

UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN CORRECTIONAL POLICY AND PRACTICE

The 100% online Undergraduate Certificate in Correctional Policy and Practice prepares students for the ethical, legal, and operational demands of contemporary correctional environments. Structured around stacked micro-certificates, the program develops competencies in ethics and the law, professional standards and staff accountability, critical thinking and adaptability, effective communication, evidence-informed and data-driven practice, and correctional models and intervention approaches. Through applied, competency-based coursework, students build practical skills aligned with professional expectations in correctional agencies. The certificate emphasizes lawful and ethical decision-making, clear and professional communication, adaptive problem solving, and the ability to apply research and data to improve outcomes. Therefore, graduates are prepared to meet increasing expectations for accountability, professional conduct, and effective supervision across correctional settings. This certificate represents a strategic investment for individuals seeking to strengthen their readiness for correctional careers and advance professionalism within correctional organizations.

Code	Title	Hours
Undergraduate Certificate in Correctional Policy and Practice		
Required Courses		
Micro-Certificate in Ethics and the Law in Correctional Settings		3
CJCB 3100	Reasoning and Judgment in Criminal Justice	
CJCB 3101	Legal Compliance in Criminal Justice	
CJCB 4100	Professional Discretion in Corrections	
Micro-Certificate in Strategic Thinking and Adaptability in Corrections		3
CJCB 3102	Problem Solving and Growth Mindsets in Criminal Justice	
CJCB 3103	Critical Thinking Under Pressure in Criminal Justice	
CJCB 4101	Professional Growth and Adaptability in Corrections	
Micro-Certificate in Correctional Standards and Staff Accountability		3
CJCB 4105	Professionalism and Accountability in Corrections	
CJCB 4106	Effective Authority in Corrections	
CJCB 4107	Professional Integrity & Compliance in Corrections	
Micro-Certificate in Effective Communication for Correctional Staff		3
CJCB 4113	Interpersonal Interactions in Corrections	
CJCB 4130	Communication Strategies in Correctional Settings	
CJCB 4131	Administration Communications in Corrections	
Micro-Certificate in Correctional Models and Intervention Approaches		3
CJCB 3104	Purposes of Punishment	
CJCB 4108	Correctional Rehabilitation and Reintegration	
CJCB 4109	Assessments in Corrections	
Micro-Certificate in Evidence-Informed and Data-Driven Practice in Corrections		3
CJCB 4135	Interpreting Evidence-Informed Research in Corrections	
CJCB 4136	Data-Informed Practice in Corrections	
CJCB 4137	Program Implementation in Corrections	
Total Hours		18

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) marketable skills initiative is part of the state's **60x30TX plan** and was designed to help students articulate their skills to employers. Marketable skills are those skills valued by employers and/or graduate programs that can be applied in a variety of work or education settings and may include interpersonal, cognitive, and applied skill areas.

The Undergraduate Certificate in Correctional Policy and Practice is designed to provide graduates with the following marketable skills:

- Ethical and lawful decision-making in correctional settings.
- Professional accountability and standards compliance in correctional settings.
- Adaptive problem solving and critical thinking in correctional settings.
- Effective written and interpersonal communication in correctional settings.
- Evidence-informed, data-supported practice in correctional settings.