

CRIMINAL JUSTICE LEADERSHIP

Official Certificate Program



Central to Becoming a Justice Leader.

Central's Official Certificate Program in Criminal Justice Leadership provides professionals working in the field with the knowledge of the relevant theories and practices relating to criminal justice leadership. This includes the interpretation and evaluation of research, management of criminal justice employees, development of criminal justice organizations, and implementation of program policy. Graduates learn the fundamental principles and methods needed to effectively lead in criminal justice and related organizations. Courses from the Certificate Program can be applied towards the MA in Criminal Justice Administration.

Program Features

- Starts every January and August
- 12-credit program
- Attend full- or part-time
- Geared towards professionals in the field
- Stackable certificate can be credited toward an MA in Criminal Justice Administration
- Courses offered in online and HyFlex format
- Access to nationally and internationally recognized experts in policing, probation, cybercrime, hate crimes, and victimization
- No GMAT/GRE required



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What You'll Gain

- Skills to assist criminal justice agencies with identifying and addressing their research needs.
- Capacity to apply leadership principles to agency needs and implement appropriate strategies.
- Ability to apply methods of organizational/program analysis, theoretical concepts, and field experience to identify challenges to organizational effectiveness and suggest methods for improvement.
- Understanding of how evidence-based practices can be used in the management of the organization.

Leadership Certificate Curriculum

All students must take CJ 571 and then choose 3 additional courses

CJ 571: Applied Methods and Data Analysis

CJ 573: Managing Criminal Justice Employees

CJ 574: Effective Criminal Justice Leadership

CJ 575: Developing Criminal Justice Organizations

CJ 580: Criminal Justice Policy Implementation and Effectiveness

Applying for Admission

For consideration, applicants must hold a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher learning and submit the following:

1. A completed online application with supplemental materials (ccsu.edu/apply):
 - A formal application essay focused on:
 - Academic and work history
 - Reason for pursuing graduate studies in criminal justice
 - Future career goals
 - Resume
2. Official undergraduate and graduate transcripts from a regionally accredited institution of higher education with a minimum GPA of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale. A GPA of 2.70 to 2.99 GPA or commensurate work experience also may be considered conditionally.

In addition, the department requires:

- 3 years full-time work experience in criminal justice or a related field, or currently be in a verifiable leadership role/position within a criminal justice agency and have no less than 2 years of criminal justice experience.

Official transcripts may be sent directly to the Graduate Recruitment & Admissions Office:

By Mail: Central Connecticut State University
Graduate Recruitment & Admissions Office
1615 Stanley Street
Central Welcome Center
New Britain, CT 06050

By Email: graduateadmissions@ccsu.edu

ABOUT CENTRAL:

Central Connecticut State University is the largest university within the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities system. Founded in 1849, Central is also the state's oldest publicly funded university. Our campus is located in New Britain, Connecticut. Central is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE).

