

# Criminal Justice

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT / ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM

## About This Program

The Carrington College Criminal Justice program, with an emphasis on private security/loss prevention, prepares graduates for entry-level employment in public or private sector jobs in the fields of private security, private/retail loss prevention, transportation security and community service. The program culminates in a Certificate of Achievement or an Associate of Science degree\*.

Important information about the educational debt, earnings and completion rate of students who attended this program can be found at [carrington.edu/cc/cj](http://carrington.edu/cc/cj).

Program availability varies by location. Carrington College reserves the right to update information as it becomes available. For the most updated information, visit [carrington.edu](http://carrington.edu).

\*Graduates of the Criminal Justice Certificate of Achievement program within the State of California are eligible to complete the Associate of Science degree program via the online degree-completion option.

## General Education Coursework

Students in Carrington College's certificate programs complete technical coursework and participate in an online career development seminar course.

In Carrington College's degree programs, students also complete a broad base of general education course offerings focusing on:

- English composition
- Computer literacy
- Mathematics
- Social sciences
- Science

## Technical Coursework

The Criminal Justice program's learning structure is a combination of lectures, hands-on activities in class and Internet research covering a diverse range of relevant topics. The curriculum covers criminal justice procedure, investigation, and security and loss prevention.

Total coursework for certificate (credit hours)	33
Total general education course work (credit hours)	27
Total credit hours required for associate degree*	60
Certificate Program Length	36 weeks (not including breaks)
Degree Program Length	72 weeks (not including breaks)

Carrington's academic catalog, available at [carrington.edu/carrington-college/catalog](http://carrington.edu/carrington-college/catalog), provides the most current and detailed program information, including admission and graduation requirements.

### Careers in Criminal Justice\*

Protecting our communities and their citizens is one of the most rewarding careers available. Graduates of Carrington College's Criminal Justice program may find employment opportunities in the positions listed below:

- Investigator or loss prevention officer
- Correctional officer
- Private or corporate security
- Security guard
- Transit and railroad police

### Knowledge and Skills

Upon completion of the Criminal Justice program, graduates will be able to:

- Demonstrate a working knowledge of the US criminal justice system, including an understanding of investigative rules and methods
- Demonstrate the ability to apply critical thinking, work collaboratively, communicate clearly and act professionally

### Accreditation, Approvals and Program Availability

Carrington College is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACCJC/WASC), 10 Commercial Blvd., Suite 204, Novato, CA 94949, 415 506 0234, an institutional accrediting body recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and the US Department of Education. Additional information about accreditation, including the filing of complaints against member institutions, can be found at [accjc.org](http://accjc.org).

For comprehensive information on Carrington's accreditation, licenses and approvals, visit [carrington.edu/accreditation](http://carrington.edu/accreditation).

The Criminal Justice program is offered to new students online\* and at:

LAS VEGAS, NV  
MESA, AZ  
PHOENIX, AZ  
TUCSON, AZ

\*Conferred from the Sacramento, CA campus.

\* Applicants for jobs in the criminal justice field may be subject to pre-employment screenings such as, but not limited to, criminal background checks, drug and/or alcohol testing, physical and/or psychological examinations and credit checks. Unsatisfactory screening results may disqualify an applicant for a position in the criminal justice field.