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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND FORENSICS ACADEMY

Industry Overview

Some careers are a lifestyle. Whether on the beat or in a lab, public safety professionals are ready to protect and serve the public. The Criminal Justice & Forensics Academy includes a wide variety of occupations: law enforcement, forensics and criminal investigation and the judicial system. If you pay attention to details, have a strong sense of morality and remain calm in crisis, consider the Criminal Justice & Forensics Academy.

Butler Tech Criminal Justice and Forensics Program Overview

Uphold the law of the land with a future in public safety. Explore all angles of law enforcement, from police training to court proceedings, forensics and investigations to crisis response.

The Law Enforcement Lab

- Learn what it takes to work as a Police Officer, Detective, K9-Officer SWAT Team member, Corrections Officer, Attorney, Judge and more
- Learn from members of the United States Secret Service, FBI, DEA and other government agencies
- Take tours of the Police Academy, county jails and use state-of-the-art shooting and driving simulators
- Students will learn how to respond to police calls, accidents, conduct interview & interrogations and write proper police reports
- Students will learn how to conduct pat-downs, handcuffing, traffic stops, tactical building searches as well as use a drone to search and locate criminals during mock scenarios

The Forensics Lab

- Learn to solve crimes by collecting crime scene evidence such as finger prints, DNA, blood spatter, hair fibers, shoe prints and more
- Study real criminal cases, crime scene pictures, and evidence from solved cases
- Learn to process a crime scene systematically, complete crime scene sketches and submit evidence to the crime lab using the latest Investigative technology, equipment, and forensic chemicals and techniques currently being used by crime scene investigators.
- Take tours of real crime labs, speak with real forensic scientists and investigators as well as learn firsthand how to pursue a career in the exciting world of forensics!



Coursework

- Arrest and search procedures
- Report writing
- Court procedures
- Traffic citations
- Crime scene skills
- Ethics and professionalism
- Forensic science

Certifications

- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)
- First Aid Certification
- National Incident Management System (NIMS) 100, 200, 700 and 800
- Tactical Baton

Student Organization

Criminal Justice students participate in SkillsUSA, a student business organization which empowers members with a structured program that promotes citizenship, leadership, employability, technical and professional skills training. Students have the opportunity to compete at regional, state and national levels.



Your PASSION. Your PURPOSE. Your IMPACT.

Skills

Active Listening

Giving full attention to what other people are saying, taking time to understand the points being made, asking questions as appropriate, and not interrupting at inappropriate times.

Critical Thinking

Using logic and reasoning to identify the strengths and weaknesses of alternative solutions, conclusions or approaches to problems.

Speaking

Talking to others to convey information effectively.

Personality

Enterprising

People interested in this work like activities that include leading, making decisions, and business. They do well at jobs that need:

- Attention to Detail
- Dependability
- Integrity
- Leadership
- Self Control
- Stress Tolerance

Career Pathways

- Attorney
- Correctional Officer
- Detective
- Federal Law Enforcement Officer
- Forensic Scientist
- Military
- Paralegal
- Parole Officer
- Police Officer
- Police Supervisor
- Private Security
- Probation Officer

Hands-On Experience

The Criminal Justice & Forensics Academy combines college-like instruction with hands-on activities to prepare students for the technical occupations of the future, providing a pathway to an associate degree or beyond. College Tech Prep programs provide advanced skills in math, science, communication and technologies.

Graduate from high school ready for an entry-level position, choose to enter the work world, or continue your education at a two-or four-year college to pursue a higher-earning potential in public safety. Criminal Justice & Forensics Academy students have the opportunity to earn field certifications and college credits to apply to a college degree.

"I want to help people and this field has always been a big interest. I feel like I am being prepared by using the gun simulator and practicing traffic stops."

Senior Student, *Criminal Justice & Forensics Academy*



Discover Criminal Justice & Forensics Academy through Butler Tech and pursue a career that's right for you.

Butler Tech connects high school students to career technical education in more ways than ever. Complete your traditional academic courses in half of each school day and fill the other half of your day with career-focused labs and on-the-job training. Each moment in a Butler Tech career technical program is a step toward building your future.



See your guidance counselor for application information.

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