

## COURSES



### LEVEL 1

Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security #8550

### LEVEL 2

Criminal Investigations #8554

### LEVEL 3

Law Enforcement I #8552

11th/12th grade Science option:  
Forensic Science #8553

### LEVEL 4

Law Enforcement II #8556

## POSTSECONDARY OPTIONS

HIGH SCHOOL/INDUSTRY CERTIFICATION	CERTIFICATE/LICENSE*	ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE	BACHELOR'S DEGREE	MASTER'S/DOCTORAL PROFESSIONAL DEGREE
Non-Commissioned Security Officer Level II	Law Enforcement Officer	Criminal Justice/Safety Studies/Law Enforcement Administration		
	Private Investigator/Security Guard	Criminal Justice/ Police Science		
	Code Enforcement Officer	Corrections	Juvenile Corrections	
	Certified Law Enforcement Planner	Criminalistics and Criminal Science	Cyber/ Computer Forensics and Counterterrorism	Natural Resources Law Enforcement and Protective Services

Additional industry based certification information is available from the TEA CTE website.

For more information on postsecondary options for this program of study, visit TXCTE.org.

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%

### WORK BASED LEARNING AND EXPANDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

#### Exploration Activities:

Texas Public Service Association;  
criminal justice clubs

#### Work Based Learning Activities:

Attend court hearings and other legal procedures.

The Law Enforcement program of study teaches students about the development of, adherence to, and protection of various branches of law. Students may 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.



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 protective agencies of fire and emergency services.

Successful completion of the Law Enforcement, Investigations, Security, and Corrections program of study will fulfill requirements of the Public Service Endorsement. Approved Statewide Program of Study - September 2019



# Public Services Endorsement



Law,  
Public Safety,  
Corrections  
& Security

## LAW ENFORCEMENT

(It is recommended students follow the program of study sequence level 1-4 as outlined by TEA.)

### Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security (9-10) #8550

Introduces students to professions in law enforcement, security, corrections, and fire and emergency management services. Students will examine the roles and responsibilities of police, courts, corrections, private security, and protective agencies of fire and emergency services.

SEM: 2 CR: 1

### Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections, & Security Dual (11-12) #8551 (College credit course - Northwest Vista College)

SEM: 1 CR: 1

### Law Enforcement I (10-12) #8552

An overview of the history, organization, and functions of local, state, and federal law enforcement. This course includes the role of constitutional law, the United States legal system, criminal law, law enforcement terminology, and the classification and elements of crime.

PR: Prin. of Law, Public Safety, Corr, & Security

SEM: 2 CR: 1

### Criminal Investigation (11-12) #8554

Students will understand basic functions of criminal investigations and procedures and will learn how to investigate or follow up during investigations. Students will learn terminology and investigative procedures related to criminal investigation, crime scene processing, evidence collection, fingerprinting, and courtroom presentation. Through case studies and simulated crime scenes, students will collect and analyze evidence such as fingerprint analysis, bodily fluids, hairs, fibers, shoe and tire impressions, bite marks, drugs, tool marks, firearms and ammunition, blood spatter, digital evidence, and other types of evidence.

SEM: 2 CR: 1

### Law Enforcement II (11-12) #8556

Law Enforcement II provides the knowledge and skills necessary to prepare for a career in law enforcement. This course includes the ethical and legal responsibilities, operation of police and emergency telecommunication equipment, and courtroom testimony.

SEM: 2 CR: 1

### Forensic Science (11-12) #8553

Students learn terminology and investigative procedures related to crime scene questioning and interviewing, criminal behavior characteristics, truth detection, and scientific procedures used to solve crimes. Students will use scientific methods such as fingerprint analysis, ballistics, and blood spatter analysis to collect and analyze evidence.

PR: Biology & Chemistry

SEM: 2 Science CR: 1