

# Law and Public Service Career Cluster

The Law and Public Service Career Cluster focuses on planning, managing, and providing legal services, public safety, protective services, and homeland security, including professional and technical support services. Students will examine the roles and responsibilities of police, courts, corrections, private security, and fire and emergency services.

## Forensic Science – Coastal Bend College



The Law Enforcement program of study teaches CTE learners about the development of, adherence to, and protection of various branches of law. Students will learn how to appropriately and legally respond to breaches in the law according to statutory rules and regulations as well as investigate how and why the breaches occurred.

### Associates Degree in Forensic Science through Coastal Bend College.

Students will participate in work based learning activities when they are not in class with our law enforcement partners.

Please see the Coastal Bend College degree plan below for courses to take and speak to your counselor to map our your personal graduation plan

#### Postsecondary Opportunities

##### Associates Degrees

- Criminal Justice/Safety Studies/Law
- Enforcement Administration
- Criminal Justice/Police Science
- Corrections
- Criminalistics and Criminal Science

##### Bachelor's Degrees

- Criminal Justice/Safety Studies/Law
- Enforcement Administration
- Criminal Justice/Police Science
- Juvenile Corrections
- Cyber/Computer Forensics and Counterterrorism

##### Master's, Doctoral, and Professional Degrees

- Criminal Justice/Safety Studies/Law
- Enforcement Administration
- Natural Resources
- Law Enforcement and Protective Services

### Work-Based Learning and Expanded Learning Opportunities

#### Exploration Activities

- Join the Texas Public Service Association or local criminal justice clubs

#### Work-Based Learning Activities

- Attend court hearings and other legal procedures

### Industry-Based Certifications

- AAS in Forensic Science



### Aligned Occupations

Occupations	Median Wage	Annual Openings	% Growth
Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	\$60,112	5,241	13%
Probation Officers and Correctional Treatment Officers	\$44,054	793	9%
Correctional Officers and Jailers	\$40,186	4,683	9%
Immigration and Customs Inspectors	\$78,104	1,236	9%
First-Line Supervisors of Police and Detectives	\$91,312	253	25%

Successful completion of the Law and Public Service program of study will fulfill requirements of the Public Service endorsement. Revised – August 2022