

# **LCC GUNSMITHING PROGRAM**

The Lassen Community College Gunsmithing Program has been providing prepared, quality gunsmiths to the industry since the program's foundation in 1945 and is the oldest gunsmithing school in the United States. We offer Associate in Science Degrees in Firearms Repair and General Gunsmithing, as well as Certificates of Completion for Pistolsmith, Riflesmith, Long Guns, and Gunsmith Machinist and Metal Finishing.

Degree programs and Certificate programs are designed to be realistic and comprehensive, spanning the wide spectrum of skills needed to compete in the modern job market.

The Gunsmithing Program is two years in duration and offers 64 courses over four semesters. At the completion of the two year program, the student is eligible to petition for graduation and can receive the following:

- Certificate of Achievement, General Gunsmithing
- Certificate of Achievement, Firearms Repair
- Certificate of Accomplishment, Gunsmith Machinist and Metal Finishing
- Certificate of Accomplishment, Riflesmith
- Certificate of Accomplishment, Pistolsmith
- Certificate of Accomplishment, Long Gun

Upon the completion of the General Education Requirements in addition to the full time gunsmithing program, the student is eligible for graduation and can receive the following degrees:

- Associate in Science degree, General Gunsmithing
- Associate in Science degree, Firearms Repair

The Gunsmithing Program offers an intensive full spectrum look into the field of gunsmithing. Your typical course is a week in duration and is held Monday through Friday for a total of 39 instructional hours. There are 16 weeks and therefore 16 classes per semester. Not unlike a full time job, the coursework will occupy the majority of your time while you are enrolled in the program. Additionally, there are lab courses that are offered three nights a week throughout the semester, which allows the student ample time to catch up or complete their coursework for each class.

All courses are presented by knowledgeable and full credentialed full and part time instructional staff, as well as varied guest lecturers. Instructors utilize various technologies and methodologies to help the student understand design, function and repair aspects of all firearms related to a particular course. The majority of the coursework is hands on, with the student performing modifications and repairs to various firearms. The student will learn basic and advanced techniques using the lathe, milling machine, TIG welders and a variety of other machine tools.

Lassen Community College is accredited by Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) through the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges. WASC is recognized by the California POST Secondary Education Commission and the US Department of Education.

## **PROGRAM COSTS**

The cost of attending the Gunsmithing Program is manageable but can be substantial. Students are responsible for providing their own hand tools, most consumables and firearms needed for their coursework. Costs can vary greatly from student to student due to access to the required firearms needed for each class. Some students already own a majority of the needed firearms; others have the ability to borrow required firearms from friends and family, and some students end up purchasing firearms that they cannot acquire through other means. Students are highly encouraged to begin asking friends and family for firearms to use in their coursework prior to attending the program. The tools required for the Gunsmithing Program can cost a few thousand dollars over the course of the two year program, depending upon the quality of the tools purchased. There is one required text book for the program.

Tuition is charged on a per unit basis for each course. There are different rates for California residents and non-California residents. These rates can change from semester to semester, so contact Admissions and Records for the most current rates.

## **FINANCIAL AID**

Financial Aid may be available to students who meet the qualification requirements.

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Waitlist applications for admission into the Gunsmithing Program are accepted beginning the first business day in October and ending on December 15<sup>th</sup> for enrollment in the following academic year. Applications will be accepted on a first come, first served basis and a waitlist number will be assigned. **Early or incomplete applications will not be accepted.**

Enrollment is capped at 22 new students per academic year. Two students will be held as alternates for the beginning of the fall semester and will be notified if a position becomes available.

All students that apply will be notified of their waitlist status in January. Additional information will be provided to those accepted into the program.

Upon acceptance into the program, a valid Certificate of Eligibility (COE) from the State of California Department of Justice is required to be submitted prior to enrollment in the gunsmithing courses. The application for a COE is available at:

<http://oag.ca.gov/sites/all/files/agweb/pdfs/firearms/forms/coeapp.pdf?>

The application process for a COE can take up to 90 days to complete.

There is a mandatory orientation for the Gunsmithing Program prior to the start of the Fall Semester. All students accepted into the program will be notified of the orientation date. Failure to attend orientation can result in your dismissal from the program.

## **Location**

Lassen Community College is located in Susanville, a small mountain town in northeastern California. Outdoor activities are abundant, with Sierra Nevada Mountains to the south, Cascade Range to the north, Lassen and Plumas National Forests to the west and high desert country to the east. There are numerous streams and lakes available for fishing and boating, including the renowned Eagle Lake, only 20 miles away.

## **Contact Information**

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