

Law Enforcement Administration (Graduate Certificate)

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Are you a working professional with a bachelor's degree who hopes to work in a managerial position in law enforcement? Advance your career with the specialized knowledge and skills you'll obtain through this certificate program.

Program description

Degree awarded: Certificate Law Enforcement Administration (Certificate)

The graduate certificate program in law enforcement administration prepares law enforcement professionals for career advancement.

The curriculum provides a comprehensive analysis of criminal justice organizations, policing, and program analysis and includes cross-disciplinary topics such as public administration. The program is designed to give students a solid foundational understanding of law enforcement agency administration, leadership and policy analysis.

At a glance

- **College/School:** [Watts College of Public Service & Community Solut](#)
- **Location:** [Downtown Phoenix](#) or [Online](#)

Degree requirements

15 credit hours

Required Courses (9 credit hours)

CRJ 512 Seminar in Policing (3)

CRJ 527 Police Accountability (3)

PAF 520 Public Management (3)

Restricted Electives (6 credit hours)

Culminating Experience: none required

Additional Curriculum Information

Students should see the academic unit for the approved restricted elective course list. Restricted electives may be substituted with approval of the academic unit.

Admission requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree in any field from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

Applicants who are nondegree-seeking students (not admitted to a graduate degree program at ASU) are required to submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts of undergraduate and, if applicable, graduate coursework
3. a written statement of career and educational goals
4. two letters of recommendation
5. current resume
6. proof of English proficiency

Applicants who are graduate degree-seeking students (admitted to an ASU graduate program) are required to submit:

1. graduate admission application
2. a written statement of career and educational goals

Additional Application Information

An applicant whose native language is not English must provide proof of English proficiency regardless of their current residency.

Students from related fields such as public policy, political science, psychology, sociology and other social science degrees might be interested in this program; however, all eligible students are considered. Although most students would likely come from the aforementioned degree fields, there is no specific undergraduate degree major required for admission; the school accepts applicants with undergraduate degrees from all educational backgrounds.

Admission examinations are not required for admission to the certificate program.

Tuition information

When it comes to paying for higher education, everyone's situation is different. Students can learn about [ASU tuition and financial aid](#) options to find out which will work best for them.

Attend online

ASU Online

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may [view the program's ASU Online page](#) for program descriptions and to request more information.

Application deadlines

Fall

Spring [expand](#)

Summer [expand](#)

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Program learning outcomes

Program learning outcomes identify what a student will learn or be able to do upon completion of their program. This program has the following program outcomes:

- Critically apply management and organizational theories to issues in contemporary law enforcement practice.
- Demonstrate competence in explaining the role of proactive accountability measures in creating fairer and more effective law enforcement agencies.

Career opportunities

Graduates of the law enforcement administration graduate certificate program find a strong job market in the public and private sectors. Employment opportunities include supervisory and management positions in criminal justice agencies at federal, state and local levels, such as city police departments, county sheriff's offices, state bureaus of investigation and federal law enforcement agencies.

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