

Corrections Specialist

Technical Diploma

Criminal Justice-Corrections Specialist certificate provides students with a marketable diploma specifically related to a career in a jail or corrections setting after their first year of school which would allow them to move into the world of work if they are not able to continue with their education. At the end of the second semester, students are eligible to take the state mandated scenario testing.

Program Outline

| TERM 1 | | |
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| Course # | Course Title | Credits |
| 1050410500 | <p>Introduction to Policing</p> <p>This course focuses on the philosophy and history of policing, limitations imposed on law enforcement in a democratic society in accordance with the Constitution; and the role and place of law enforcement in the total criminal justice process.</p> | 3.00 |
| 1080119500 | <p>Written Communication</p> <p>Develops writing skills which include prewriting, drafting, revising, and editing. A variety of writing assignments is designed to help the learner analyze audience and purpose, research and organize ideas, and format and design documents based on subject matter and content. Also develops critical reading and thinking skills through the analysis of a variety of written documents.</p> | 3.00 |
| TERM 2 | | |
| Course # | Course Title | Credits |
| 1050410000 | <p>Introduction to Corrections</p> <p>This class will provide a foundation to students that will enter the corrections profession. The course will cover Ethics and Ethical Decision Making, Professional Communication Skills, Report Preparation, and Correctional Law. The course is aligned with the State of Wisconsin DOJ Jail Academy requirements.</p> | 3.00 |
| 1050492000 | <p>Corrections Security Procedures</p> <p>Learners will demonstrate the steps involved in receiving and releasing inmates, maintaining security, and practicing the basic principles of supervision and behavior control. Topics include: admission, release, and search procedures; use of jail locking and surveillance equipment; principles of supervision; and inmate health management procedures. All procedures are consistent with the DOJ Jail Certifiability Standards. Covers DOJ topics introduction to POSC, admit and release inmates, inmate supervision and behavior control, supervision of special inmates/crisis intervention, maintenance of jail security, supervision of juveniles, and personal stress management.</p> | 3.00 |
| 1050492100 | <p>Corrections Emergency Procedures</p> <p>Learners will demonstrate the Principles of Subject Control (POSC) in a correctional environment with an emphasis on team tactics, and will develop the skills needed for mitigation of hostage-type situations. Learners will apply current fire science concepts to jail fire-prevention and response, including search and rescue, fire suppression, and use of safety equipment. This course will include DOJ topics POSC, jail hostage response, jail health care, jail fire safety, and CPR.</p> | 3.00 |

Total Credits: 15.00

Talk with a Success Coach about the program outline. Together, you will determine if credits you've already earned satisfy any requirements, discuss possible alternative courses, and choose the best classes if you're thinking of transferring.

At A Glance

How You'll Learn

Summer 2026 Start Date

May 18 - Summer Term Start
June 15 - Additional Term Start for Select Courses

Fall 2026 Start Dates

August 31 - 16-Week Fall Term Start
October 26 - Additional 8-Week Term Start for Select Courses

Spring 2027 Start Dates

January 11 - 16-Week Spring Term Start
March 15 - Additional 8-Week Term Start for Select Courses

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Program Tuition*

\$2,671

*Total cost for degree completion is estimated by current course requirements, books, and supplies. Tuition and fees are set by the Wisconsin Technical College System and subject to change.

Financial Aid Eligible

► [Potential Indirect Costs](#)

This program has a zero cost for textbooks. If you continue your education beyond this program to complete a full associate's degree, there may be additional costs for books.

What You'll Learn

- Examine the role jails and correctional facilities in the criminal justice system
- Adhere to the professional code of ethics for a corrections officer
- Understand the roles and responsibilities of Corrections Officers in county jails
- Apply professional communication skills
- Interact effectively with coworkers and inmates

Your Potential Careers

- Corrections Officer
- Jailer
- Private Security
- Prison Guard

Median Annual Salary

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| \$51,071 | \$42,132 | \$40,043 |
| Local | State | National |

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Get Started

Your application can be submitted online, it takes just a few minutes to complete.

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