



Criminal Justice

If you feel called to help others and be a critical part of your community, you might want to consider a career in Criminal Justice. People who work in this field excel as part of a team. They are also someone who can work independently and get the job done.

No two days are ever alike in the criminal justice field. While some might believe that jobs in this area primarily involve law enforcement, there are several other types of jobs you could get with your associate's degree, especially when you specialize in one of the three emphases degree tracks that Tri-County offers:

- Law Enforcement Operations (for students who know they want to be in Law Enforcement!)
- Generalist Track (for those who aren't quite sure what they want to do within the field just yet)
- Paralegal (for those who want to work on court cases and assist attorneys)

We also have a Leadership and Management certificate that is designed for those wanting to enhance their skills or gain new ones. Those wanting to be promoted or get an increase in pay are often required to have additional education and certifications.

[Learn more about program requirements](#) and related certificates. Scroll to the degree program and select "display programs."

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Courses are taught by instructors who have real-world experience and remain active in the Criminal Justice field today. They support students beyond graduation attendance at academy graduation ceremonies and assistance with job questions. experience.



Hands-on practical training includes Defensive Tactics, Firearms, and a Force Simulation Lab.



Numerous field trips throughout the programs include visits to Police Academy, Washington DC, Museums, Prisons, Crime Labs, and more.



A large professional network with law enforcement, court, and correctional agencies provide many opportunities for internships, volunteer opportunities, and live field experiences and demonstrations.

Career Outlooks and Average Salaries



Job Title	What You Do	Salary			# Job Openings
		Entry	Median	Skilled	
Security Managers	Direct an organization's security functions, including physical security and safety of employees, facilities, and assets.	\$18,793	\$53,782	\$152,701	129
Loss Prevention Managers	Plan and direct policies, procedures, or systems to prevent the loss of assets. Determine risk exposure or potential liability, and develop risk control measures.	\$18,793	\$53,782	\$152,701	284
Security Management Specialists	Conduct security assessments for organizations, and design security systems and processes. May specialize in areas such as physical security, personnel security, and information security. May work in fields such as health care, banking, gaming, security engineering, or manufacturing.	\$34,776	\$58,381	\$100,199	207
First-Line Supervisors of Correctional Officers	Directly supervise and coordinate activities of correctional officers and jailers.	\$34,643	\$43,313	\$73,520	11
First-Line Supervisors of Police and Detectives	Directly supervise and coordinate activities of members of police force.	\$40,685	\$54,674	\$78,150	43
Police Detectives	Conduct investigations to prevent crimes or solve criminal cases.	\$35,573	\$47,274	\$103,141	22
Police Identification and Records Officers	Collect evidence at crime scene, classify and identify fingerprints, and photograph evidence for use in criminal and civil cases.	\$35,573	\$47,274	\$103,141	22
Criminal Investigators and Special Agents	Investigate alleged or suspected criminal violations of Federal, state, or local laws to determine if evidence is sufficient to recommend prosecution.	\$35,573	\$47,274	\$103,141	22
Immigration and Customs Inspectors	Investigate and inspect persons, common carriers, goods, and merchandise, arriving in or departing from the United States or between states to detect violations of immigration and customs laws and regulations.	\$35,573	\$47,274	\$103,141	22
Police Patrol Officers	Patrol assigned area to enforce laws and ordinances, regulate traffic, control crowds, prevent crime, and arrest violators.	\$30,725	\$39,589	\$54,370	263

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Sheriffs and Deputy Sheriffs	Enforce law and order in rural or unincorporated districts or serve legal processes of courts. May patrol courthouse, guard court or grand jury, or escort defendants.	\$30,725	\$39,589	\$54,370	263
Private Detectives and Investigators	Gather, analyze, compile and report information regarding individuals or organizations to clients, or detect occurrences of unlawful acts or infractions of rules in private establishment.	\$23,871	\$49,527	\$121,006	10
Retail Loss Prevention Specialists	Implement procedures and systems to prevent merchandise loss. Conduct audits and investigations of employee activity. May assist in developing policies, procedures, and systems for safeguarding assets.	\$16,768	\$22,283	\$37,196	87
Paralegals and Legal Assistants	Assist lawyers by investigating facts, preparing legal documents, or researching legal precedent. Conduct research to support a legal proceeding, to formulate a defense, or to initiate legal action.	\$26,164	\$40,660	\$72,980	203
Legal Secretaries	Perform secretarial duties using legal terminology, procedures, and documents. Prepare legal papers and correspondence, such as summonses, complaints, motions, and subpoenas. May also assist with legal research.	\$30,808	\$38,784	\$49,932	57

