



**Certified Animal Control Officer (ACO) Course**  
**Bergen Community College**  
**On-Line via Zoom**

**Saturdays, February 18 to April 1, 2023**

Bergen Community College is now offering the *Animal Control Officer (ACO) Course* approved by the New Jersey Department of Health. Over the course of seven (7) Saturdays you will have the opportunity to be taught by, interact with, and build relationships with eight (8) of the foremost experts in the State of New Jersey regarding Animal Control (the following is a link to the faculty instructing in this class

<http://www.cditraining.org/pages/ACOfaculty.htm>).

***Anyone interested in animal welfare personally or as a profession may and should attend.***

This includes kennel managers, shelter workers, rescue group personnel, volunteers, and those seeking an exciting career in animal control. The following is the course content:

<http://www.cditraining.org/pages/courses/Certified%20Animal%20Control%20Officer%20Description.doc>

Successful completion of this course meets the requirements of the N.J.A.C. 8:23A-2.2 statute for appointment as an ACO by a New Jersey Municipality. Additionally, this is the only Certified ACO Course whose graduates receive certification for Incident Command Systems 100 & National Incident Management 700 by the National Wildlife Fire Coordinating Group as well as Pet First Aid.

In addition to the classroom component participants must arrange for and complete a 20-hour field training component in order to receive certification.

The course will be held on seven Saturdays, February 18 to April 1, 2023, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Classes will be held from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm each day. Completion of the course requires attendance at all classes.

Tuition for this program is \$989, which includes all materials. Registration will be through Bergen Community College at 201-447-7488. Enrollment is open to any person 18 years of age or older; and there is no requirement for prior experience or training to attend this course. Please contact Career Development Institute (CDI) with any additional course content or certification questions that you may have.