

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Program Number: 10-504-2

Associate of Applied Science Degree

Campus: Fond du Lac

This program is eligible for financial aid (<http://www.morainepark.edu/financial-aid/>)

Prepare for a variety of corrections positions and begin a rewarding career with the Criminal Justice associate degree program at Moraine Park.

About the Program

The Criminal Justice program prepares students to take on a variety of roles in the corrections and criminal justice field. This accredited, two-year program prepares students to work in less restrictive settings, such as group homes, to highly-restrictive maximum-security prisons and careers in law enforcement and community-based programs.

To be successful in this program, students must have strong ethical standards, supportive attitudes and positive values. They must also be effective listeners and negotiators.

What You'll Learn

To prepare for work in the criminal justice field, students must learn to manage emergencies, conduct investigations, interpret legal standards and think critically. Students gain the communication, social and people skills needed to succeed in the field. Criminal justice students also learn valuable counseling skills.

With many counties requiring an associate of applied science degree or 60 college credits, graduates of Moraine Park's program qualify for roles at correctional facilities and can expect to earn \$15 to \$16 per hour.

Students may begin criminal justice employment immediately upon graduation, transfer into a bachelor's degree program in criminal justice, or work to get the combination of experience and education required for specific positions such as probation and parole agent. Many current professionals enroll in the program to advance their career.

Transfer Opportunities

Earn credits at MPTC and transfer to a four-year college to earn your bachelor's degree.

Visit the Transfer Opportunities (<https://www.morainepark.edu/academics/transfer-information/transfer-to-a-four-year-college/>) page for more information on credit transfer agreements between Moraine Park and four-year colleges, both public and private.

Admission Process

Standard Admissions (<http://www.morainepark.edu/admissions/new-student/how-to-apply-for-admissions/>) steps details

This program also requires:

- Criminal Background Check

Credit for Prior Learning

Earn college credit outside the classroom through Moraine Park's Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) opportunities. Credit opportunities are available for:

- Previous college coursework from prior institutions
- Military training and experience
- Passing of MPTC or national exams
- Skills or knowledge developed on the job or through other life experiences

Visit MPTC's Credit for Prior Learning (<https://www.morainepark.edu/academics/transfer-information/credit-for-prior-learning/>) page for more information.

Approximate Costs

- \$141.00 per credit (resident)
- \$211.50 per credit (out-of-state resident)
- Online students are not charged out-of-state fees.
- Please refer to the MPTC Student Handbook (<http://www.morainepark.edu/studenthandbook/>) for additional enrollment fee information.

Financial Aid

Financial Aid is provided to aid eligible associate degree and technical diploma programs with 28 credits or more. Processing can take 6-8 weeks after a student's completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA (<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa/>)) is received. Visit the Financial Aid (<https://www.morainepark.edu/pay-for-college/financial-aid/>) page to learn more.

Course Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
Semester 1		
103-159	Computer Literacy - Microsoft Office	1
504-108	Foundations in Policing	3
504-110	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
504-181	Culture Competence in Criminal Justice	3
801-136	English Composition 1	3
809-198	Introduction To Psychology	3
890-101	College 101	2
Credits		18
Semester 2		
504-112	Corrections and Incarceration	3
504-114	Fundamentals of Communication	3
504-117	Documentation in Criminal Justice	3
Communication Course (https://catalog.morainepark.edu/academic-programming/general-education/communications/)		3
Behavioral Science Course (https://catalog.morainepark.edu/academic-programming/general-education/behavioral-social-science/)		3
Credits		15
Semester 3		
504-143	Community Supervision	3
504-155	Stress Management	3
504-158	Criminal Justice Internship	3
504-159	Juvenile Justice	3

Mathematics Course (https://catalog.morainepark.edu/academic-programming/general-education/mathematics/) or Natural Science Course (https://catalog.morainepark.edu/academic-programming/general-education/natural-science/)	3
Credits	15
Semester 4	
504-136 Paraprofessional Counseling	3
504-113 Criminal Investigation or 504-116 or Alcohol and Drug Awareness in Criminal Justice	3
504-165 Law and Code	3
504-167 Emergency Response and Operations	3
Social Science Course (https://catalog.morainepark.edu/academic-programming/general-education/behavioral-social-science/)	3
Credits	15
Total Credits	63

Program Outcomes

- Think critically.
- Manage emergencies.
- Communicate effectively.
- Demonstrate professionalism.
- Conduct investigations.
- Interact with others.

Career Opportunities

- Correctional Officer
- Psychiatric Care Technician
- Shelter Care/Group Home Worker
- Home Detention Specialist
- Youth Counselor
- County Social Service Specialist
- Teacher Assistant
- Probation and Parole Agent (with a minimum additional two years community-based or related experience or after further education)

Statewide Median Salary for Recent Graduates

\$33,277