

Law and Public Service Career Cluster

The Law and Public Service Career Cluster focuses on planning, managing, and providing legal services, public safety, protective services, and homeland security, including professional and technical support services. Students will examine the roles and responsibilities of police, courts, corrections, private security, and fire and emergency services.

Law Enforcement Statewide Program of Study



The Law Enforcement program of study teaches CTE learners about the development of, adherence to, and protection of various branches of law. Students will learn how to appropriately and legally respond to breaches in the law according to statutory rules and regulations as well as investigate how and why the breaches occurred.

Secondary Courses for High School Credit

Level 1

- Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security

Level 2

- Law Enforcement I
- Federal Law Enforcement and Protective Services
- Criminal Investigation

Level 3

- Law Enforcement II
- Correctional Services
- Forensic Psychology

Level 4

- Counseling and Mental Health
- Forensic Science
- Practicum in Law, Public Safety Corrections, and Security

Postsecondary Opportunities

Associates Degrees

- Criminal Justice/Safety Studies/Law
- Enforcement Administration
- Criminal Justice/Police Science
- Corrections
- Criminalistics and Criminal Science

Bachelor's Degrees

- Criminal Justice/Safety Studies/Law
- Enforcement Administration
- Criminal Justice/Police Science
- Juvenile Corrections
- Cyber/Computer Forensics and Counterterrorism

Master's, Doctoral, and Professional Degrees

- Criminal Justice/Safety Studies/Law
- Enforcement Administration
- Natural Resources
- Law Enforcement and Protective Services

Work-Based Learning and Expanded Learning Opportunities

Exploration Activities

- Join the Texas Public Service Association or local criminal justice clubs

Work-Based Learning Activities

- Attend court hearings and other legal procedures

Industry-Based Certifications

- Non-Commissioned Security Officer Level II



Aligned Occupations

Occupations	Median Wage	Annual Openings	% Growth
Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	\$60,112	5,241	13%
Probation Officers and Correctional Treatment Officers	\$44,054	793	9%
Correctional Officers and Jailers	\$40,186	4,683	9%
Immigration and Customs Inspectors	\$78,104	1,236	9%
First-Line Supervisors of Police and Detectives	\$91,312	253	25%

Successful completion of the Law and Public Service program of study will fulfill requirements of the Public Service endorsement. Revised – August 2022

Law Enforcement Course Information

Level 1

COURSE NAME	SERVICE ID	PREREQUISITES	COREQUISITES
Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security	13029200 (1 credit)	None	None

Level 2

COURSE NAME	SERVICE ID	PREREQUISITES	COREQUISITES
Law Enforcement I	13029300 (1 credit)	None	None
Federal Law Enforcement and Protective Services	13029800 (1 credit)	None	None
Criminal Investigation	13029550 (1 credit)	None	None

Level 3

COURSE NAME	SERVICE ID	PREREQUISITES	COREQUISITES
Law Enforcement II	13029400 (1 credit)	None	None
Correctional Services	13029700 (1 credit)	None	None
Forensic Psychology	N1303012 (1 credit)	None	None

Level 4

COURSE NAME	SERVICE ID	PREREQUISITES	COREQUISITES
Counseling and Mental Health	13024600 (1 credit)	None	None
Forensic Science	13029500 (1 credit)	Biology and Chemistry	None
Practicum in Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security	13030100 (2 credits) 13030105 (3 credits) 13030110 (2 credits) 13030115 (3 credits)	None	None

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