

# Corrections

## Career Studies Certificate

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**Length:** Two Semesters

**Purpose:** The curriculum in the Corrections Career Studies Certificate is designed to improve the knowledge and skills of the practitioner in either the field of corrections or law enforcement. This program focuses more intensely on the aspect of each field and allows the student to obtain certifications in CPR and Mental Health First Aid. This Career Studies Certificate is designed to prepare individuals for career service or advancement in the either the field of corrections or law enforcement.

**Occupational Objectives:** The curriculum will provide skills for the advancement and/or employment in the following occupations: law enforcement officer, investigator, probation and parole officer, security officer, juvenile services worker, corrections officer, local, state, and federal enforcement officers.

Students must complete the Foundations of Criminal Justice Career Studies Certificate prior to enrollment in the Corrections Career Studies Certificate unless the Program Coordinator grants approval

**Program notes:** In addition to meeting the admission requirements established for the college, students in the Criminal Justice Program will need to meet the specialized requirements for the criminal justice agency with which he or she plans to seek employment. This includes the absence of any felony convictions or misdemeanor convictions involving moral turpitude or violence. ADJ students are required to earn a “C” or higher grade in the ADJ classes and in SOC 235 and SOC 236. If a student earns below a “C” in those classes, he or she must repeat the course and earn a final grade of “C” or better.

Course Number	Course Title	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Credits
<b>First Semester (Fall)</b>				
ADJ 118	Crisis Intervention	3	0	3
SOC 235	Juvenile Delinquency	3	0	3
ADJ 140	Introduction to Corrections	3	0	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Second Semester (Spring)</b>				
ADJ 246 or ADJ 248	Corrections Counseling or Probation, Parole & Treatment	3	0	3
ADJ 138	Defensive Tactics <sup>1</sup>	2	0	2
HLT 121	Introduction to Drug Use and Abuse	3	0	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Total Credits for Career Studies Certificate</b>				<b>17</b>

**Footnote:**

<sup>1</sup>Includes CPR/First Aid Certification