Correctional Officer Certification

Career Certificate (VC)

2024 - 2025

Student's Name: _____

Student's ID Number: _____

Program Coordinator: **Daryl White**

Major Courses (436 clock hours/14.4 vocational hours)

The purpose of this program is to prepare students for employment as correctional officers. The program includes basic standards courses mandated for certification as a correctional officer in the state of Florida. Students who graduate from this program would typically work as correctional officers within a county or state correctional facility. Upon completion of this program, students are eligible to take the State Officer Certification Examination for correctional officers. (NOTE: Must be 19 years of age by date of employment).

PROGRAM ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

This is a restricted entry program based upon special admission requirements established by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, the Criminal Justice Training Academy, and the Department of Education. Uniforms are
required in this structured program. Class size is limited. Students should obtain an academy application package from the Criminal Justice Training Academy or online from the Division of Public Safety tab on the college website well in advance of program start date. Admission requirements include the following:
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- Citizen of the United States
- High School diploma or GED (transcript required)
- Not discharged from Armed Forces under dishonorable conditions
- Good moral character and NOT have been convicted of a felony or any misdemeanor involving lying or perjury
- Physical examination by licensed physician, nurse practitioner or physician's assistant attesting capability of performing essential functions of the officer position
- Submit to and pass background investigation
- Passing score on Florida Basic Abilities Test

All courses in this program must be completed for certificate. A grade of 80% or higher is required to pass each course. Academy classes have specific attendance policies that may differ from the general GCSC attendance policy. For specifics, contact the program manager or refer to the academy recruit manual.

- ☐ CJD0939 Correctional Officer Capstone= 16 ct/0.5v
- ☐ CJK0031C CMS First Aid for CJ Officers= 40 ct/1.3v
- ☐ CJK0040C CMS Firearms= 80 ct/2.7v
- ☐ CJK0051C CMS Defensive Tactics= 80 ct/2.7v
- ☐ CJK0300 Introduction to Corrections= 32 ct/1v
- ☐ CJK0305 Communications= 40 ct/1.3v
- ☐ CJK0310 Officer Safety= 16 ct/0.5v
- ☐ CJK0315 Facility & Equipment= 8 ct/0.3v
- ☐ CJK0320 Intake and Release= 18 ct/0.6v
- ☐ CJK0325 Supervis. in Correctional Facility= 40 ct/1.3V
- ☐ CJK0330 Supervis. Special Populations= 20 ct/0.7v
- ☐ CJK0335 Respond. Incid. Emergencies= 16 ct/0.5v
- ☐ CJK0340 Officer Wellness & Physical Abil.= 30 ct/1v

After completing the correctional officer certification training and passing the State Officer Examination certification, students may continue their education by completing the Associate in Science degree in Criminal Justice Technology.

Developmental Courses

- ☐ ENC0022 Dev. Writing I & II Combined* 3
- ☐ REA0019 Dev. Reading I & II Combined* 3
- ☐ MAT0012 Dev. Arithmetic with Algebra* 3

Key

+ = Prerequisite or co-requisite required
* = Minimum grade of "C" required
@ = Course meets Civic Literacy Requirement
●= General Education Core course
==Career Certificate Course
#=Applies to A.S. and Certificate Programs

Notes