



CORRECTIONS OFFICER CERTIFICATE

Offered at these campuses:

-  **Online**
-  **North Campus** (Williamsville)

The Corrections Officer Certificate Program, as part of the Criminal Justice Program, is designed to meet the needs of individuals interested in pursuing a career in corrections. It emphasizes correctional theory, law and procedures, as well as applied social and behavioral sciences. Graduates may qualify for employment at federal, state and county correctional facilities as correctional officers or supervisors, provided they meet standard physical and moral standards. These positions may also require graduates to pass a civil service exam for employment.

PROGRAM COMPETENCIES

Upon graduation with this certificate, the graduate will be able to:

- demonstrate an understanding of criminal justice vocabulary and structure and function of: law enforcement, courts and corrections;
- demonstrate an understanding of the philosophical and historical background in the three parts of criminal justice: law enforcement, courts and corrections;
- demonstrate an understanding of the impact of various philosophies of criminal justice: law enforcement, courts and corrections;
- demonstrate an understanding of the theories on causes of crime: economic, sociological and psychological; and
- demonstrate an understanding of our correctional system; the use of penitentiaries and prisons in American society; probation and parole concepts and usages; the nature of punishment and present trends in corrections, including post-conviction options.

*SUNY Erie and the Erie County Sheriff's Office entered into an agreement to provide 13 credit hours for Corrections Officer training through the New York State Corrections Officer Training for the basic course for corrections officers.

CURRICULUM

Total Degree Credits: **31.0**

FALL SEMESTER

CR 150	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3 cr
CR 160	Criminology	3 cr
CR 250	Introduction to Corrections.....	3 cr
	Criminal Justice Elective.....	3 cr
PE 202	Physical Fitness I.....	1 cr
EN 100	Composition I: Rhetorical Strategies	3 cr

SPRING SEMESTER

CR 170	Criminal Law	3 cr
CR 220	Criminal Justice Ethics	3 cr
CR 260	Criminal Courts and Procedures	3 cr
GO 101	American Government I	3 cr
PS 100	General Psychology	3 cr

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CAREER PATHS

First-line supervisors of correctional officers; correctional officers and jailers.