

The Career Certificate (C.C.) in Correctional Officer provides students with criminal justice training and education to prepare them to manage inmates and perform operational duties in the areas of care, custody and control within the correctional institution.

Through the Criminal Justice Training Center, students learn everything needed to become a corrections officer, from inmate intake, the use of firearms and defensive maneuvers, to constitutional law, communication equipment and crisis intervention.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Complete an academic degree plan with your program advisor.
<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfy the career certificate graduation requirements.

Career Options

You will attain the knowledge and skills needed to serve as a Certified Florida Corrections Officer. **Related Career Pathways** include the following: A.S. in Criminal Justice Technology, Crossover from Corrections Officer to Law Enforcement Officer.

Note: If you are considering employment in a state other than Florida, please visit <https://www.fscj.edu/academics/license-disclose> to determine if this program will meet the selected state's requirements to sit for licensure or certification testing.

Application Procedure

This is a Limited Access program. Students must follow the application procedure outlined in the current College Catalog. Visit the FSCJ Correctional Officer webpage at <https://www.fscj.edu/5759> for more information.

Articulation

Students who have completed the Correctional Officer program and passed the State Officer Certification Examination are eligible to earn 9 credit hours toward an A.S. degree in Criminal Justice Technology.

Advising

Email law.enforcement@fscj.edu.

Roadmap

This roadmap provides general guidance about required courses for the Correctional Officer Career Certificate program. For specific guidance about your individual academic degree plan, please see an advisor. Also refer to the College Catalog and class schedule for additional information. **This program is offered for full-time student enrollment.**

Students progress through this program in cohorts. The schedule and order of courses for each cohort will vary based on facility and faculty availability.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Course: Course Title	Contact Hours	Additional Career & Educational Options
<input type="checkbox"/>	CJK 0300: Introduction to Corrections	32	
<input type="checkbox"/>	CJK 0305: Communications	40	
<input type="checkbox"/>	CJK 0310: Officer Safety	16	
<input type="checkbox"/>	CJK 0315: Facility and Equipment	8	
<input type="checkbox"/>	CJK 0320: Intake and Release	18	
<input type="checkbox"/>	CJK 0325: Supervising in a Correctional Facility	40	
<input type="checkbox"/>	CJK 0330: Supervising Special Populations	20	
<input type="checkbox"/>	CJK 0335: Responding to Incidents and Emergencies	16	
<input type="checkbox"/>	CJK 0340: Officer Wellness and Physical Abilities	30	
<input type="checkbox"/>	CJK 0031: First Aid for Criminal Justice Officers	40	Florida Law Enforcement Academy
<input type="checkbox"/>	CJK 0040: Criminal Justice Firearms	80	Florida Law Enforcement Academy
<input type="checkbox"/>	CJK 0051: Criminal Justice Defensive Tactics	80	Florida Law Enforcement Academy

Total Program Hours

Students considering a Career Certificate in **Corrections** should be aware that the program requires **420 contact/clock hours** that must be completed and documented. Students should also understand and accept the attendance requirements prior to enrolling in this career certificate program. This career certificate program **is not eligible** for financial aid.

Important for You to Know

Currently, all Basic Corrections classes are comprised of students that have been hired by the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO). To apply to JSO, visit <http://joinJSO.com/>. Students are required to pass the Criminal Justice Basic Abilities Test (CJBAT) for Corrections (CO) prior to entry into the program. Information and appointments are available at <https://home.pearsonvue.com/fdle>. Upon completion of this program along with a passing score on the State Officer Certification Examination, students will obtain a Certificate of Corrections valid throughout the state of Florida. Information about the Florida State Officer Examination is available at <https://www.fdle.state.fl.us/CJSTC/Exam/>. This is a basic certification; additional training will be required by the hiring agency.

Record of Conviction of a Crime: If the students enroll in an internship or cooperative education class and are seeking experience at a law enforcement agency or facility under Children and Family Services then a background check is performed by the law enforcement agency or facility, and the student may be denied employment (paid or non-paid) based on their criminal record.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon completing this program, students will be able to:

- Take the State Officer Certification Exam.
- Become eligible to be hired as a Corrections Officer in Florida.