

Career Cluster: Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security



The Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security Cluster helps prepare students for careers in planning, managing, and providing legal, public safety, protective services and homeland security, including professional and technical support services.

Pathway Descriptions

Correction Services workers are responsible for overseeing individuals who have been arrested and are awaiting trial or who have been convicted of a crime and sentenced to serve time in a jail, reformatory, or penitentiary. While the primary mission of corrections is protection of the public, many in this field are involved with the treatment, education, and reintegration of offenders.

Emergency and Fire Management Services workers help protect the public by rapidly responding to a variety of emergencies. They may be called upon to put out a fire, treat injuries, or perform other vital functions.

Law Enforcement Services workers protect lives and property. Law enforcement officers have duties that range from controlling traffic to preventing and investigating crimes. They maintain order; enforce laws and ordinances; issue traffic summonses; investigate accidents; present evidence in court; serve legal documents for the court system; and apprehend, arrest, and process prisoners.

Legal Services workers affect nearly every aspect of our society. Workers in the Legal Services pathway form the backbone of this vital system, linking it to society in many ways. For this reason, they hold positions of great responsibility and are obligated to adhere to a strict code of ethics.

Security and Protective Services workers often work in public buildings protecting property by inspecting people and packages entering and leaving the building.

Preparation for a Career in this Cluster Includes...

Nebraska Career Education Coursework

- Intro to Human Services & Resources
- Law, Public Safety, & Security
- Intro to Criminal Justice
- Intro to Fire/Emergency Services
- Business Law

Extended Learning

- Boys & Girls State
- Debate Team
- Explorer Posts
- Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)
- Jr. ROTC
- Mock Trial
- Student Council
- Athletics
- 4-H
- Become Certified in CPR & First Aid
- Become a Police Cadet
- Volunteer at Crisis Centers or Emergency Shelters
- Job shadow professionals
- Participate in internships
- Secure part-time employment
- Volunteer in this career area



Postsecondary Options: Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security

Students preparing for a career in the Law, Public Safety, and Security Career Cluster have a variety of postsecondary options. They can enter programs leading to a certificate or a degree at the associate, baccalaureate, or advanced degree. The table below shows examples of postsecondary Law, Public Safety, and Security programs of study organized by pathway.

	High School Diploma On-the-Job Training	Certificate/License	Associate's Degree	Bachelor's Degree	Master's/Doctoral Professional Degree
Correction Services	Correctional Officer Security Officer	Criminal Justice	Criminal Justice Corrections Option Parole Option Probations Option	Human Services Criminal Justice Social Work Pre-Law	Law and Legal Services Criminal Justice
Emergency and Fire Management Services	Police, Fire, and Ambulance Dispatch Volunteer Fire Fighting	Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Basic/Intermediate/Paramedic Emergency Management Fire Science Technology Hazardous Materials Technician	Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Fire Protection Fire Science Technology	Emergency Medical Services	
Law Enforcement Services	Animal Control Parking Enforcement	Criminal Justice	Criminal Justice - Law Enforcement Nebraska Law Enforcement	Criminal Justice	Criminal Justice
Legal Services		Paralegal Studies	Administrative Assistant-Legal Paralegal/Legal Assistant Criminal Justice-Court Emphasis	Paralegal Studies Pre-Law/Legal Studies Criminal Justice	Law and Legal Studies Criminal Justice
Security and Protective Services			Criminal Justice- Law Enforcement Nebraska Law Enforcement	Criminal Justice Law and Legal Studies	Criminal Justice

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