



CAREER PATH

Human Services

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Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security

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Law Enforcement Services



PROBATION AND PAROLE OFFICER

Provide social services to assist in rehabilitation of law offenders in custody or on probation or parole. Make recommendations for actions involving formulation of rehabilitation plan and treatment of offender, including conditional release and education and employment stipulations.

Knowledge and Skills Needed

In addition to courses required for high school graduation, essential skills and knowledge needed for a career as a probation or parole 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
Probation officers and correctional treatment specialists	15.6%	26.3%	58.1%
Counselors, social workers, and other community and social service specialists	10.3%	19.8%	69.9%
Law enforcement workers	26.4%	41.4%	32.2%

Most Common Educational Level: Long-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	\$16.29	\$20.43	\$27.06
	Yearly	\$33,900	\$42,500	\$56,300
Missouri	Hourly	\$14.03	\$16.05	\$17.92
	Yearly	\$29,200	\$33,400	\$37,300

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

National and State Employment Trends

Probation and Parole Officer	Employment		Percent Change	Job Openings*
	2006	2016		
United States	94,400	104,700	+ 11 %	2,120
Missouri	2,520	2,680	+ 6 %	60

*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

Avila University

Kansas City, MO
(816) 942-8400
www.avila.edu

College of the Ozarks

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

Columbia College

Columbia, MO
(573) 875-8700
www.ccis.edu

Evangel University

Springfield, MO
(417) 865-2811
www.evangel.edu

Hannibal-Lagrange College

Hannibal, MO
(573) 221-3675
www.hlq.edu

Lindenwood University

Saint Charles, MO
(636) 949-2000
www.lindenwood.edu

Missouri State University

Springfield, MO
(417) 836-5000
www.missouristate.edu

Missouri Western State University

Saint Joseph, MO
(816) 271-4200
www.missouriwestern.edu

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Park University

Parkville, MO
(816) 741-2000
www.park.edu

Saint Louis University

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

Southeast Missouri State University

Cape Girardeau, MO
(573) 651-2000
www.semo.edu

University of Central Missouri

Warrensburg, MO
(660) 543-4111
www.ucmo.edu

University of Missouri - Columbia

Columbia, MO
(573) 882-2121
www.missouri.edu

University of Missouri

- Kansas City
Kansas City, MO
(816) 235-1000
www.umkc.edu

University of Missouri

- St. Louis
St. Louis, MO
(314) 516-5000
www.umsl.edu

Washington University

St. Louis, MO
(314) 935-5000
www.wustl.edu

William Woods University

Fulton, MO
(573) 642-2251
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