

Personality + Career

SCC Criminal Justice program students have a desire to help others and make a difference in their communities. They are problem solvers, quick thinkers, and possess and regularly demonstrate good judgment and oral and written communication skills. A positive attitude and the ability to work individually or as part of a team are also important.



Program	Credential	What do students learn in the program?	What do students earn?	Career Opportunities	Are graduates prepared for/to complete exams for specific credentials/licensing/certifications at the end of the program?
Adult & Juvenile Services and Corrections	Associate of Applied Science	Students learn the history and philosophy of corrections, the rights of incarcerated inmates, and the duties of a correctional officer, as well as the correctional process as applied within a community setting with focus on parole, probation, and other community-based strategies. Students will also take courses related to drugs, alcohol, and chemical dependency. This program is a great option for students who have a desire to work in correctional facilities, probation, parole, or juvenile justice careers.	\$18.50 hourly; \$38,480 annually	Assistant Probation Officer Child Protection Officer Correctional Officer Drug Court Technician Juvenile Corrections Officer Juvenile Diversion Officer Juvenile Parole Officer	Students interested in pursuing a career in corrections and probation must complete academy training. The program provides an excellent foundation for students prior to attending academy training.
Criminal Justice	Associate of Applied Science	Students learn the history and philosophies of criminal justice, crime, courts, corrections, and juvenile systems in America. Specific coursework teaches students processes and procedures related to criminal investigation, report writing, and criminal procedures. This program is a great option for students who have a desire to explore career options in the criminal justice field.	\$17.85 hourly; \$37,128 annually	Assistant Probation Officer Caseworker Correctional Officer Immigration Services Assistant Police Officer Security Officer Soldier	Depending on the chosen career field, students may be required to attend an academy and/or specialized training.
Criminal Justice	Associate of Arts	Students will work closely with their advisor to select courses that fulfill the requirements at a four-year college or university. Students will learn about the history, practices, and philosophies of criminal justice, crime, courts, corrections, and juvenile justice systems in America. Additionally, students will complete general education requirements preparing them for transfer to another institution.	No salary information is reported for programs intended to transfer.	Students in the Associate of Arts program have the opportunity to transfer to almost any institution. Students should contact a transfer advisor at their destination school to determine transfer requirements.	Students are not eligible for specific exams, licenses, or credentials, but often complete prerequisite coursework for advanced degrees at other institutions.
Law Enforcement & Homeland Security	Associate of Applied Science	Students learn the role and function of police in American society, the nature of police work, and patterns of police-community relations. Students also learn about ethics in criminal justice and procedures in investigation, report writing, and community. Students will take coursework in homeland security, threat assessment, and emergency management. This program is a great option for students who have a desire to work in law enforcement at the local, state, and federal levels or homeland security.	\$19.25 hourly; \$40,040 annually	Assistant Probation Officer Correctional Officer Deputy Police Officer	Students interested in pursuing a career in law enforcement must complete academy training to become a certified law enforcement officer. The program provides an excellent foundation for students prior to attending academy training.

No required Tools, Supplies, and Uniforms

Degree and career examples: The AA program is designed to transfer into a CJ program at the four-year level. Many students earn the CJ degree with SCC then transfer to a four-year college for a specialty. For example: If a student wants to be a conservation officer, they could earn CRIM.AAS or LEHS.AAS with SCC and then major in natural resources or fisheries/wildlife at the next level. Those who want to be a criminal profiler can earn the CRIM.AAS or LEHS.AAS with SCC and then major in psychology at the next level. Students who want to work in Corrections can earn the AJSCA.AS at SCC then go on to major in Counseling or Social Work. Art or financial crimes could be LEHS.AAS then art history or accounting.

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Criminal Justice Programs

- Adult & Juvenile Services and Corrections
- Criminal Justice
- Law Enforcement & Homeland Security



People enter into criminal justice careers because they want to help people in their community and have a desire to serve. At SCC, students can choose to major in Adult & Juvenile Services and Corrections, Criminal Justice, or Law Enforcement & Homeland Security. In the Adult & Juvenile Services and Corrections area, students learn to keep correction facilities safe and to help rehabilitate offenders.

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. Law Enforcement & Homeland Security prepares students for entry-level law enforcement work. 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. If your goals involve making a difference and keeping others safe, SCC's criminal justice programs are a great place to start your career!

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The SCC Experience

- » The SCC criminal justice programs offer flexibility to students regardless of the option they select. Students can select in-person or online courses, or a combination of both, depending on their schedule needs. Additionally, students in the Criminal Justice program can select the Associate of Applied Science degree that prepares them to work in the field immediately upon graduation, or can choose the Associate of Arts degree that prepares them to transfer to a four-year college or university and work toward their bachelor's degree in criminal justice.
- » The criminal justice programs offer students hands-on practical application of the theories and concepts learned in the classroom. The downtown Lincoln Education Square locations' criminal justice labs include a jail cell and blood spatter room, giving students dedicated learning space to prepare them for fieldwork. Students benefit from guest speakers and working mock crime scenes.
- » All SCC criminal justice faculty bring at least 20 years of field experience to the classroom and maintain strong industry partnerships, helping to create important connections for students. Small class sizes enhance the level of interaction between faculty and students, resulting in an individualized approach to learning.
- » All three programs connect well with each other, giving students a strong foundation in criminology, security, risk analysis, investigation, natural resources, fisheries and wildlife. Students will be prepared to excel in many fields. With careful advising from experienced SCC faculty, graduates can work in entry-level law enforcement or pursue a bachelor's degree in accounting, art history, cybersecurity, psychology, and social work to pair their degrees together to meet their career goals. Careers are available at the state and federal levels in art and jewelry, financial crime investigations, criminal profiling, game warden, counseling, and other specialties.



Program	Credential	Location	Credit Hours	Tuition/Fees*	Books/Fees/Supplies	Total Cost*	Starting Term(s)	Number of Semesters Required - Full Time	Is Summer Term Required for Full Time?	Online Option	Can the Program be Completed Entirely Online?	Part Time Option	Number of Semesters Required - Part Time	Is a summer term required for Part Time?
Adult & Juvenile Services and Corrections	Associate of Applied Science	Lincoln, Online	61	R - \$7,381 NR - \$8,662	\$850	R - \$8,231 NR - \$9,512	Fall and Spring	4	No	Yes	Students can complete at their own pace.	Dependent on student's pace.	No	Classes are scheduled Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9 am – 2 pm and Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 am – 2:30 pm, or online.
Criminal Justice	Associate of Applied Science	Beatrice, Lincoln (Education Square), Online	61	R - \$7,381 NR - \$8,662	\$1,940	R - \$9,321 NR - \$10,602	Fall and Spring	4	No	Yes	Students can complete at their own pace.	Dependent on student's pace.	No	Classes are scheduled Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9 am – 2 pm and Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 am – 2:30 pm, or online.
Criminal Justice	Associate of Arts	Beatrice, Lincoln (Education Square), Online	62	R - \$7,502 NR - \$8,804	\$1,700	R - \$9,202 NR - \$10,504	Fall and Spring	4	No	Yes	Students can complete at their own pace.	Dependent on student's pace.	No	Classes are scheduled Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9 am – 2 pm and Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 am – 2:30 pm, or online.
Law Enforcement & Homeland Security	Associate of Applied Science	Lincoln (Education Square), Online	61	R - \$7,381 NR - \$8,662	\$1,820	R - \$9,201 NR - \$10,482	Fall and Spring	4	No	Yes	Students can complete at their own pace.	Dependent on student's pace.	No	Classes are scheduled Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9 am – 2 pm and Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 am – 2:30 pm, or online.

*R=Resident, NR=Non-resident. Costs listed are estimates and are subject to change based on the market price of books, supplies, tools, uniforms, etc. Estimated costs also include tuition and fees. Additionally, days/times of week for class, lab, clinical/practicum are subject to change based on curriculum, facilities, instructor, and site availability. Actual program schedules will be provided prior to each enrolled term.