As the population of Florida increases, the need for qualified law enforcement and correctional officers must correspondingly increase to meet the need. Criminal justice is a demanding profession, requiring the individual to have a working knowledge of law and criminal offenses, knowledge of apprehension and detention techniques, effective verbal and written communication skills, and excellent public and interpersonal relations skills.

Admission to these programs is limited. Applicants must achieve at least a minimum score on the required entry assessment.

Successful completion of either the Correctional Officer or the Law Enforcement Officer program, as well as a passing grade on the State of Florida Certification Examination, is required for a career as a sworn officer in corrections or law enforcement regardless of any other criminal justice training or degree work which may have been completed.

**Potential Careers**

- Police Officer
- Deputy Sheriff
- Correctional Officer
- Law Enforcement Officer

**Salary & Earnings Information**

Police Officers and Deputy Sheriffs - $35,000 per year
Corrections - $30,000 per year

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**Alternative Ways to Earn Credit**

Once you have earned your certification as a Correctional Officer or Law Enforcement Officer through Valencia’s Criminal Justice Institute, you may be eligible to receive credit toward Valencia’s A.S. degree in Criminal Justice Technology. For more information, visit: valenciacollege.edu/asdegrees/transferagreements.cfm

**Course | Title | Contact Hours | Vocational Credit(s)**
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CJK 0031 First Aid For Crim Just Offrs | 40 | 1.333
CJK 0040 Criminal Justice Firearms | 80 | 2.667
CJK 0051 CMS Crim Justice Def Tactics | 80 | 2.667
CJK 0340 Officer Wellness & Phys Abilit | 30 | 1.000
CJK 0300 Intro to Corrections | 32 | 1.067
CJK 0305 Communications | 40 | 1.333
CJK 0310 Officer Safety | 16 | 0.533
CJK 0315 Facility and Equipment | 8 | 0.267
CJK 0320 Intake and Release | 18 | 0.600
CJK 0325 Supervising in a Corr Facility | 40 | 1.333
CJK 0330 Supervising Special Population | 20 | 0.667
CJK 0335 Responding to Incidents & Emer | 16 | 0.533

Total Credit Hours: 420 | 14.000

**Other suggested course**

CJD 0939 Criminal Justice Exam Review | 24 | 0.800
Law Enforcement Officer

Career Certificate

This program is designed to prepare individuals for entry-level positions in law enforcement, such as police officers and deputy sheriffs. Program content includes introduction to criminal justice, legal knowledge, patrol techniques, defensive tactics, vehicle operation, weapons, investigations, CPR and first aid, court system, communications and interpersonal skills.

After completion of the program, students must take and pass a state examination to be certified in the State of Florida.

See the Admissions section of this catalog for admissions information and contact the Criminal Justice Institute office for admission requirements and procedures. Program expenses are given in the Financial Information section of this catalog.

Program Outcomes

• Students must demonstrate state mandated basic recruit law enforcement skills and knowledge in high liability training areas.
• Students must demonstrate state mandated basic recruit law enforcement knowledge in non-high-liability training areas.
• Students must complete the state mandated physical training requirements.
• Students must practice professional responsibility in accordance with the Criminal Justice Institute’s regulations manual.

CJ 0092 Critical Incidents 44 1.467
Total Credit Hours 770 25.669

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CJ 0092 Critical Incidents 44 1.467

Other suggested course:
CJD 0939 Criminal Justice Exam Review 24 0.800

Crossover: Corrections to Law Enforcement

Career Certificate

This program is designed to prepare individuals who have completed the Correctional Officer program or who currently are certified as correctional officers for entry-level positions in law enforcement, such as police officers and deputy sheriffs. This cross-training program allows for flexibility in scheduling.

After completion of the program, students must take and pass a state examination to be certified in the State of Florida.

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Program Outcomes

• Students must demonstrate state mandated basic recruit law enforcement skills and knowledge in high-liability training areas.
• Students must demonstrate state mandated basic recruit law enforcement knowledge in non-high-liability training areas.
Auxiliary Law Enforcement Officer

Career Certificate
This program is designed to prepare individuals who have completed the Law Enforcement Volunteer program for entry level volunteer positions as Law Enforcement Auxiliary Officers.

Program Outcomes

- Students must demonstrate state mandated basic recruit law enforcement skills and knowledge in high-liability training areas.
- Students must demonstrate state mandated basic recruit auxiliary law enforcement knowledge in non-high-liability training areas.

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Specialized courses may not be offered every session or on every campus.