TENNESSEE CAREERS®

Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security

Career Cluster Guide

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Four Steps to Career Success

About the Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security Career Cluster

Careers in the Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security Career Cluster encompass planning, managing, and providing legal, public safety, and protective services and homeland security, including professional and technical support services.

GET STARTED TODAY!

1
Assess Yourself
Identify your strengths. Then compare them with job expectations in favorite fields.

2
Check the Labor Market
See how a specific occupation fares in Tennessee. Turn to pages 4 and 5.

3
Find Schools and Educational Programs
Find information on education, training, financial aid, and licensing. See pages 6 and 7.

4
Find Employers and Job Openings
Check out the Web sites below or visit your local career centers to find out about opportunities in Tennessee.

Free Online Resources to Explore Careers

Tennessee Career Information Delivery System (TCIDS): http://tcids.tbr.edu/
KUDER Tennessee College and Career Planning System prepared by edamerica:
http://www.planningyourdreams.org/
Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development:
Education, wages, jobs and more: http://www.sourcetn.org
Youth pages: http://state.tn.us/labor-wfd/youth
Career Center locations: http://www.state.tn.us/labor-wfd/cc/
Tennessee Department of Education, Career and Technical Education: http://www.tennessee.gov/education/cte/
Online Tennessee Board of Regents ROCC Virtual Career Center: http://careers.rodp.org/
College for TN, powered by xap: http://www.collegefortn.org/

SECONDARY PROGRAMS OF STUDY*	Specific Occupations
Law Enforcement Services	• Administrative Law Judges, Adjudicators, and Hearing Officers • Bailiffs • Detectives and Criminal Investigators • Fire Fighters • Fire Inspectors and Investigators • First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Fire Fighting and Prevention Workers • First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Police and Detectives • First-Line Supervisors/Managers, Protective Service Workers, All Others • Fish and Game Wardens • Forensic Science Technicians • Forest Fire Inspectors and Prevention Specialists • Judges, Magistrate Judges, and Magistrates • Law Clerks • Lawyers • Paralegals and Legal Assistants • Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers • Police, Fire, and Ambulance Dispatchers • Radio Operators
Security and Protection Services	• Correctional Officers and Jailers • First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Correctional Officers • Network and Computer Systems Administrators • Private Detectives and Investigators

Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security Jobs in Tennessee

Title	Basic Description	Projected Total 2014 Employment
Source: See footnote #2.	Source: See footnote #2.	Source: See footnote #1.
Administrative Law Judges, Adjudicators, and Hearing Officers	Conduct hearings related to government programs or other matters, recommend and prepare decisions, determine penalties or existence and amount of liability, and recommend action on other matters.	**350**
Detectives and Criminal Investigators	Conduct investigations related to suspected violations of federal, state, or local laws to prevent or solve crimes. Excludes Private Detectives and Investigators.	**2,830**
Firefighters	Control, extinguish, or prevent fires or respond to life, property, or environmental emergencies. Duties may include emergency medical service, hazardous material response, search and rescue, and disaster management.	**8,390**
Fire Inspectors and Investigators	Inspect buildings to detect fire hazards and enforce local ordinances and state laws. Investigate and gather facts to determine cause of fires and explosions.	**410**
First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Firefighting and Prevention Workers	Supervise and coordinate activities of workers engaged in firefighting and fire prevention and control.	**1,130**
First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Police and Detectives	Supervise and coordinate activities of members of the police force.	**1,930**
Lawyers	Represent clients in criminal and civil litigation and other proceedings, draw up documents, and manage or advise clients on legal transactions. May specialize or practice broadly in many areas of the law.	**9,730**
Network and Computer Systems Administrators	Install, configure, and support an organization's local area network (LAN), wide area network (WAN), and Internet system. May supervise others and plan, coordinate, and implement security. Excludes Computer Support Specialists.	**5,650**
Paralegals and Legal Assistants	Assist lawyers by researching legal precedent, investigating facts, or preparing documents. Conduct research to support a legal proceeding, to formulate a defense, or to initiate legal action.	**6,090**
Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	Maintain order, enforce laws and ordinances, and protect life and property. Perform duties, such as issuing traffic summonses, investigating accidents, and apprehending and arresting suspects.	**12,930**
Private Detectives and Investigators	Detect occurrences of unlawful acts or infractions of rules in a private establishment, or seek, examine, and compile information for a client.	**390**
Transit and Railroad Police	Protect and police railroad and transit property, employees, or passengers.	**80**

1. Estimated wage and employment data are from the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Employment Security Research and Statistics Division (www.sourcetn.org).
2. Job titles and common descriptions are from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Standard Occupational Classification System (http://www.bls.gov/soc).

High Skill - High Wage - In Demand

	Projected Number of New Jobs, 2004-2014	Annual Median Wage	Most Common Education/Training	Suggested Programs of Study	High Skill	High Wage	In Demand
	Source: See footnote #1.		Source: See footnote #1.	See footnote #3.	Source: See footnote #1.		
	40	$49,830	Work experience, plus Bachelor's Degree	Law	●	●	
	480	$47,765	Work experience in a related occupation	Law Enforcement/Police Science	●	●	●
	2,060	$34,748	Long-term on-the-job training	Fire Science/Firefighting	●	●	●
	0	$42,724	Work experience in a related occupation	Fire Protection and Safety Technologist/Technician; Fire Science/Firefighting	●	●	
	260	$50,852	Work experience in a related occupation	Fire Protection And Safety Technologist/Technician	●	●	●
	350	$50,698	Work experience in a related occupation	Criminal Justice Studies; Law Enforcement/ Police Science	●	●	●
	1,940	$92,232	First professional degree	Law	●	●	
	1,780	$57,660	Bachelor's Degree	Computer Systems Analysis	●	●	●
	1,870	$35,610	Associate Degree	Paralegal/Legal Assistant	●	●	●
	2,280	$31,734	Long-term on-the-job training	Law Enforcement/Police Science	●		●
	90	$28,769	Work experience in a related occupation	Law Enforcement/Police Science	●		●
	0	$56,308	Long-term on-the-job training	Protective Services, Other; Security and Loss Prevention Services	●	●	

3. The suggested programs of study are postsecondary programs.

For updated career information go to http://www.sourcetn.org.

PROGRAMS OF STUDY

TENNESSEE TECHNOLOGY CENTERS, COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY, CORRECTIONS & SECURITY MAJORS	Chattanooga State Technical Community College www.chattanoogastate.edu	Cleveland State Community College www.clscc.cc.tn.us	Columbia State Community College www.columbiastate.edu	Dyersburg State Community College www.dscc.cc.tn.us	Nashville State Community College www.nscc.edu	Northeast State Technical Community College www.nstcc.cc.tn.us	Pellissippi State Technical Community College www.pstcc.cc.tn.us	Roane State Community College www.rscc.cc.tn.us	Southwest Tennessee Community College www.southwest.tn.edu/	Tennessee Technology Center at Chattanooga www.chattanoogastate.edu	Tennessee Technology Center at Crossville www.crossville.tec.tn.us/	Tennessee Technology Center at Jackson www.jackson.tec.tn.us/	Tennessee Technology Center at Morristown www.morristown.tec.tn.us/	Tennessee Technology Center at Murfreesboro www.murfreesboro.tec.tn.us/	The University of Memphis www.memphis.edu	University of Tennessee at Chattanooga www.utc.edu	University of Tennessee at Knoxville www.utk.edu	Volunteer State Community College www.vscc.cc.tn.us	Walters State Community College www.wscc.cc.tn.us
Corrections/ Correctional Administration			C																
Court Reporting/ Court Reporter	A									C									
Fire Protection and Safety Technology/ Technician														C					
Fire Science/ Firefighting	A								A		C	C	C	C				C, A	
Law (LLB, JD)															L		L		
Law Enforcement/ Police Science		C	C, A	A	A	A		C, A	C, A										C, A
Legal Assistant/ Paralegal	A						A	A	A							B		A	
Protective Services, Other								C	C										

C = Postsecondary Awards/Certificates/Diplomas
A = Associate Degree
B = Bachelor's Degree
M = Master's Degree
D = Doctoral Degree
L = Law Degree (LLB, JD)

This chart was based upon the best available information and is intended only to serve as a general guide for educational opportunities. Department names for programs vary among schools. Refer to related cluster booklets for other possible programs. Community Colleges (www.tbr.state.tn.us/campuses.htm) **offer University Parallel Programs, which may also offer opportunities for study in this field. Contact the schools' academic departments or your school advisor for current programs and degrees:** www.tbr.state.tn.us/campuses.htm **and** http:/www.tennessee.edu/.

For financial aid information, go to the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation, http://Tennessee.gov/tsac/about_us.htm, or The Source, www.sourcetn.org (Services for Individuals, Education Services, Financial Aid).

Tennessee Licensed Occupations

Job Titles and Licenses		Contacts
Lawyers Attorney		Board of Law Examiners Judicial Department 401 Church Street, Suite 2200 Nashville, TN 37243 (615) 741-3234 http://tennessee.gov/lawexaminers/index.html
Private Detectives and Investigators Private Investigator Private Investigator – Certified Trainer		Private Investigation and Polygraph Commission Division of Regulatory Boards Department of Commerce and Insurance Davy Crockett Tower, 2nd Floor 500 James Robertson Pkwy. Nashville, TN 37243 (615) 741-4827 http://tennessee.gov/commerce/boards/pi/index.html
Security Guards Contract Security Company (Individual or Agent) Security Certified Trainer Security Officer/Guard		Private Protective Services Division of Regulatory Boards Department of Commerce and Insurance Davy Crockett Tower, 2nd Floor 500 James Robertson Pkwy. Nashville, TN 37243 (615) 741-6382 http://tennessee.gov/commerce/boards/pps/index.html

Discover your talents

Tennessee Career Information Delivery System (TCIDS): http://tcids.tbr.edu/
The Source: http://www.sourcetn.org

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http://www.tennessee.gov/education/cte

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