)
- **The Criminal Justice System** by Ronald G. Burns (Pearson College Division)
- **Introduction to Criminal Justice** by Joseph J. Siegel and Larry J. Senna (Wadsworth Publishing)
- www.youthcourt.net
- www.osha.gov
- www.niosh.gov

Materials Needed for the Written Exam

- A four-function calculator is included in the online testing system. No other calculators are permitted.
- Scrap paper and pencil/pen are permitted.

Written Exam Sample Items

Each question on the exam consists of one incomplete sentence or question followed by four choices. Some items reference an image or diagram. A few sample items are included below; the correct answer is designated with an asterisk (*).

When is a fire watch needed?

Intentionally causing the death of another with "malice aforethought" is defined as:

- a. manslaughter.
- b. murder. (*)
- c. justifiable homicide.
- d. suicide.

A search warrant must be returned to the court no later than _____ days after the issuance.

- a. 7 (*)
- b. 10
- c. 15
- d. 30

Performance Exam

- Administration Time: 5 hours
- Passing Score: 70%
- Administration Method: Onsite at a DESE approved Massachusetts Area Testing Center (MATC) location. Candidates must register and schedule their exam session through NOCTI.

Performance Exam Content Coverage

33% Police Field Procedures

The candidate will identify the process of a motor vehicle stop (video analysis)

33% Investigative and Police Procedures

The candidate will investigate and process a crime scene (burglary)

28% Analyze Elements of Criminal Law

The candidate will demonstrate identification of crimes committed according to MA general laws

6% Safety

The candidate will demonstrate knowledge of safety practices

Performance Exam Requirements

Candidate Supplied

Candidates must bring all appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), attire/uniform, and any other safety items as is routinely expected to be used by an employee in the related industry. If the candidate does not bring what is needed to safely complete all jobs on the exam as required in the workplace, the testing session will need to be rescheduled at the candidate's expense.

Site Supplied

Additional equipment and supplies needed to complete the jobs on the performance test will be provided by the testing site.

Performance Exam Site Requirements

Testing sites may have individual requirements based on location and any relevant and current guidance from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).