



CORRECTIONS/PROTECTION OFFICER & CORRECTIONAL CAREERS PROGRAM

Student must earn a minimum of a 2.0 in each course listed in order to obtain the certificate.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS (26 CREDITS)

CJ 103	Criminal Justice Introduction to ACJ	1
CJ 129	Applied Correctional Wellness	1
CJ 130	Criminal Justice Operational Skills	5
CJ 140	Corrections In America	5
CJ 221	Special Topics - Security Practices	3
CJ 223	Special Topics - Criminal Justice	5
CJ 252B	Criminal Justice Work-Based Learning	5
CJ 280	Criminal Justice Culminating Project	1

Total Credits Required **26**

Program prerequisite: Instructor permission. Students must complete and pass a criminal history background investigation.

NOTE: Students should be aware that certain criminal behavior may prohibit their employment opportunities in many criminal justice occupations. Students are encouraged to research these situations and consult with a criminal justice advisor.

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Pierce College offers the Corrections/Protection Officer & Careers in Corrections Certificate at the Fort Steilacoom campus. This certificate is designed to provide students with basic skills needed to succeed in the security field and corrections field that will apply to any correctional work setting (federal, state, county, city and private).

Courses include the learning process, dealing with difficult behavior and lessons in dealing with changes, leadership skills, cross-cultural communications, understanding behavior, decision making, correctional theory and practice and much more. Students are prepared for work as well as multiple types of testing including video, written and physical fitness tests and interviewing. Finally, students will perform a 175-hour internship at a local correctional facility or private protection security agency where they will apply the skills and theories they learned in the classroom.

The Corrections/Protection Officer Certificate is designed to prepare students for entry-level positions in the following areas:

**Corrections Officer
Detention Specialist
Security Officer
Protection Officer
Security Patrol Officer
Residential Counselor**

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Special funding may be available for unemployed workers and low-wage working parents. See your advisor or call (253) 964.6265.

Program Outcomes

1. Graduates will develop and maintain personal and professional relationships through respect, clear boundaries, empathy and honest interactions.
2. Graduates will critically assess their own attitudes, values and assumptions and consider their impact on individuals and the wider society.
3. Graduates will communicate appropriately based on topic, audience and situation.
4. Graduates will build knowledge of diverse ideas, values, perspective and experiences.

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Related Codes

Intent: **F or J**
Cert: **832G**