

 CharterOakSM
STATE COLLEGE

Degrees Without Boundaries

Public Safety Administration



**Advancing the nation's workforce
one graduate at a time**

Public Safety Administration

Police, Fire, Emergency Medicine,
and more ...

The Program

Designed by professionals for professionals.

This program is for personnel who are already accomplished in the field and looking for more.

The curriculum allows students to benefit from the experiences of their peers across the public safety sector.

The courses are accelerated five-week online sessions, driven by student interaction and real-world scenarios so that students gain practical knowledge that can be applied to the workplace. Being limited to practitioners means it's become the ideal program for anyone looking for career opportunities. The flexible, online delivery is precisely what the busy professional needs. It's a practical workforce driven concentration within a degree that's designed to maximize qualified training and academy credits.

“Charter Oak’s PSA program improved my ability to lead, and prepared me for my next career step. I completed the program while working full-time. I am now part of a groundbreaking advanced paramedic pilot program; Charter Oak’s program helped me get there.”

Brian Christison, Paramedic/FTO, San Diego, California

“Charter Oak State College was the key to finally obtaining a college degree by combining my previous college courses with my law enforcement and military training. Thank you Charter Oak!”

Ken Fargo, Director, American Professional Educational Services, Norwich, Connecticut

“Charter Oak provides a great value for the education provided. Charter Oak’s schedule options have provided a mechanism for me to achieve my educational goals while maintaining the flexibility to maintain a full time career and full time family too.”

David Koscuk, Captain, EMS Academy, New Britain, Connecticut



The Public Safety Administration Concentration Core Curriculum

Concentration Course Requirements

36 credits

PSA 305 Ethics in Public Safety Administration	PSA 410 Political & Legal Systems in Public Safety
PSA 315 Human and Community Service Delivery	PSA 425 Counteracting Terrorism
PSA 330 Cultural Diversity in Public Safety	PSA 440 Research Methodology in Public Safety
PSA 335 Group Dynamics in Public Safety	PSA 445 Strategic Planning in Public Safety
PSA 355 Human Resources in Public Safety	PSA 465 Global Perspectives in Emergency Management
PSA 360 America's Homeland Security	PSA 499 Leadership in Public Safety (Capstone)

The Public Safety Administration Faculty

Our teaching faculty come from a variety of backgrounds and work extensively with adult learners. They understand the demands of balancing academics with personal and career goals.

In the Public Safety Administration program the goal is to foster discussion of real-world scenarios, drawing from student experiences, for discussion in an academic setting. We pride ourselves on having faculty with an excellent combination of academic pedigree and practitioner background, allowing students to complete a course with knowledge they can immediately apply to the field.

“Experienced faculty members are committed to the quality of instruction and success of each student. Smaller class sizes allow instructors to give personalized attention just like traditional classroom learning. Courses are accessible anywhere, anytime making Charter Oak the ideal choice for the working professional.”

Jada Bush, PhD (ABD), Adjunct Instructor, Tampa, Florida

“I have been on the faculty of COSC since 2008. The programs offered allow young students and adult learners alike the opportunity to attain higher education and, in many cases, advancement in their careers. A commitment to higher education generally leads to higher salaries, advancement, and better career choices.”

Tom Fowler, Adjunct Instructor, Chief of Police, Salisbury, Massachusetts

Academic Requirements

Bachelor of Science Degree

- General education: Minimum of 40 credits
- Minimum of 36 credits area of concentration
- Elective credits: To bring the total to 120 credits
- 30 credits must be at the upper level
- At least 60 of the 120 credits need to be in liberal arts subjects

Academic Residency

Cornerstone: All students must successfully complete the three-credit Cornerstone Seminar (IDS 101) usually during their first term.

Students must complete nine of the 12 Public Safety Administration courses at Charter Oak State College.



Use the Credits You've Earned! We accept credits from:

- College-level examinations
- Non-collegiate courses evaluated by American Council on Education (ACE) or National College Credit Recommendation Service (NCCRS)
- ACE evaluated military credit
- Qualified Fire, Police Academy Training



“Having garnered years of experience in the fire service I often felt something was lacking – I needed credentials, not just titles. Charter Oak afforded me the opportunity to fulfill what was lacking in my background. Online learning was the perfect fit of convenience and affordability ... I can honestly say I have validated my career and opened the doors to more opportunity.”

Leigh H. Shapiro, *Captain, Hartford Fire Department, Hartford, Connecticut*

Careers in Public Safety Administration

Successful candidates for the **Bachelor of Science in General Studies with a Concentration in Public Safety Administration** are generally:

- Safety professionals with some college coursework, currently working in the military, law enforcement, corrections, fire science, homeland security, or emergency fields
- Associate degree graduates in a related field
- Have successful public safety careers, but lack the bachelor's degree to advance
- Accomplished alumni include many chiefs of police, EMS academy directors, and leaders in the firefighting and emergency management sectors



A College for YOUR Busy Life

Charter Oak is a Connecticut state college established in 1973 to help busy *adult* learners, like you, achieve their educational and career goals through time-flexible and economical degree completion programs. These programs, which allow you to conveniently plan your study schedule around commitments to job and family, have earned Charter Oak nationwide recognition as the college that offers *'degrees without boundaries.'* Our institution is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.



“I couldn’t have made a better choice than Charter Oak to complete my undergraduate degree! The challenging coursework has helped me think critically and excel in my profession. From the admissions office, to the academic advisors, to the knowledgeable and accessible instructors, Charter Oak put together a tremendous team that was there to help me every step of the way.”

Patrick Ridenhour, Chief of Police, Stratford, Connecticut

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