



The **Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security Career Cluster** focuses on planning, managing, and providing legal, public safety, protective services, and homeland security, including professional and technical support services.

SKILLED AND TECHNICAL SCIENCES



**APPROVED PREPARATORY COURSE**

Criminal Justice

**OSPI OR DISTRICT APPROVED EQUIVALENCY CREDITS**

Civics/Social Studies  
CTE  
Elective

**INDUSTRY RECOGNIZED CREDENTIALS**

First Aid/CPR/AED

**ALIGNED TO INDUSTRY**

OCCUPATIONS	MEDIAN WAGE	ANNUAL OPENINGS	% GROWTH	JOB ZONE OR RANGE
Bailiff	\$61,850	21	0.9%	2
Dispatcher	\$61,550	206	1%	2
Paralegal/Legal Assistant	\$63,050	1,178	1.7%	3
Police/Sheriff Patrol Officer	\$82,740	941	0.9%	3
Lawyer	\$131,530	1,347	1.4%	5

**WORK-BASED LEARNING AND EXTENDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES**

**Work Experience Opportunities**  
CTE students in many cases can pursue what is called a “work-based learning” opportunity or an internship involving a job outside of school. “Work-based learning” experiences are always paid and students can earn high school credit. Internships are typically paid, but students do not earn academic credit. Individual schools and CTE teachers work with local employers to arrange these opportunities for their students, so your program instructor is the best source of information for what your own school offers.

**Criminal Justice:** A course that prepares individuals to perform the duties of police and public security officers, including patrol and investigative activities, traffic control, crowd control and public relations, witness interviewing, evidence collection and management, basic crime prevention methods, equipment operation and maintenance, report preparation, and other routine law enforcement responsibilities. In an effort to provide students with an experience that closely mirrors the real-world, field trips to criminal justice and law enforcement facilities, interaction with experts in local, county, state, and national law enforcement, judicial system, investigative and protective services are embedded throughout the year.

# POST-SECONDARY PATHWAYS

## DIRECT ENTRY TO WORKFORCE

Animal Control Worker

Court Clerk

Dispatcher

**COLLEGE CTE DUAL CREDITS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THIS COURSE. PLEASE CONTACT YOUR INSTRUCTOR FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

APPRENTICESHIP (Follow these steps to find specific apprenticeships available in this pathway.)	MILITARY SERVICE	TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE/ LICENSE	ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE	BACHELOR'S OR ADVANCED DEGREE
<b>STEP 1:</b> Apprenticeship Registration and Tracking System	Military Police	<b>Criminal Justice:</b> Peninsula College Pierce College	<b>Criminal Justice:</b> Skagit Valley College Grays Harbor College Green River College Centralia College Pierce College	<b>Law and Justice:</b> Central Washington University University of Washington
<b>STEP 2:</b> Search by "Occupation" using key words below <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Law</li> </ul>	Criminal Investigations Special Agent	<b>Law Enforcement:</b> Pierce College Green River College	<b>Criminal Justice Forensic Technology:</b> Green River College Columbia Basin College	<b>Criminal Justice:</b> Eastern Washington University Washington State University
<b>STEP 3:</b> Click "Search" and select a program name for the program standards, qualifications, and how to apply	Paralegal	<b>Park Ranger Law Enforcement Academy:</b> Skagit Valley College	<b>Paralegal:</b> South Puget Sound Community College Highline College Clark College Tacoma Community College Edmonds Community College	<b>CTE Secondary Education Teacher:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education Degree in a CTE program area with 2,000 hours of related work experience.</li> <li>• Industry Route Certificate requires 6,000 hours of work experience in the field and completion of a state approved CTE Preparation Program along with passage of Basic Skills Math and English.</li> </ul>

## COURSE INFORMATION

COURSE NAME	CIP CODE	STATE COURSE CODE	TEACHER CERTIFICATION CODE
<b>Criminal Justice</b>	<b>430107</b>	<b>15051</b>	<b>V430100</b>



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