



Florida CMS Correctional Basic Recruit Academy

Correctional officers enforce rules and keep order within jails or prisons, supervise activities of people in custody, and inspect facilities to ensure that they meet security and safety standards. They are an integral part of the workforce and have many opportunities to build careers with the Florida Department of Corrections, state prisons and jails.

About the Program

This certificate is a Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission (CJSTC) approved training program. Study focuses on knowledge of codes of ethics; laws, rules, and regulations; search and seizure; supervision, protection, care, custody, and control, or investigation, of inmates within a correctional institution.

Meeting with Public Safety Academy Recommended Before Enrolling



420 Clock Hour Certificate

NOTE: Classes must be taken in sequence and may not be offered each term based on enrollment.

- CJK 0300 Introduction to Corrections
- CJK 0305 Communications
- CJK 0310 Officer Safety
- CJK 0315 Facilities and Equipment
- CJK 0320 Intake and Release
- CJK 0325 Supervising in a Correctional Facility
- CJK 0330 Supervising Special Populations
- CJK 0335 Responding to Incidents and Emergencies
- CJK 0340 Officer Wellness and Physical Abilities
- CJK 0051 CMS Criminal Justice Defensive Tactics
- CJK 0040 CMS Criminal Justice Firearms
- CJK 0031 CMS First Aid for Criminal Justice Officers



Building Block to the A.S. in Criminal Justice Technology after successful completion of program and corrections certification.

Industry Certifications

Successful completion of courses and the State of Florida Officer Certification Exam are required to become a certified Correctional Officer in Florida.

DE Entry Requirements

- High school approval to enroll
- Minimum 2.0 Unweighted GPA
- Meet NFC Public Safety Academy Admission Requirements such as drug screen, background check, physical exam, etc. (see NFC catalog)
- Must be at least 18 years of age upon program completion date
- Must pass Florida Basic Abilities Test for corrections (CJBAT) test to enroll
- Must obtain sponsorship by a corrections agency
- DE students should enroll Spring Term of senior year; classes limited

Related Jobs/Careers

Correctional Officers and Jailers
First-Line Supervisors of Correctional Officers



**See NFC Catalog &
Schedule**



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