



CAREER PATH

Human Services

CAREER CLUSTER

Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security

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Correction Services



CORRECTIONS OFFICER

Guard inmates in penal or rehabilitative institution in accordance with established regulations and procedures. May guard prisoners in transit between jail, courtroom, prison, or other point. Include deputy sheriffs and police who spend the majority of their time guarding prisoners in correctional institutions.

Knowledge and Skills Needed

In addition to courses required for high school graduation, essential skills and knowledge needed for a career as a corrections officer are reinforced by taking rigorous and relevant courses, as well as participating in work-based experiences and student organization activities.

(See the Sample Personal Plan of Study for suggested coursework, activities, and knowledge and skills to pursue in preparation of an occupation in this Career Cluster.)

Education Requirements

Occupation	Percent of Missouri employees aged 25 to 44 in the occupation whose highest level of educational attainment is:		
	High School or Less	Some College	Bachelor Degree or More
Correctional officers and jailers	40.1%	49.2%	10.6%
Law enforcement workers	26.4%	41.4%	32.2%
Protective service	29.3%	44.1%	26.6%

Most Common Educational Level: Moderate-term on-the-job training

Note: Be sure to learn whether your occupation has a specific requirement for education or licensing. Apprenticeships are available for more than 240 occupations. Visit www.oa.doleta.gov/bat.cfm

National and State Wage Information

Location	Pay Period	2006		
		Entry*	Median	Experienced**
United States	Hourly	\$13.62	\$17.19	\$22.36
	Yearly	\$28,300	\$35,800	\$46,500
Missouri	Hourly	\$10.53	\$11.84	\$13.87
	Yearly	\$21,900	\$24,600	\$28,800

Based on (*) lower 25% and (**) upper 25% percentile of wages

National and State Employment Trends

Corrections Officer	Employment		Percent Change	Job Openings*
	2006	2016		
United States	441,800	516,300	+ 17 %	17,550
Missouri	9,690	9,800	+ 1 %	210

*The estimate for Job Openings includes both turnover that results from people who leave the occupation (e.g. quit, retire, death) and new jobs that are created.

Educational Opportunities

Note: This list may not be all inclusive. For more information about Missouri schools and programs, visit www.dhe.mo.gov

Allied College

Maryland Heights, MO
(314) 595-3400
www.alliedcollege.edu

Allied College South

Fenton, MO
(636) 326-7300
www.hightechinstitute.edu

College of the Ozarks

Point Lookout, MO
(417) 334-6411
www.cofo.edu

Metropolitan Community College - Blue River

Blue Springs, MO
(816) 220-6500
www.mcckc.edu

Metropolitan Community College - Longview

Lee's Summit, MO
(816) 672-2000
www.mcckc.edu

Metropolitan Community College - Maple Woods

Kansas City, MO
(816) 437-3000
www.mcckc.edu

Saint Louis Community College - Florissant Valley

St. Louis, MO
(314) 513-4200
www.stlcc.edu/fv

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**Saint Louis Community College
- Forest Park**
St. Louis, MO
(314) 644-9100
www.stlcc.cc.mo.us/fp

Saint Louis University
Saint Louis, MO
(314) 977-2222
www.imagine.slu.edu

Sanford-Brown College
Fenton, MO
(636) 651-1600
www.sanford-browncollege.com

Sanford-Brown College
Hazelwood, MO
(314) 687-2900
www.sanford-browncollege.com

Southeast Missouri State University
Cape Girardeau, MO
(573) 651-2000
www.semo.edu

Southwest Baptist University
Bolivar, MO
(800) 526-5859
www.sbuniv.edu

**University of Missouri
- Kansas City**
Kansas City, MO
(816) 235-1000
www.umkc.edu

**University of Phoenix – Kansas City
Campus**
Kansas City, MO
(816) 943-9600
www.phoenix.edu

**University of Phoenix – St. Louis
Campus**
St. Louis, MO
(314) 298-9755
www.phoenix.edu

William Woods University
Fulton, MO
(573) 642-2251
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