



Criminal Justice Degree

& Certificate Option



Mount Wachusett
Community College

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Criminal Justice:

A Career With “Security”



There are several good reasons to pursue or continue your education in Criminal Justice at Mount Wachusett Community College :

1. criminal justice jobs are some of the fastest growing employment opportunities in the nation;
2. as crime changes and criminals become more sophisticated, criminal justice professionals must increase their knowledge, skills, and sophistication in enforcing laws;
3. the public continues to demand higher standards and effectiveness of law enforcement officials;
4. through various pay incentive programs, public safety professionals may receive salary increases by pursuing higher education, and also qualify for advancement to higher rank; and
5. criminal justice is also a good foundation for those pursuing a career in law.

With over 20,000 public criminal justice agencies in the United States, there are countless types of jobs available to the criminal justice graduate.

MWCC offers:

- Criminal Justice—Corrections Concentration
- Criminal Justice—Law Enforcement Concentration
- Law Enforcement Certificate

Why a degree or certificate?

By graduating with a degree or certificate in Criminal Justice:

- You demonstrate to potential employers your commitment, dedication, scholarship, and work ethic, all of which you have proven by succeeding in being awarded a degree
- Many of MWCC's graduates go on to four-year colleges and graduate schools
- Getting the first two years of college education at MWCC can help you save many thousands of dollars over other institutions

Career Options

The law enforcement track emphasizes areas such as community policing, investigation, criminalistics, and the administration of justice.

The corrections track focuses on counseling and rehabilitation of offenders, probation, parole, community corrections, and juvenile services.

Careers can include: municipal police officer; state trooper; campus police; park ranger; airport and transit police; environmental police; fingerprint technician; crime scene technician (CSI); police dispatcher; court reporter; correction officer; juvenile probation officer; parole officer; youth service worker; and victim advocate. There are also many federal opportunities, including special agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Drug Enforcement Administration, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, and Department of Treasury (and over 60 other federal criminal justice agencies). Private sector placements include security officer; private investigator; retail loss prevention specialist; insurance company fraud investigator; and work with victims and advocacy groups. (Some of these positions will require transfer and graduation from a four year college.)





Benefits

An education at MWCC also affords internship and networking opportunities, because many area public safety professionals, including police officers, corrections officers, and federal criminal justice employees get their start at MWCC.

Those with a law enforcement degree are eligible for municipal police deployment with five weeks less of academy training. Check out the Mass. Executive Office of Public Safety website for more information.

Transfer Opportunities

For Criminal Justice student interested in continuing on for a bachelor's degree, MWCC has transfer agreements with a number of colleges and universities including Fitchburg and Salem state colleges, and UMass Amherst, Boston, and Lowell. Through Joint Admissions agreements with public colleges, participants with a 3.0 QPA will receive a 33 1/3 percent tuition (not fee) waiver when they transfer. At UMass Amherst, they will receive a 100 percent tuition (not fee) waiver!

Earning potential: \$35,600 and over.

How to get started

To find out more about this program at Mount Wachusett Community College, contact the Enrollment Center at 978-630-9284.



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