

Current Employment

About 5,208 Correctional Officers work in Washington.

Outlook

In Washington, this occupation is expected to grow faster than the average for all occupations. Employment is projected to increase 35 percent by 2008.

It is estimated that there will be 299 openings annually in this occupation. Of this number 227 openings will be due to new positions and 72 openings will result from workers leaving this occupation.

Factors Affecting Outlook

Strong job growth is expected. With “three strikes and you’re out,” now in effect, more Correctional Officers will be needed to supervise and counsel an increasing number of inmates and to relieve tension in overcrowded correctional institutions. Tightened federal sentencing guidelines have also increased incarceration time. Some openings will occur due to the expansion and new construction of correctional facilities. The turnover rate is high. Since security must be maintained at all times, employment of Correctional Officers is usually not affected by economic changes or the overall level of government spending. Nationally, this occupation is expected to increase 39 percent between 1998 and 2008. Average growth for all jobs during this period is expected to range between 10 and 20 percent.

The following is a list of the schedule of Corrections Officer/Careers Pre-Employment Training Programs.

If there are any further issues, questions, or concerns feel free to contact me immediately at (253) 964-6407. You may also contact Christine Pedro at (253) 964-6790.

Dates of class are subject to change. Please contact Christine or myself to confirm upcoming dates.

Patricia R. Love, Program Coordinator

| CLASS START DATE | Information Session Dates | TIME | LOCATION | END DATE |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| July 9, 2007 | <i>April 4, 2007</i> | 2:00–5:00 | Intl’ House | October 12, 2007 |
| July 9, 2007 | <i>May 9, 2007</i> | 2:00-5:00 | “ | October 12, 2007 |
| July 9, 2007 | <i>June 13, 2007</i> | 2:00-5:00 | “ | October 12, 2007 |
| September 10, 2007 | <i>July 25, 2007</i> | 2:00-5:00 | “ | December 28, 2007 |
| September 10, 2007 | <i>August 8, 2007</i> | 2:00-5:00 | “ | December 28, 2007 |
| September 10, 2007 | <i>August 22, 2007</i> | 2:00-5:00 | “ | December 28, 2007 |
| January 2, 2008 | <i>October 17, 2007</i> | 2:00-5:00 | “ | April 18, 2008 |
| January 2, 2008 | <i>November 7, 2007</i> | 2:00-5:00 | “ | April 18, 2008 |
| January 2, 2008 | <i>December 12, 2007</i> | 2:00-5:00 | “ | April 18, 2008 |