

Certificate in Public Safety Administration

The Public Safety Administration certificates are designed for the person who works in public safety and already has a bachelor's degree or who is not interested in a bachelor's degree at the present time. There are two certificates in Public Safety Administration - Level I and Level II. The Level I and Level II certificate courses comprise the concentration in Public Safety Administration. For a list of the outcomes, refer to that section of the catalog.

Students without a public safety background, but possessing an equivalent associate degree (such as criminal justice, fire science, etc.) may also participate in the Public Safety Administration major.

Certificate Core Courses

Level I: Certificate in Public Safety Administration

Prepares the public safety person for an entry level supervisory/management position.

This Certificate is 18 credits. Only 6 credits will be accepted in transfer for Level 1. All courses must be completed with a grade of 'C' or better.

PSA 305: Ethics in Public Safety Administration	3cr
PSA 315: Public Safety Community Delivery Systems	3cr
PSA 330: Cultural Diversity in Public Safety Administration	3cr
PSA 335: Group Dynamics in Public Safety Administration	3cr
PSA 355: Human Resources in Public Safety Administration	3cr
PSA 360: America's Homeland Security	3cr
Total	18cr

Level II: Certificate in Public Safety Administration

Enhances the skills of the public safety administrator. Must complete Level I before taking Level II.

This Certificate is 18 credits. Only 3 credits will be accepted in transfer for Level II. PSA 495 will not be accepted in transfer, and must be taken at Charter Oak. All courses must be completed with a grade of 'C' or better.

PSA 410: Political and Legal Systems in Public Safety Administration	3cr
PSA 425: Counteracting Terrorism	3cr
PSA 440: Research Methodology in Public Safety Administration	3cr
PSA 445: Strategic Planning in Public Safety Administration	3cr
PSA 465: Global Perspectives in Emergency Management	3cr
PSA 495: Public Safety Admin Major Capstone	3cr
Total	18cr

Student Learning Outcomes

Students who graduate with a concentration in Public Safety Administration will be able to:

1. discuss current issues, propose solutions, and describe shortcomings in public safety preparation for and response to the threat of terrorism;
2. identify and analyze various cultures and their diverse historical, economic and societal variations within the context of public safety;
3. apply motivational theory and leadership theory to individual and groups functioning in public safety organizations;
4. apply personal and professional ethical accountability in the public safety environment;
5. analyze and apply the political and legal systems model for understanding governmental, legal, and operational problems;
6. discuss the various models and application of public safety service delivery systems throughout the United States;

7. examine how group behavior affects organizational effectiveness, decision-making, conflict resolution, and strategies for efficient group and task management;
8. analyze problems and needs within the public safety sector, review literature, collect data, measure objectives, and apply analytical skills in a research project;
9. explain the fundamentals and application of strategic analysis and planning in public safety;
10. use effective verbal and non-verbal skills and interpret how they affect personal and professional relationships; and
11. explain the values and perceptions of groups affecting recruiting, training, and evaluation, and identify the current legal issues in human resources as they pertain to the public safety arena.