



EXPERIENCED PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE IN **General Criminal Justice**

Certificate Description

This certificate provides professionals the opportunity to enhance general technical and commercial skills in the field of Criminal Justice.

Crime and Substance Abuse—CRJS 325—This course examines drug abuse and its relationship to crime. Topics include the statistical relationship between drugs and crime, drug laws, and courts, drug prevention programs, and public policy concerning the use and abuse of substances.

Outcomes:

- Define and evaluate the scope of the relationship between drugs and crime
- Analyze the law enforcement strategies in applying drug laws
- Explain the various steps in processing an individual charged with violation of a particular drug law
- Describe the various types of drugs and drug use in society
- Analyze the relationship between criminal activity and the illegal drug industry

Addiction Intervention in the Justice System—CRJS 340—This course provides the student with an overview of substance abuse intervention and rehabilitative services and models available across the justice continuum. It will cover topics such as addiction issues, diagnosis, treatment planning, and strategic individual and group counseling models and techniques involving diverse populations within the criminal justice system. The course provides students with the information necessary to understand the language and application of clinical diagnostic criteria used in classifying substance use disorders and describing appropriate treatment modalities and placement criteria for the client/offender within the scope of available care. The course will also discuss the ways in which appropriate treatment services are determined relative to the personal and cultural identity and language of the client.

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Administration of Criminal Justice—CRJS 345—This course focuses on the challenges administrators face in law enforcement, courts, and corrections. Students will examine the various organizational frameworks in the criminal justice system and the concepts, organizational principles, and models associated with these criminal justice agencies.

Outcomes:

- Describe and analyze the organizational and administrative structure of criminal justice administration
- Locate and classify theories of management and leadership principles in policing, courts and corrections
- Describe and analyze the roles of police, courts and correctional administrators in the operation of their organizations
- Explain the roles of police, courts and correctional administrators in the handling of criminal justice personnel and their functions

Evidence—CRJS 355—This course examines the various types of evidence admissible by law, including real, demonstrative and documentary evidence. This course addresses the roles lay witnesses and expert evidence play in the legal setting as well as during a criminal trial.

Outcomes:

- Explain and identify the difference between real, demonstrative, and circumstantial evidence
- Explain the concepts of impeachment, hearsay, privileges, and burdens of proof
- Analyze the Federal Rules of Evidence
- Analyze the Exclusionary Rule and its application to illegally seized evidence

Terrorism and Homeland Security—CRJS 370—This course presents an overview of the key security issues facing the United States in both the areas of Homeland Security and Terrorism. It introduces students to the changing dynamics of homeland security at both the national and state levels. Students will explore the various dynamics of providing security in different settings. Additionally the history and future of terrorism will be examined.

Outcomes:

- Analyze the history of terrorism and the impact of terrorist acts waged against the United States and its allied governments
- Identify and analyze the historical, psychological and sociological explanations of domestic and international terrorism
- Identify, analyze, and describe various terrorist methodologies, ideologies, behavioral patterns, and trends of terrorism, including modes of attack, tactics and strategies
- Identify and analyze the governmental response to terrorism as it relates to civil liberties



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Aspects of Forensic Psychology—CRJS 375—This course examines the aspects of human behavior directly related to the legal process and the professional practice of psychology in the context of forensic science. The course explores many aspects of the practice of forensic psychology including assessment, treatment, and consultation within the legal system that encompasses both criminal and civil law. The student will learn the many ways psychology can assist and influence the legal system. Finally, students will be introduced to various career opportunities in forensic psychology and will be exposed to a variety of professionals who work in the area of forensic science.

Outcomes:

- Examine the history and conflicts between psychology and law
- Explain the roles and responsibilities of a forensic psychologist and their relationships with the criminal justice system
- Explain and analyze the techniques of criminal investigation involving criminal profiling, psychological autopsies, hypnosis and lie detection
- Explain and evaluate defense strategy as it relates to insanity, competency, and psychological syndromes such as battered woman syndrome and rape trauma syndrome
- Identify career opportunities in forensic psychology

Offender Rehabilitation—CRJS 445—This course focuses on the various factors utilized to develop personalized sentencing and treatment plans for individual offenders. This course examines the personality of the offender who may be diagnosed as a psychopath, sociopath, drug addict or mentally ill person. Students will learn how to develop treatment plans that will assist in the rehabilitation of the offender.

Outcomes:

- Explain the historical context for treatment in a correctional setting
- Explain and analyze the rationale for treatment methods used
- Apply various assessment and diagnostic techniques for classification of offenders
- Identify and analyze counseling techniques for offenders with special needs