



# Correction Services

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## Endorsement: Public Services

SECONDARY EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES: Foundation High School Program with Endorsement		EXTENDED LEARNING EXPERIENCES	
Middle School	<b>Middle School--Career and High School Credit Courses</b> Investigating Careers and/or College and Career Readiness Local districts should list high school credit courses here (e.g., Algebra I, LOTE I).		<b>Curricular Experiences:</b> SkillsUSA
	<b>Foundation High School Program + Public Services Endorsement--26 HS Credits</b> <b>Math (4 Credits) Science (4 Credits)</b>  <b>Example Career Related Elective Courses (4 or more CTE credits in a coherent sequence):</b> Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security, Law Enforcement I, Correctional Services, Mathematical Models with Applications, Professional Communications, Law Enforcement II, Disaster Response, Forensic Psychology, Court Systems and Practices, Federal Law Enforcement and Protective Services, Introduction to American Law, Career Preparation I, Practicum in Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security, or Extended Practicum in Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security  <b>NOTE:</b> Districts determine coherent sequences and advanced level courses for endorsement. The final course in the sequence must be obtained from the Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security Career Cluster. Refer to 19 TAC §74.13 for additional information.		<b>Extracurricular Experiences:</b> Explorer Program Language Immersion Programs Mock Trial School Newspaper Student Government UIL Academic Competitions Yearbook  <b>Service Learning Experiences:</b> Boy Scouts of America Campus Service Organizations Community Service Volunteer Girl Scouts of the USA Peer Mentoring / Peer Tutoring
High School	<b>Distinguished Level of Achievement</b> <b>Math (4 Credits Including Algebra II) Science (4 Credits)</b> Curriculum requirements for at least the Public Services Endorsement.		<b>Career Learning Experiences:</b> Career Preparation Internship Job Shadowing
	<b>Certificates</b> Heartsaver® CPR                      OSHA CareerSafe®  <b>NOTE:</b> Certificates may be earned while in high school. Certifications may lead to a <b>Performance Acknowledgement</b> .	<b>COLLEGE CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES -- High School</b> Students should take Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), dual credit, Advanced Technical Credit (ATC), or locally articulated credit courses, if possible. List those courses that count for college credit on your campus.	
	<b>Practicum and/or Work-Based Experiences</b> Juvenile Detention Guard                      Life Guard                      Security Guard  <b>NOTE:</b> Experiences may be started and/or completed while in high school.	<b>NOTE:</b> Outstanding performance in at least 12 hours of college academic courses may lead to a <b>Performance Acknowledgement</b> .	
<b>POSTSECONDARY EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES</b>		<b>CAREER OPTIONS</b>	
Postsecondary	<b>Associate Degrees</b> Program Of Study Specific Courses	Correctional Officer Sheriff/Deputy Jail Officer	Probation Officer Social Worker Substance Abuse Specialist
	<b>Bachelor Degrees</b> Correctional Education Corrections Criminal Justice	Psychology Public Administration Substance Dependency/Abuse	Social Work Sociology
	<b>Graduate Degrees</b> Administration of Law Correctional or Police Administration	Criminal Justice Psychology Public Administration	Sociology
		Attorney Correctional Law Instructor/Professor	Parole Administration Probation Administration

This program of study (POS) serves as a guide, along with other college and career planning materials, for pursuing college and career goals. POS developed 2015. A Public Services endorsement as defined in 19 TAC §74.13(f) (3)(A) requires a coherent sequence of courses for four or more credits in career and technical education (CTE) that consists of at least two courses in the same career cluster, including at least one advanced CTE course, which includes any course that is the third or higher course in a sequence. The final course in the sequence must be obtained from the Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security career cluster.



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## SUGGESTED COURSEWORK AND LEARNING EXPERIENCES

### CLUSTER FOUNDATION

Technical & Business Writing (ENGL 2X11) **OR** Interviewing Reporting Writing (CJLE 1X27)  
 Crisis Intervention (PSYT 2X21)  
 Introduction to Homeland Security (HMSY 1X37)  
 Fundamentals of Criminal Laws (CRIJ 1X10 OR CJSA 1X27)  
 Introduction to Criminal Justice (CRIJ 1X01)

### PROGRAM OF STUDY SPECIFIC COURSES

Managing Female Offenders (CJCR 1X40)  
 Community Resources in Corrections (CRIJ 2X01 **OR** CJCR 2X24)  
 Criminal Investigation (CRIJ 2X14 **OR** CJSA 1X42)  
 Crime in America (CRIJ 1X07 **OR** CJSA 1X12)  
 Court Systems & Practices (CRIJ 1X06)  
 Correctional Systems & Practices (CRIJ 2X13)  
 Legal Aspects of Corrections (CJCR 2X25) **OR** Rights of Prisoners (CJLE 1X58)  
 Probation and Parole (CJCR 1X04)  
 Cooperative Education I (CJCR 1X80)  
 Cooperative Education II (CJCR 1X81)  
 Juvenile Justice System (CRIJ 1X17)  
 Police Systems and Practices (CRIJ 2X28)  
 Use of Force (CRIJ 2X28)

### LICENSES, CREDENTIALS & CERTIFICATIONS

TCLEOSE Basic Jailer License- CJCR 1X100 Basic Jailer Course

### RESOURCES FOR SELECTING ASSOCIATE DEGREES

[College Board](#)  
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**Associate Degrees**



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## SUGGESTED DEGREE PROGRAMS

## CAREER OPTIONS

### Bachelor Degrees

Correctional Education  
 Corrections  
 Criminal Justice  
 Psychology  
 Public Administration  
 Social Work  
 Sociology  
 Substance Dependency/Abuse

Correctional Officer  
 Corrections Technician  
 Federal Correctional Admin.  
 Parole Officer  
 Probation Officer

### RESOURCES FOR SELECTING BACHELOR DEGREES

[College Board](#)  
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## SUGGESTED DEGREE PROGRAMS

## CAREER OPTIONS

### Graduate Degrees

Administration of Law  
 Correctional or Police Administration  
 Criminal Justice  
 Psychology  
 Public Administration  
 Sociology

Attorney  
 Correctional Law  
 Instructor/Professor  
 Parole Administration  
 Probation Administration

### RESOURCES FOR SELECTING GRADUATE DEGREES

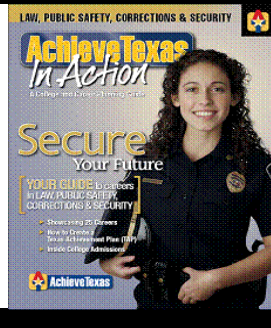
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## Career Exploration Resources

**Texas Genuine Assessment**--An online guidance tool that allows you to respond to questions to help you identify your top three Career Clusters™ of interest. Consider taking this assessment if you're not sure what career clusters interest you before choosing a program of study, <http://assessment.texasgenuine.org>.

**Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security College and Career Planning Guide** is a resource to help you learn more about the occupations in this cluster. You'll also learn about what you need to do to increase your success with college and career. Click on the icon to the right to view.



Use the **questions** at this link to direct your reading of the guide.

Once you read the guide, select your career goal and research it further. Then, create your **Career Narrative**.

**Career Planning & Development Resources LiveBinder**--View this resource to find career-related resources for developing the personal graduation plan, as well as other college and work-related resources that will help you to meet your future career goals beyond high school.

**TEA Graduation Toolkit**--provides details about the new Foundation High School Program and other planning information for high school years and beyond.

**Labor Market and Career Information**--This link will take you to the Texas Workforce Commission's Labor Market and Career Information page that contains important and informative resources for parents and students. These resources are designed to assist you as you explore the world of career choices and opportunities.

## Professional Associations

- [American Correctional Association](#)
- [American Jail Association](#)
- [American Probation and Parole Association](#)
- [Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas](#)
- [Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association](#)
- [Hispanic American Police Command Officers Association](#)
- [Hispanic National Law Enforcement Association](#)
- [International Association of Women Police](#)
- [National Association of Black Law Enforcement Executives](#)
- [National Association of Women Law Enforcement Executives](#)
- [National Black Police Association](#)
- [National Sheriffs Association](#)
- [Texas Commission on Law Enforcement](#)

As you consider your career choice, research related professional organizations. Professional organizations support individuals, offer leadership opportunities, and provide resources in the career field.

Every profession has organizations at the national, state, and regional levels that are available to join as a student, graduate, and/or professional. Professional organizations can assist you in accomplishing career goals, securing scholarships for postsecondary education including graduate school, broadening your network of professional contacts, expanding knowledge in your chosen field, and providing opportunities for leadership in your career. Local and regional chapters may provide you professional contacts who are willing to mentor you or provide you with job shadowing and internship experiences.

**NOTE:** The above list of associations are examples. The list does not include all organizations related to this pathway. It is a starting point for your research. None of these organizations are endorsed by AchieveTexas or the Texas Education Agency.