MORAINE PARK
TECHNICAL COLLEGE
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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 public safety and human service 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 criminal justice field. This accredited, two-year program prepares students to work within community-based programming, less restrictive settings, such as group homes, to highly-restrictive maximum-security prisons and careers in law enforcement.

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.

Graduates of Moraine Park's program qualify for various roles at correctional facilities and can expect to earn $19.89 per hour in various positions.

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 to a Four-Year College (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

Tuition

Occupational

- $146.20 per credit (resident)
- $219.30 per credit (out-of-state resident)

Associate of Arts/Associate of Science

- $188.90 per credit (resident)
- $283.35 per credit (out-of-state resident)

Online students are not charged out-of-state fees.

Student Fees

- $4.50 minimum per course Material Fee
- $12.50 per-credit Supplemental Fee for Undergraduate courses
- $10 minimum per credit Online Course Fee (Fee suspended for 2023-2024)
- $4.50 per term mandatory Student Accident Insurance Fee

Please refer to Tuition & Fee Information (https://catalog.morainepark.edu/admissions-registration/tuition-fee-information/) for additional enrollment fee information.

Financial Aid

Financial Aid is available for associate degree and technical diploma programs (those that are 2 semesters in length and typically with 28 credits or more). Processing can take 4-5 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.

While attending Moraine Park during the 2023-24 school year, your estimated cost of attendance for one full year includes tuition of $4,375 (15 credits for fall and spring semester), fees of $338, food and housing of $4,052 (if living with parents, $9,614 if living on your own), books and supplies of $2,061, personal expenses of $2,245, and transportation of $2,007 for a total of $15,161. Your direct costs (those costs paid directly to the college) include tuition & fees. The indirect costs (costs not paid to the college) can vary from individual to individual and your own personal needs.

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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
504-114	Fundamentals of Communication	3
504-181	Culture Competence in Criminal Justice	3
801-136	English Composition 1	3
890-101	College 101	2
	Credits	**18**
Semester 2		
504-112	Corrections and Incarceration	3
504-115	Telecommunications	3
504-117	Documentation in Criminal Justice	3
504-155	Stress Management	3
809-198	Introduction To Psychology	3
	Credits	**15**
Semester 3		
504-113	Criminal Investigation	3
504-143	Community Supervision	3
Communication Course (https://catalog.morainepark.edu/academic-programming/general-education/communications/)		3
Social Science Course (https://catalog.morainepark.edu/academic-programming/general-education/behavioral-social-science/)		3
Behavioral Science Course (https://catalog.morainepark.edu/academic-programming/general-education/behavioral-social-science/)		3
	Credits	**15**
Semester 4		
504-116	Alcohol and Drug Awareness in Criminal Justice	3
504-136	Paraprofessional Counseling	3
504-158	Criminal Justice Internship	3
504-165	Law and Code	3
504-167	Emergency Response and Operations	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	**18**
	Total Credits	**66**

Program Outcomes

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

Pathways

- Criminal Justice Associate Degree (p. 1)
  - Emergency Dispatch Certificate (https://catalog.morainepark.edu/programs/emergency-dispatch-certificate/)

Earn a certificate and an associate degree along this pathway. Start with some courses for entry-level employment, and continue with additional courses for higher wages and job advancement.

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

$43,693