

# EVCC CAREER PATHWAYS Criminal Justice

Career Cluster: Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE

EvCC offers several degree options in the [Criminal Justice](#) field. The Associate in Applied Science Transfer degree in Criminal Justice prepares students for possible employment in the criminal justice field and offers the additional opportunity to transfer to Central Washington University's Information Technology and Administrative Management (ITAM) bachelor's degree program on the EvCC campus. The ITAM program provides additional education and skill-building in leadership and management that broadens career options.

The Criminal Justice Associate in Applied Science - Transfer COHORT option is an opportunity for professionals, who are already working in the field of criminal justice, the potential to further their careers by successfully completing an accelerated online AAS-T degree option. The cohort design provides students with support, flexibility, and the opportunity to exchange ideas and network with fellow professionals while completing their online degree.

The Associate in Arts and Sciences Direct Transfer degree in Criminal Justice is appropriate for students planning to transfer to a university for a major in criminal justice or a related field.

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE PLA

**Prior Learning Assessment (PLA)** is the process of awarding college credit for learning that has taken place away from the college classroom. Everett Community College's Criminal Justice Program has entered into an agreement with the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission to allow 20 college level credits for successful completion of the Washington State Basic Law Enforcement Academy. These 20 credits will be applied to specific courses in EvCC's Associate of Applied Science - Transfer (AAS-T) degree curriculum.

## EVCC ADMISSIONS OPTIONS

Students who have earned a high school diploma or GED or students over the age of 18 may apply to Everett Community College online. Alternative options are listed below. Remember,

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[Admission Application](#)

[English as a Second Language](#)

[Adult Basic Education](#)

[Youth Re-engagement](#)

[College in the High School](#)

[Running Start](#)

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM CONTACTS

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## AAS-DT DEGREE

The [Associate in Arts and Sciences Direct Transfer](#) degree is a general education degree with an emphasis in Criminal Justice, and transfers directly to most universities.

## AAS-T DEGREE

The [Associate in Applied Science in Criminal Justice](#) is considered a technical degree and prepares the qualified student for more immediate employment in the criminal justice field with the opportunity for transfer to a Bachelor's program.

## CAREER AND EMPLOYMENT OPTIONS

Education requirements range from a high school diploma to a college degree or higher. Most police and detectives must graduate from their agency's training academy before getting on-the-job training. Candidates must be U.S. citizens, usually at least 21 years old, and meet rigorous physical and personal qualifications.

Job titles include, but are not limited to, Police Officer, Patrolman, Patrol Officer, Public Safety Officer, Law Enforcement Officer, Criminal Investigator, Special Agent

[O\\*NET Online](#)

[Bureau of Labor Statistics](#)

[CareerOneStop](#)

## FOUR YEAR DEGREE OPTIONS

The Associate in Arts and Sciences Direct Transfer degree is a general education degree with an emphasis in Criminal Justice, and transfers directly to most universities. **NOTE:** Though courses in a foreign language are not required for the EvCC Direct Transfer degree, some universities may require two or three quarters of foreign language for admission or graduation.

Transfer options include:

[Central Washington University's Law and Justice Program](#)

[University of Washington - Tacoma](#)

[Washington State University](#)

## CAREER AND EMPLOYMENT DATA - SNOHOMISH COUNTY

Washington State Employment Security Department (WSESD) provides data and information about occupations and careers.

[WSESD Snohomish County High Demand Occupations](#)