People enter into criminal justice careers because they want to help people in their community. Criminal justice is about keeping people and communities safe, righting wrongs and living up to the promise that everyone is equal in the eyes of the law.

Criminal justice gives you the opportunity to use your skills and strengths for good, whether through aiding victims of crime, counseling and rehabilitating criminals or overseeing the progress of someone in the corrections system. For all those reasons and more, a career in criminal justice is fulfilling.

Whether you’re interested in working on the local, state, or federal level, there is always a need for skilled professionals in this field. When you pursue a career in criminal justice, you know that you’ve made a difference in people’s lives.

**SCC is the Right Choice**

- Learn from instructors who have extensive education and experience in law enforcement, corrections, juvenile justice, probation, military, prosecution and defense litigation, crime scene investigation, homeland security, and private security.
- Study specialized skills and techniques for interviewing, de-escalation, crisis management, written communication, investigative, critical thinking, and analysis.
- Graduates with an Associate of Applied Science degree will be prepared to enter the workforce immediately and perform the basic duties and tasks associated with entry-level positions in criminal justice and corrections.
- Graduates who wish to pursue a bachelor’s degree should earn an Associate of Arts degree to transfer two years worth of credit toward a four-year degree.

**Special Program Requirements**

Criminal justice agencies have strict admission/hiring qualifications. Factors that usually disqualify candidates from employment include, but are not limited to, a criminal record (i.e. theft, assault, any felony), history of drug/alcohol abuse, significant psychological/personal disorders, dishonesty, etc. Criminal Justice agencies hire only the best qualified individuals to obtain and maintain public trust and confidence.

**Recent Graduates**

Report a yearly average starting salary of $39,312

**Career Options**

- Community Service
- Police Officer
- Victim/Witness/Child Advocate
- Corrections Officer
- Public Safety Dispatcher
- Social Worker

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or the Admissions Office at 402-437-2600 admissions@southeast.edu

Credit hours required for graduation:

- Criminal Justice
  - Associate of Applied Science .......... 60
  - Associate of Arts ................................ 60

**Tuition/Fees**

- Resident Tuition/fee rate per credit hour $114
- Resident Tuition/fees $6,840
- Books $810
- Total $7,650

- Non-Resident Tuition/fee rate per credit hour $135
- Non-Resident Tuition/fees $8,100

**Equal Opportunity/Non-Discrimination Policy**

It is the policy of Southeast Community College to provide equal opportunity and nondiscrimination in all admission, attendance and employment matters to all persons without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, marital status, national origin, ethnicity, veteran status, sexual orientation, disability, or other factors prohibited by law or College policy. Inquiries concerning the application of Southeast Community College’s policies on equal opportunity and nondiscrimination should be directed to the Vice President for Access/Equity/Diversity, SCC Area Office, 301 S. 68th Street Place, Lincoln, NE 68510, 402-323-3442, Fax 402-323-3469, or jsto@southeast.edu.

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2021-2022 estimated expenses to graduate with an award of 60 credit hours.