



Background

One of the primary objectives of community/technical colleges is to provide the training and education required for students to best ensure their success in the workplace. Very few agencies in the US require any postsecondary education for law enforcement recruits but that is rapidly changing and for many post-secondary education is important to support their career pathway. Criminal Justice students may have numerous career objectives and dozens of career fields are available to meet those needs. CTC colleges need to be prepared to provide their students with a multipurpose curriculum and provide the same quality of education and preparation for success as those offered in program with a much more focused purpose such as nursing or information technology.

SBCTC Programs

Programs need to determine the core strengths every student should possess upon completion of the program regardless of the positions they are seeking. As much as the advancements in technology continue to play a highly important role in this field programs should focus on some of the more fundamental concerns of students and employers alike. Agency feedback concerning student performance identifies two areas of concern: 1) improvement of student communication skills and 2) writing skills.

Research that is being conducted emphasizes the need to prepare students for their various roles within the system and programs need to identify student's interests, career objectives and qualification criteria. Providing students with valuable field experience through the internship/externship course prior to graduation provides a robust learning experience where students apply the KSAs they have acquired.

Skagit Valley College has a Regional Emergency Response Training Center. It is a resource center for educational institutions (secondary and post-secondary), business and government, primarily serving Washington. The Center serves as a coordinating arm for the College's Fire Sciences program and its Administration of Justice Program, Criminal Justice, HSEM, and Parks Law Enforcement Academy.

Highline College has a Public Safety & Emergency Management Training Institute where certificates and AA Degrees are offered in a variety of security areas, criminal justice and forensics and homeland security-emergency management.

Summary of courses and CJ Programs in CTC system:

Four or more institutions offer the following courses to satisfy an Associate's Degree Program

1. Introduction to Criminal Justice (19)
2. Criminal Law (17)
3. Corrections (11)
4. Leadership/Police Administration (10)
5. Juvenile Justice (10)
6. Criminal Investigations (9)
7. Ethics (8)
8. Criminology (7)
9. Evidence/CSI (7)
10. Report Writing (6)
11. Policing in America/Legal System in America (6)
12. Arrest, Search & Seizure (6)
13. Traffic (5)
14. Constitutional Law (4)
15. Forensics

Fewer than 4 institutions have additional courses in their Associate's Program

- Introduction to Law Enforcement
- Police Psychology
- Alcohol/Drugs
- Communication
- Public/Private Investigations
- Criminal Justice Professions
- Cultural Diversity
- COP - Community Oriented Policing
- Individual Rights
- Conflict Management
- Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault
- Interview/Interrogation
- Crisis Intervention Training
- Firearms
- Defensive Tactics
- Physical Training

	Courses	Intro to CJ	Intro to LE	Juv Justice	Criminal Law	Criminology	Investigations	Ethics	Corrections
1	Bellevue	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	Big Bend	1	1		1		1		1
3	Centralia	1	1	1	1	1		1	1
4	Columbia Basin	1		1	1		1		
5	Everett	1			1		1	1	
6	Grays Harbor	1		1	1	1			1
7	Green River	1			1	1			1
8	Highline	1		1	1				
9	Lower Columbia	1			1				
10	Olympic	1				1			
11	Peninsula	1		1	1			1	1
12	Pierce	1			1			1	1
13	Shoreline	1			1		1	1	
14	Skagit	1		1	1		1		1
15	Spokane	1						1	
16	Walla Walla	1		1	1	1			1
17	Wenatchee	1		1	1		1		1
18	Whatcom	1			1		1	1	
19	Yakima	1		1	1	1	1		1
	Totals	19	3	10	17	7	9	8	11

	Courses	Individual Rights	AS&S	Conflict Mgt	DV/SA	Interview	firearms	DT	PT	CIT
1	Bellevue									
2	Big Bend									
3	Centralia									
4	Columbia Basin									
5	Everett									
6	Grays Harbor									
7	Green River	1								
8	Highline		1	1						
9	Lower Columbia									
10	Olympic									
11	Peninsula									
12	Pierce									
13	Shoreline									
14	Skagit		1		1					
15	Spokane		1			1	1	1	1	
16	Walla Walla									
17	Wenatchee		1							1
18	Whatcom		1							
19	Yakima		1							
	Totals	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

**COLLEGE WITH OTHER CJ RELATED DEGREE PROGRAMS
CORRECTIONS**

- Green River
- Pierce
- Skagit
- Spokane
- Wenatchee
- Yakima Valley

• **FORENSIC SCIENCE**

- Centralia
- Columbia Basin
- Green River
- Pierce
- Yakima Valley

• **PARALEGAL2**

- Bellingham
- Clark
- Edmonds
- Everett
- Green River
- Highline
- Olympic
- Renton
- South Puget Sound
- Spokane
- Tacoma
- Whatcom

• **PRE-LAW**

- Lower Columbia
- Olympic
- Shoreline
- Spokane
- Spokane Falls