Criminal Justice Certificate

For full program description, official requirements and course titles visit www.northshore.edu/academics/programs/crc/official.

NSCC’s Criminal Justice Certificate program offers career education and a credential for those entering or currently working in the field of criminal justice. This program can lead directly into the two-year Criminal Justice Program.

Career Pathway: Investigative, Law

Types of courses:
- English composition
- Criminal law
- Principles of corrections

How to start:
Admissions: Open Admissions
- Proof of high school graduation or equivalent is required for admission to program.

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Always check for the most up-to-date course information & career data at www.northshore.edu/grad/information.html

Project GRAD
at North Shore Community College

Project GRAD is a part-time evening and weekend opportunity to prepare for careers in health and legal fields. It features achievement coaches, cohort classes, online learning, and tutoring. Project GRAD is funded with a grant from the U.S. Department of Education Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education.

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What is Criminal Justice?

Job Responsibilities
- Protect people and ensure that laws are followed.

Related Job Titles
Security Personnel, Private Investigator, Patrol Officer

What Makes This Job Hot?
There are many opportunities within the field of criminal justice. For example, there continues to be a strong need for security personnel. In Massachusetts, this job is expected to grow by 7% from 2008-2018.

Where can a Criminal Justice Certificate take me?

Possible promotion tracks:
This certificate is designed to broaden participants’ opportunities in the field of criminal justice, and prepare them for an associates degree in Criminal Justice. It helps make participants more competitive for entry-level positions in the criminal justice field as well as for state and federal exams related to law enforcement and security. It is important that students interested in criminal justice opportunities speak to the program chair about possible career paths.

Advanced positions include:
- Police Officer (requires academy training and/or exam)
- Probation Officer
- Detective
- Forensic Investigator

Useful Links
www.careerinfonet.org
http://masscis.intocareers.org

Average hourly wages in Massachusetts

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Graduate from North Shore Community College
Work in the field of Criminal Justice.
Continue with higher education and/or training

NSCC offers training for all these jobs!