

LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY,
CORRECTIONS, &
SECURITY EDITION

PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

An education– and career–planning
guide for South Carolina students



Dear South Carolina Student,

“What do you want to be when you grow up?” You’ve heard it again and again, and if you’re like most people in school, you probably feel pretty lost. However, knowing what appeals to you or, better yet, what you want to do, can help you focus on those subjects and activities that will prepare you for the future.

But with so much to think about in life right now, and so many career directions to choose from, choosing a career pathway can be overwhelming. Even worse, what if you were to decide and then change your mind?

How would you like to know more about your options? This guide offers you realistic insight into various career clusters and how they might fit into the way you think and feel.

Pathways to Success can help you get started. It is a series of education- and career-planning guides designed to help you make informed, smart career decisions. You can use this information to eliminate options that aren’t attractive, so you can begin focusing on a career direction that is more appealing.

If you change your mind along the way, *Pathways to Success* can help you redirect your career plans, courses, and extracurricular activities.

In South Carolina, there are 16 career clusters that you can explore. This issue of *Pathways to Success* introduces you to one of these clusters. The clusters correspond to different fields within the job market (business, healthcare, the arts, agriculture, manufacturing, etc.).

Each issue of *Pathways to Success* explains what it is like to work in one of the career clusters, what kinds of jobs are available, and what parts of the career cluster are growing fastest. It also spells out the specific ways to prepare yourself for an occupation: majors to choose in high school, what classes to take, opportunities to learn outside of class, and the kind of education and training you can pursue after high school.

Believe it or not, being in school gives you a great chance to explore all of your options. So go for it. Figure out just how you feel about certain subjects. Seek out those things that you feel good about. Then start preparing yourself so you will be able to do the things you like to do “when you grow up.”

Evaluate a Career in Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security

Careers in Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security offer rewarding opportunities and unique positions not available in other industries. Jobs range from protective services such as homeland and computer security, firefighters, security, and police officers to rescuers, lawyers, judges, and legal assistants. Typically, these types of positions are for outgoing people who can think on their feet and enjoy helping others, planning, and protecting. Read on to see if you have what it takes to have a career in Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security.



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ATTENTION:

Parents, Teachers, and Counselors: This Guide Is for You, Too.

This career cluster guide speaks to students about their education and career paths, but you play a critical role by providing guidance for their future. Read this guide and learn more about the Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security cluster. Then, sit down and talk with your child or the student you are advising and help craft an Individual Graduation Plan, or IGP. An IGP is the beginning of a personal pathway to success (see “What is an IGP?” on page 6).



What Are Career Clusters and Majors?

Career clusters help you acquire the knowledge and skills you need to reach your personal career goals. They organize what you learn in school around specific professional fields such as Education and Training or Information Technology. Information Technology, for example, focuses on professions that require highly technical training, while Human Services emphasizes occupations that involve people skills. South Carolina recognizes these 16 career clusters offered at various schools across the state.

- Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources
- Architecture and Construction
- Arts, A/V Technology, and Communications
- Business, Management, and Administration
- Education and Training
- Finance
- Government and Public Administration
- Health Science
- Hospitality and Tourism
- Human Services
- Information Technology
- Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security
- Manufacturing
- Marketing, Sales, and Service
- Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics
- Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics

Majors Clustered Under Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security



Each cluster consists of career majors that are based on groups of professions that require similar talents, knowledge, and skills. For example, Legal Services majors fall within Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security (see illustration above). Each major provides required courses, instructions, and experiences necessary to move toward employment in a specific field such as correction and emergency services as well as law enforcement and legal services, either right after high school, or after additional education in college, the military, or elsewhere.

A Model Career Cluster System

Career Awareness (Grades K-5)	Grades K–2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students learn about different kinds of work. • Students are instructed in diversity and gender equity in the workplace. • Students learn about goal setting and decision making. • Students learn what it means to be a good worker.
	Grades 3–5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students use career assessment instruments to identify occupations. • Students learn about occupations in the various career clusters. • Students get involved in career guidance classroom activities.
Career Exploration (Grades 6-8)	6th Grade <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students begin career exploration activities, including identification of learning opportunities in the community. • Students take career assessment instruments. • Students identify jobs within the clusters requiring different levels of education.
	7th Grade <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students identify the steps of the career decision-making process. • Students identify and explore sources of career information. • Students take career assessment instruments. • Students explore work-based learning activities including service learning, job shadowing, and mentoring.
	8th Grade <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students pick a cluster of study that they are interested in exploring. • Students explore work-based learning activities including service learning, job shadowing, and mentoring. • Students meet with parents, counselors, teachers, guardians, and legal designees to develop both an academic and career portfolio consistent with their academic and career focus. • Students take career assessment instruments.
	9th Grade <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students may declare majors and focus their elective choices in particular areas.* • Students review and update their IGPs. • Students take career assessment instruments. • Students explore work-based learning activities including service learning, job shadowing, and mentoring.
Career Preparation (Grades 9-Postsecondary)	10th Grade <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students should declare a career major.* • Students review and update their IGPs. • Students take career assessment instruments. • Students explore work-based learning activities including service learning, job shadowing, and mentoring.
	11th Grade <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students review and update their graduation plans, with particular attention to postsecondary goals. • Students take career assessment instruments. • Students explore work-based learning activities including service learning, job shadowing, and mentoring. • Students may change or modify their career majors.
	12th Grade <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students complete requirements for their majors. • Students receive recognition for completion of career cluster majors at graduation. • Students take career assessment instruments. • Students explore work-based learning activities including service learning, job shadowing, and mentoring. • Students may change or modify their career majors.
	Postsecondary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students follow aligned career cluster pathways to a two- or four-year college, the military, other postsecondary education or training, or employment. • Students obtain rewarding entry-level employment within their chosen clusters. • Students continue to refine career choices throughout their lifetimes of learning.

* Students are encouraged to review their IGPs and modify or change this focus throughout their secondary school careers with the guidance of educators and parents.

Seven Steps to Success



Determining how to succeed in Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security starts with planning.

Your future career can be fun, or it can make you totally miserable, depending on whether or not you choose one that fits your unique personality, interests, goals, and abilities.

Planning to be a nurse, for example, makes no sense if you can't stand the sight of blood. Forget being an engineer if you aren't going to take on advanced math. And if you live to be outdoors, opt out of a profession that keeps you cooped up in an office all day. The truth is, earning a living for about 40 years is a lot more rewarding—financially and otherwise—if you find the profession that fits you perfectly.

The search for your perfect profession starts with creating an Individual Graduation Plan, often called an IGP, to guide you through high school (see “What is an IGP?” on page 6). Every South Carolina student is required to create an IGP, but don't think of it as a hassle. Instead, look at it as a chance to explore your interests and options and to start working toward your personal dream—whether it's to be a movie star or a minister, a CEO or a chef, an entrepreneur, or an engineer.

Here's a step-by-step guide to creating your own Individual Graduation Plan.

■ Step 1: Complete Assessments

Start putting together your IGP by determining your strengths and weaknesses, what you love (or hate) to do with your time, and your hopes and dreams in life. To find the answers to these and other questions, take advantage of career assessment tools such as Holland's Self-Directed Search, ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery), and the Kuder Interest Inventory available through your school and online (see “What is an IGP?” on page 6).



■ Step 2: Research Your Career Opportunities

After learning more about yourself, put together a list of careers you might want to research. Get the facts about what each possible profession pays,



how many jobs in those professions are available in South Carolina (both now and in the future), and what kind of education you'll need to break into each of them. (For profiles of 25 career options in Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security, see page 8). Use the career information resources available through your school's library and the Internet, including

SCOIS, O*NET, and COIN (see “Resource Roundup” on page 21). Go beyond the statistics, though, to get the inside story on what those who work in occupations on your list really do every day. Start by contacting professional associations and visiting Web sites, then arrange personal interviews and job shadowing.

■ Step 3: Explore Your Education Options



Use your list of possible professions to investigate your education options in high school and beyond (see “Take Responsibility for Career Development” on page 18). Identify both two-year and four-year colleges with programs that best fit your career goals. In the same way, find out about obtaining associate's degrees at two-year technical colleges with programs in Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security. Also, research opportunities for Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security training in the military. Then look at the clusters, majors, and courses offered in high school as well as special programs such as co-op education and dual-credit courses. Learn about academic requirements and tests you may have to take to graduate and get into college, including PACT, PSAT, PLAN, SAT, ACT, and WorkKeys. Also, explore extracurricular activities (see “Learn by Doing” on page 16) related to your list of possible professions, including sports, community service groups, band, clubs, and student organizations such as SkillsUSA, HOSA, and FBLA.

■ Step 4: Talk About Your Options With Parents and Counselors

Assessments and research are essential, but input from your parents (or guardians), counselors, and teachers can also help as you narrow your career and education choices. Talk with them about what you are learning as you are assessed—they can help you further identify your strengths, opportunities, and interests. Tell them about your hopes and dreams. Discuss with them career options five, 10, or 20 years from now. Ask them to help with your research by providing resources or using their contacts to set up career exploration experiences such as job shadowing and internships. Time with your guidance staff person may be limited, so make the most of it. Come in with clear and well-researched ideas about your future, and ask what he or she can do to help you get where you want to go in life.

■ Step 5: Make Your Choices and Document Your Decisions



Now that you are armed with valuable research and good advice from people you trust, it's time to make some decisions. Ask your counselor what format your IGP should follow—it likely will include most of the information shown in “What is an IGP?” on page 6. Select your career objective, cluster, and major, and write them down on your IGP. Fill in a tentative schedule for your high school years. Add to your plan lists of the out-of-class and work experiences you want to pursue and your goal after high school—college, the military, employment, or another option. It's also smart to create a career portfolio, which is a file of material related to the education and career choices in your IGP. This portfolio might include items such as a resume, samples of your schoolwork, and research and assessment information. Once you have documented your decisions, save your IGP and career portfolio as your school directs.

■ Step 6: Review and Revise Your IGP Each Year

A good IGP is frequently updated. It expands and changes as you go through high school. At least once at the end of each year, go back to your IGP and revise it as needed. Ask yourself if your decisions are still sound or if you've changed your mind about your career objective or plans after high school. Be realistic, but don't feel locked in to the choices you made earlier. Switching your cluster or major as you learn more about your interests and options in life is okay. Some direction—even if it changes—is better than no direction at all. Use this annual review of your plan to make choices that are intentional, not accidental, as you grow and change.

■ Step 7: Graduate and Move On to Additional Education or Employment

The goal of an IGP is to give you a clear path to high school graduation, but that's not the end of your road to success. The plan you created will carry you on to college, the military, an apprenticeship, other education or training, or directly into the job market. You likely will continue to evaluate, research, discuss, and refine your career choices after high school and throughout your life.

What is an IGP?

An **Individual Graduation Plan (IGP)** is like a road map to your future. If you stay on course, you'll reach your destination—graduation—with all the courses, skills, and experience you need to take your education or career to the next level. Here's what a basic IGP includes:

Information such as your name and school.

Your chosen career cluster is a field of study such as Education and Training or Business, Management, and Administration on which you plan to focus in high school and beyond. South Carolina recognizes 16 career clusters (see page 2), although local schools and districts may offer different clusters. This guide is an introduction to the Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security cluster.

Your plan for what to do after high school—get an associate's or bachelor's degree, enter the armed forces, seek industry certification, find employment, or pursue other options. Be specific—it's just a goal you can change later if needed.

A grade-nine-through-twelve outline of classes you should take, including core academic classes required for graduation and electives. Fill in the specific classes your school offers.

Your school may make this type of basic IGP part of your career portfolio—a file or folder that also may contain such information as results of your career-interest assessments, examples of your schoolwork, your scores from standardized tests, and records of your work experiences.

Out-of-class learning opportunities you want to pursue, such as student organizations or work experiences.

Individual Graduation Plan				
Name: Philip Hall				
School: West High School				
Cluster: Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security				
Major: Legal Services				
Postsecondary Goal: Bachelor's degree in Administrative Law from a four-year college				
Required Courses				
9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade	
English 1	English 2	English 3	English 4	
Math for the Technologies 1	Math for the Technologies 2	Math for the Technologies 3	Math for the Technologies 4	
Physical Science	Computer Science	Chemistry 1	Anatomy	
World History	Psychology/Sociology	US History	Government/Economics	
Physical Education	Biology 1	Arts		
Cocurricular Activities: Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA)				
Work-Based Learning Opportunities: Internship, co-op education, job shadowing				

Your chosen career major, a field such as Legal Services, in which you plan to work when you enter the job market.

Career Security

Whether you think you might like to work in an office or out in the field, for the government, a business, or for yourself, employment opportunities are numerous, widespread, and continue to grow. The number of different jobs and careers is too long to list, but here are a few to consider:

- Youth Services Worker
- Rescuer
- Private Security
- Private Detective
- Industrial Espionage Security
- Computer Forensics Specialist
- Park Ranger
- Immigration and Customs Inspector
- Attorney or Judge
- Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)

All these and many more are within the Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security professions. Here are some interesting facts:

- Almost 20% of the jobs in South Carolina have to do with the government or military services.
- The U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts there will be a 36% increase in the number of environmental science and protection technicians, including health technician jobs, through 2012.

Although some professions in these areas do require advanced certification and post-graduate courses, many of the opportunities require little or no additional education or training.

For example, perhaps a position as a Corrections Officer might be right for you. Your primary duty would be to maintain custody and supervise the conduct of inmates in prisons, penitentiaries, and community correctional work centers. Working with inmates to help them return to society is also an important part of being a Corrections Officer. The best correctional officers use strong interpersonal communication skills, not muscle.

The need for Corrections Officers is expected to continue to increase. According to a survey conducted by the U.S. Department of Labor, salaries ranged from about \$22,000 to \$52,000 per year. Those in managerial roles earned between almost \$30,000 and \$70,000.

You should be physically fit and emotionally mature for this position. Applicants generally need a high school diploma or GED, must pass certain tests as well as a background check, and complete training. Have a look at www.doc.sc.gov for more information.

Or, maybe you'd like to be an Environmental Health Specialist. In general, you might conduct inspections of public establishments to ensure health and safety standards are met. That means investigating underground leaks, overseeing cleanup efforts, or conducting water quality sampling. Specialists in this field test for air pollution, soil conditions, materials storage and disposal, land use planning, and noise control.

Of course, the goal is to choose a career you think will make you happy. If you're a problem solver, can think on your feet, or want to help save lives, a career in Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security could be a great way to go.

Working independently or as part of a team is common in this field, but all professions require strong communication skills.

See if protecting the public's rights and property is for you.



Quick Quiz

Answer "yes" or "no" to these questions to see if Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security is the right career cluster for you.

1. I'm skilled at being a leader in a club or organization such as student council.
2. I can stay calm in a difficult situation or crisis.
3. I am comfortable dealing with conflict or talking to people who are angry.
4. I'd like to protect people by offering legal, safety, and/or security services.
5. I'd like to fight fires.
6. I'd like to be in charge of a city or state.
7. I'd like to keep people safe from crime.

Totals: "Yes" _____ "No" _____

If you answered "yes" to five or more of the questions, then you may have what it takes to make it in Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security.

Source: SCOIS (Coin Career) Assessment Tests



25 Career Choices in Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security

About This Chart

This chart is a sampling of 25 of the more than 100 occupations that fall within the Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security sector of the South Carolina job market. For more information about any Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security occupation, check out the South Carolina Occupational Information System (SCOIS). This electronic database is packed with valuable information on careers, colleges, scholarships, and more. SCOIS is available in local schools and at more than 600 other locations throughout South Carolina. Here are explanations for the abbreviations and symbols used in this chart.

Education Requirement Abbreviations

- C** — 12- or 18-month certificate
- AD** — Two-year associate’s degree
- AP** — Advanced Placement
- BD** — Four-year bachelor’s degree
- HS** — High school diploma or GED
- MA** — Master’s degree
- NA** — Information not available or item does not apply
- OJT** — On-the-job training
- DD** — Doctorate degree

Source: www.salary.com

Occupation	SC Salary	Job Growth ¹	Education Required ²	Career Readiness Certificate Level ³	Description
Lawyer	\$98,760	NA	DD	gold	Represents clients in criminal and civil cases by presenting arguments that support the clients in court.
Judge	\$54,690	12.7%	DD	gold	Oversees the legal process in civil and in criminal cases.
Database Administrator	\$51,250	11.9%	BD	gold	Finds ways to efficiently organize and store data, creates computer databases, determines user requirements, and tests and coordinates changes to databases.
Forensic Scientist	\$49,700	NA	BD	gold	Investigates crimes by collecting and analyzing physical evidence using a variety of scientific, mathematical, and problem-solving methods and instruments.
Police Officer	\$48,290	12.8%	HS, AP	gold	Protects life and property, preserves the peace, detects and prevents crime, and maintains public order through the application of the law.
Auditor	\$47,650	11%	BD	gold	Prepares, analyzes, and verifies financial reports and taxes in all business, industry, and government organizations.
Federal Law Enforcement Agent	\$43,550	12.7%	BD	gold	Works in a variety of different agencies intended to investigate crime and protect the country and its citizens.
Fish and Game Warden	\$42,170	NA	BD, MA	gold	Works to protect, conserve, and manage wildlife and their habitats.
Inspector and Compliance Officer	\$41,690	10.7%	BD	silver	Verifies and enforces compliance with public laws, regulations, and standards for health, safety, and other matters.
Customs Inspector	\$41,560	12.7%	OJT, HS	silver	Enforces laws governing imports and exports and is stationed at airports, seaports, and border crossing points.
Statistician	\$41,560	NA	BD, MA	gold	Collects, arranges, analyzes, interprets, and presents numerical data in applied or mathematical areas.
Construction and Building Inspector	\$41,460	14.0%	OJT, HS	silver	Examines public and private construction projects to insure compliance with building codes and ordinances, zoning regulations, and contract specifications.
Paralegal	\$37,600	11.9%	OJT, AP, BD	gold	Works directly under the supervision of a lawyer and generally performs background work for the lawyer.
Park Ranger	\$37,590	12.8%	BD	silver	Serves parks and historical sites by patrolling the grounds, enforces park regulations, maintains park grounds, and provides assistance to park visitors.
Substance Abuse Counselor	\$35,120	20.8%	BD	silver	Counsels individuals who have alcohol or drug abuse problems.
Firefighter	\$33,470	11.7%	OJT, AP	gold	Controls and puts out fires, protects life and property, and maintains equipment.
Security and Fire Alarm System Installer	\$32,080	18.9%	AP, BD	gold	Plans, installs, programs, maintains, and repairs security and fire alarm wiring and equipment for the protection of homes and businesses.
Parole and Probation Officer	\$31,340	12.8%	BD, MA	gold	Manages the cases of legal offenders and attempts to help people identify and overcome problems.
Private Detective	\$31,280	19%	OJT, AP	gold	Protects the property and interests of individuals or corporations by gathering information and detecting unlawful activity.
Dispatcher	\$28,370	13%	OJT, HS	silver	Coordinates activities of personnel and vehicles either with a company or community agency.
Emergency Medical Technician	\$27,140	19.3%	HS, AP	gold	Administers emergency and lifesaving services to accident victims and those who suffer sudden illnesses or attacks.
Correctional Officer	\$26,620	12.7%	OJT, HS	silver	Is charged with the safety and security of persons who have been arrested, are awaiting trial, or have been sentenced to a correctional institution.
Court Clerk	\$26,430	12.7%	OJT, HS	silver	Serves as clerical assistant to judges and performs the non-legal tasks involved in court operations.
Hazardous Waste Manager	\$24,870	10.7%	BD	silver	Conducts studies on hazardous waste problems.
Security Guard	\$22,150	20.3%	OJT, HS	bronze	Patrols and inspects property to protect against fire, theft, vandalism, and illegal entry.

¹ The expected percentage increase or decline in the number of positions in the profession in South Carolina through 2008.

² The minimum educational attainment required to enter the profession; occupations may have different entry-level jobs for those with different degrees.

³ The South Carolina Career Readiness Certificate demonstrates to employers that you have the skills necessary to be successful in your chosen occupation. For more information on the CRC in South Carolina go to www.WorkReadySC.org.

Job Security Starts with Relevant Education

Start training for a future in Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security.

Academic Basics

Successful careers in Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security are built on solid foundations of academic basics.

- **Science:** New technology and crime-solving methods, such as forensics, are constantly being developed as well as health care and lifesaving techniques and equipment. Basic scientific knowledge underlies many successful careers in these areas.
- **Math:** From computer technologies to medicine and enforcement services, math is essential to a myriad of different jobs in this cluster.
- **English:** Precise written and oral communication is essential in fields such as legal services, law enforcement, and emergency services.
- **Social Studies/History:** With a population that is becoming more diverse, understanding different backgrounds and cultures is important. To make a melting-pot operation work, it helps if everyone understands his or her coworkers' cultures and histories.
- **Modern or Classical Language:** Excellent modern or classical language skills and the ability to speak more than one language, especially in the areas of homeland security and other government sectors, is becoming more and more essential.
- **Arts:** Believe it or not, creativity plays a part in these areas. The ability to think creatively to solve problems and think "outside the box" is an important attribute. It's why four-year colleges and universities now require an arts credit for admission, so be sure to sign up.

In the world of work, one size does not fit all. As your career unfolds, it may turn out that choices you made earlier aren't right for you in the long run. That's why it's really important to always know what your options are. If Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security interests you, then look more closely at all the ways you can prepare for work in this cluster.

The Career Major Maps, beginning on page 11, are maps to help guide your way through the Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security cluster and give you a good idea of the choices you have. It's pretty clear-cut, really. To be successful in particular jobs, you have to prepare in particular ways. The career majors will help you do just that. (See "What Are Career Clusters and Majors?" on page 2).

Different Majors to Choose From

The Career Major Maps include sample high school schedules, but your school may offer different programs and classes. The maps also include information about extracurricular activities, educational options after high school, and jobs for which each major might prepare you. Use these maps to create your IGP and to chart your course into the career of your choice. In Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security, there are many different majors from which to choose. Each corresponds to a different set of jobs in Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security in South Carolina.*

For example, if you chose Legal Services as a major, you can follow that pathway to careers such as legal assistant, law clerk, or magistrate after meeting the graduation requirements for each career.

There are even great jobs available right out of high school. Generally, you need to take four electives in your major area to graduate with a high school major. In Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security there are five different majors:

- **Correction Services (on page 11)**
- **Emergency and Fire Management (on page 12)**
- **Security and Protective Services (on page 13)**
- **Legal Services (on page 14)**
- **Law Enforcement Services (on page 15)**

Revisit Your Choices

If you find yourself unhappy with where a career pathway is taking you, it's no big problem. Because you have a reliable set of career road maps, you can always pull over, take a break, and reconsider your earlier decisions. As you move along through your high school career, you'll have plenty of opportunities to review and change your choices. Sample different majors and opt for the one that best suits your tastes.

*The U.S. Department of Education lists majors under Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security, but uses different names. Local schools and districts may offer fewer career clusters and majors, clusters and majors that are organized differently, or clusters and majors with alternative names.

Career Major Map: Correction Services

Correction Services careers focus on rehabilitating those who have chosen to break the law. Correction Services is a challenge that only those with the right aptitudes and attitudes are willing to undertake. But for those who commit themselves, it can be as rewarding as it is challenging.

Required Core for Graduation	Sample Core Choices			
	For additional college entrance requirements, refer to the college of your choice.			
	9	10	11	12
English* Four Units Required	English 1	English 2	English 3	English 4
Math* Four Units Required	Algebra 1 or Math for the Technologies 1	Geometry or Math for the Technologies 2	Algebra 2 or Math for the Technologies 3	Pre-Calculus or Math for the Technologies 4
Science* Four Units Required	Physical Science	Biology or Applied Biology	Chemistry or Chemistry for the Technologies	Physics or Physics for the Technologies
Social Studies Three Units Required	Global Studies 1 or World Geography	Global Studies 2 or Social Studies Elective or World History	U.S. History	Economics/Government
Additional State Requirements	Physical Education or JROTC (one unit) Computer Science (one unit) Electives (seven units)		Pass High School Assessment CTE or Modern or Classical Language (one unit) Art (one unit)	

Courses for Major (Minimum of four credits required)	Complementary Course Work	Extended Learning Opportunity Options Related to Major
Emergency and Fire Management Services 1 and 2 Law Enforcement Services	Introduction to Health Science Technology Modern or Classical Language	Career Mentoring Shadowing Internship SkillsUSA Technology Student Assoc (TSA) Senior Project

Professional Opportunities Upon Graduation		
High School Diploma Security Guard Apprentice Firefighter Apprentice Maintenance Worker	Additional Training to 2-year Degree Entrepreneur Corrections Officer Corrections Practitioner Probation/Parole Officer Program Manager	4-year Degree & Higher Corrections Administrator Corrections Educator Corrections Supervisor

*Course selection will depend on satisfying prerequisites.

Career Major Map: Emergency and Fire Management

When most people run away from a fire or other crisis, these are the people that are running toward it. People in the Emergency and Fire Management Services pathway are courageous by nature and committed to helping strangers whose lives are at stake. It requires discipline, determination, teamwork, and special training to thrive in this career.

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Social Studies Three Units Required	Global Studies 1 or World Geography	Global Studies 2 or Social Studies Elective or World History	U.S. History	Economics/Government
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Professional Opportunities Upon Graduation		
High School Diploma	Additional Training to 2-year Degree	4-year Degree & Higher
Dispatcher Training Officer Firefighter Apprentice	Emergency Management and Response Coordinator Emergency Planning Manager Firefighter Corrections Officer	Educator Entrepreneur Law Enforcement Administrator Fire Chief Corrections Supervisor

*Course selection will depend on satisfying prerequisites.

Career Major Map: Security and Protective Services

Security and Protective Services professionals keep watch over people and property. They are honest and caring individuals who are sometimes asked to place themselves in harm's way. People in this pathway are often independent, but the jobs require that they work as team to secure the objective.

Required Core for Graduation	Sample Core Choices			
	For additional college entrance requirements, refer to the college of your choice.			
	9	10	11	12
English* Four Units Required	English 1	English 2	English 3	English 4
Math* Four Units Required	Algebra 1 or Math for the Technologies 1	Geometry or Math for the Technologies 2	Algebra 2 or Math for the Technologies 3	Pre-Calculus or Math for the Technologies 4
Science* Four Units Required	Physical Science	Biology or Applied Biology	Chemistry or Chemistry for the Technologies	Physics or Physics for the Technologies
Social Studies Three Units Required	Global Studies 1 or World Geography	Global Studies 2 or Social Studies Elective or World History	U.S. History	Economics/Government
Additional State Requirements	Physical Education or JROTC (one unit) Computer Science (one unit) Electives (seven units)		Pass High School Assessment CTE or Modern or Classical Language (one unit) Art (one unit)	

Courses for Major (Minimum of four credits required)	Complementary Course Work	Extended Learning Opportunity Options Related to Major
Emergency and Fire Management Services 1 and 2 Law Enforcement Services	Introduction to Health Science Technology Emergency Medical Services Modern or Classical Language	Career Mentoring Shadowing Internship SkillsUSA Technology Student Assoc (TSA) Senior Project

Professional Opportunities Upon Graduation		
High School Diploma	Additional Training to 2-year Degree	4-year Degree & Higher
Security Guard Apprentice Security Clerk	Information Systems Security Specialist Computer Forensics Specialist Private Investigator Transportation Security Supervisor	Security Trainer/Educator Security Director Security System Designer Corporate Investigator

*Course selection will depend on satisfying prerequisites.

Career Major Map: Legal Services

Knowledge and appreciation of the law and legal processes are crucial to the pursuit of a career in legal services. Vast amounts of training are often necessary, but opportunities exist for anyone with an interest in participating in the legal world.

Required Core for Graduation	Sample Core Choices			
	For additional college entrance requirements, refer to the college of your choice.			
	9	10	11	12
English* Four Units Required	English 1	English 2	English 3	English 4
Math* Four Units Required	Algebra 1 or Math for the Technologies 1	Geometry or Math for the Technologies 2	Algebra 2 or Math for the Technologies 3	Pre-Calculus or Math for the Technologies 4
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Social Studies Three Units Required	Global Studies 1 or World Geography	Global Studies 2 or Social Studies Elective or World History	U.S. History	Economics/Government
Additional State Requirements	Physical Education or JROTC (one unit) Computer Science (one unit) Electives (seven units)		Pass High School Assessment CTE or Modern or Classical Language (one unit) Art (one unit)	

Courses for Major (Minimum of four credits required)	Complementary Course Work	Extended Learning Opportunity Options Related to Major
Emergency and Fire Management Law Enforcement Services	Accounting Business Law Law Education Modern or Classical Language	Career Mentoring Shadowing Internship SkillsUSA Technology Student Assoc (TSA) Senior Project

Professional Opportunities Upon Graduation		
High School Diploma	Additional Training to 2-year Degree	4-year Degree & Higher
Administrative Assistant (Legal)	Case Management Specialist Court Reporter Investigator Paralegal	Educator Administrative Law Clerk Attorney Judge Magistrate

*Course selection will depend on satisfying prerequisites.

Career Major Map: Law Enforcement Services

Law Enforcement is a calling as much as it is a profession. These people protect and serve the community and the nation by enforcing the laws of the land. It is their job to catch the criminals that threaten our families, but also to provide help when it is needed.

Required Core for Graduation	Sample Core Choices			
	For additional college entrance requirements, refer to the college of your choice.			
	9	10	11	12
English* Four Units Required	English 1	English 2	English 3	English 4
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Professional Opportunities Upon Graduation		
High School Diploma	Additional Training to 2-year Degree	4-year Degree & Higher
Animal Control Officer	Criminal Investigator Bomb Technician Police or Patrol Officer Private Detective	Educator Entrepreneur Federal Marshal Immigration and Customs Inspector

*Course selection will depend on satisfying prerequisites.

Learn by Doing

Extended learning opportunities provide valuable insight.

10 Highest-Paying Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security Professions

Occupation	Salary
1. Lawyer	\$98,760
2. Judge	\$54,690
3. Forensic Scientist	\$49,700
4. Police Officer	\$48,290
5. Federal Law Enforcement Agent	\$43,550
6. Fish and Game Warden	\$42,170
7. Customs Inspector	\$41,560
8. Paralegal	\$37,600
9. Park Ranger	\$37,590
10. Substance Abuse Counselor	\$35,120

Based on annual mean salary in South Carolina. Source: SCOIS

10 Fastest-Growing Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security Professions

Occupation	Job Growth
1. Substance Abuse Counselor	20.75%
2. Security Guard	20.29%
3. Emergency Medical Technician	19.25%
4. Private Detective	18.95%
5. Security and Fire Alarm System Installer	18.89%
6. Dispatcher	12.96%
7. Police Officer	12.79%
8. Parole and Probation Officer	12.79%
9. Park Ranger	12.76%
10. Customs Inspector	12.72%

Based on expected growth in percentage of jobs available between 2001 and 2008 in South Carolina. Source: SCOIS



No one stepping into a new job is expected to have learned all that needs to be known about the job from a book. Some skills can be learned only from experience. And it's easy to find real world experience in the Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security cluster. However, as occupations have become more complex, relying on on-the-job training is less effective than it once was. Class work is an essential ingredient in a successful career and always will be.

Job Shadowing

This option is so popular, there's even a National Job Shadowing day on Groundhog Day — get it? Each February 2, students spend the day following, watching, and participating in their chosen career fields (or ones they find interesting) as they shadow workers in those professions. The idea is to experience real-world applications to lessons learned in the classroom. See www.jobshadow.org for more information or ask your parents, teachers, and guidance counselor to help you find a shadowing opportunity any time of the year.

Virtual Learning

In recent years, the educational community has taken advantage of the Internet as a means of reaching out to students who may not have access to the hands-on resources they need to pursue their academic or career interests. Web-based virtual learning programs (or “distance” learning) can provide you with the online academic and career planning tools you need. Use a search engine to look for online education and career development opportunities associated with any career or visit www.virtualjobshadow.com.

Internships/Clerking

Internships give you the opportunity to experience what being an employee in a career field is really like. Internships typically involve a relationship between a student and a relevant business in which the student works part- or full-time for a period of a few weeks up to a year. Legal professions sometimes call this “clerking.” These learning experiences provide insight into the workplace as well as show you what kinds of skills, education, or training is necessary to succeed. Some students are so successful during an internship it leads to a job offer.

Cooperative Learning

Quality work spent in the pursuit of a career can count toward your graduation requirements. Cooperative learning describes how educators combine learning outside the classroom with existing curriculum requirements.

Mentoring

In schools, students have teachers. In the real world, students have mentors. This long-term relationship with an industry professional gives you firsthand insider information that's important for career success. Mentors provide a perspective that can only be acquired through experience.

Get a Job

Many high school students hold down after-school or summer jobs to earn money. If you're interested in Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security, you could be a lifeguard, a courier for a law firm, or you could even work at a national park. Your job can earn you credit toward high school graduation, in most cases.

Get Certified

In some cases, you can even turn your part-time job into a valuable certification that you take with you — along with your diploma — when you graduate from high school. Many Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security organizations offer training and certification programs for both full- and part-time employees.



Student Organizations

- **SkillsUSA** – With a national membership totaling more than a quarter of a million high school and college students, teachers, and professional members, SkillsUSA has 13,000 chapters in the United States and the territories. SkillsUSA recognizes that technical skills are only a starting point to success. Character development, lifelong education, and pride in the dignity of work are qualities that count for students enrolled in technical and skilled training programs. SkillsUSA sponsors local, state, and national competitions designed to demonstrate technical skills in areas such as plumbing, welding, precision machining technology, carpentry, electricity, and masonry. More important, the organization helps students develop sound leadership skills, a good work ethic, and communications skills. www.skillsusa.org, www.sc.skillsusa.org.
- **Technology Student Association (TSA)** – TSA is an organization comprised of middle and high school students with a passion to learn about technology. Students in the organization not only understand the value of learning to live in a technical world, but treasure the challenge of thriving in this 21st century environment. Members of the association compete in a myriad of events ranging from public speaking to web design. The skills obtained through TSA are constantly used throughout a student's life as they go far beyond his or her postsecondary experience within the organization. www.tsaweb.org
- **HOSA** – HOSA is dedicated to promoting occupations in the healthcare industry. It holds annual leadership conferences at the national and state levels that feature competitions in nearly 50 healthcare skills. HOSA views the activities of high school chapters as extensions of classroom healthcare education. www.hosa.org
- **Youth Services** – Get involved in your community through organizations such as the American Red Cross of Central South Carolina. It's a great way to do something good for your area and to learn about emergency preparedness. www.centalscredcross.org/youth_services.asp
- **Fire Cadet Camps** – Interested in becoming a firefighter? Start preparing now and learn about fire service and promoting fire safety awareness. www.clemson.edu/scg/youth/AFLfire.htm

Take Responsibility for Developing Your Skills

Postsecondary education and training is the best way to secure your future.



College Connections



Every South Carolina two- and four-year college has a Web site that includes information about admission requirements, majors, fees, financial aid, internships, and scholarship opportunities.

You can find the Web site for any South Carolina public, private, or technical college through one of these sites:

- South Carolina Public Colleges/Universities www.state.sc.us/edu/univcoll.html
- South Carolina Technical Colleges www.scteched.tec.sc.us
- South Carolina Independent Colleges/Universities www.scicu.org

There are thousands of challenging educational and training opportunities within the highly skilled world of Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security. The right credential after high school will help you make the best of your career decisions. Most will need a solid background in math, science, and technical skills.

■ Two-Year Degrees

South Carolina technical colleges allow students to transfer to four-year colleges and universities. Other one- and two-year programs can prepare students to directly enter the workplace. Programs include Criminal Justice Technology, Law Enforcement Administration, and Paralegal programs. For example, Greenville Tech offers an American Bar Association-approved Paralegal program along with an associate degree in Criminal Justice Technology that covers all aspects of the criminal justice profession. An Associate's degree in Criminal Justice Technology can prepare students for positions with law enforcement agencies, in private and corporate investigations, and in industrial security.

For a more complete listing of programs, visit SC's technical college Web site at www.scteched.tec.sc.us.

■ Four-Year Colleges and Universities

State public and private four-year colleges offer bachelor's and graduate degrees in many programs leading to careers in this cluster. Programs include Law, Criminal Justice, Corrections, Criminology, and Forensics. Visit any South Carolina public or private four-year college Web site through www.state.sc.us/edu/univcoll.htm.

■ Military Options

The Citadel

The Military College of South Carolina is a unique public institution with the mission of educating principled leaders through its Corps of Cadets and College of Graduate and Professional Studies programs.

Located in historic Charleston, SC, The Citadel offers undergraduate and graduate degrees in business, math, science, criminal justice, education, and the humanities. Law and legal studies are offered as an undergraduate minor. The Citadel's reputation for academic excellence is reinforced by annual rankings from U.S. News & World Report that place The Citadel as number two in public colleges granting master's degrees in the South. The engineering school is nationally ranked at number 27.

With an enrollment of more than 1,900, the Corps of Cadets is the nation's largest military college program outside the service academies. All cadets are educated within a classic military system and about 40% of the graduating seniors earn military commissions. The remaining graduates attend graduate school or enter the job market.

The College of Graduate and Professional Studies, which is noted for Citadel excellence in a civilian environment, serves about 1,200 residents of South Carolina's Lowcountry.

Since its founding in 1842, The Citadel's emphasis on character as well as intellect has produced generations of graduates who have served their nation, their professions, and their communities with distinction. www.citadel.edu

■ The South Carolina Military Department

The South Carolina Military Department consists of three main elements: the SC Army National Guard, the SC Air National Guard, and State Operations. For more information, visit www.scguard.com.

Money For School

If you're worried about finding money for training and education, quit worrying and get to work. Assistance in the form of grants, loans, and scholarships is available at every step of your career and is not just for the college-bound. With worker shortages looming, many companies not only provide on-the-job training but also pay for you to master new skills at local colleges, technical schools, or other training programs. Trade associations and unions also provide financial incentives for you to learn new skills.

You won't know if you qualify for aid unless you apply, so don't be shy about asking for help from your high school counselor or financial aid officers at the schools you would like to attend. Start your online search at www.finaid.org. The site lets you explore the basics of scholarships, grants, loans, savings plans, and tax incentives. This site also lists trade- and industry-specific scholarships.

In South Carolina, the Commission on Higher Education (www.che400.state.sc.us/) offers assistance through a variety of avenues, including LIFE Scholarships, the South Carolina HOPE Scholarship, and the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship. The Lottery Tuition Assistance Program (<http://www.scteched.tec.sc.us/lottery/lotteryinfo.htm>) for students in technical schools is administered through the state's technical college system, and the Tuition Grants Program (www.sctuitiongrants.com) provides need-based aid.

More than \$80 billion dollars a year in federal aid is available nationwide for students enrolled in certification programs, degree and non-degree programs, trade schools, career and technical schools, colleges, and universities. Apply online by completing the "Free Application for Federal Student Aid" (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov, or ask your guidance counselor or college or technical school admissions officer for a hard copy of the form.

Federal Work-Study funds are available through technical schools and colleges in South Carolina. If you're planning a military career, the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) will pay you to attend school. Military veterans also qualify for college aid through the GI Bill, and vets can receive aid through On-the-Job Training (OJT) and Apprenticeship Programs (APR), as well.

Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) and Vector Foundation Established Scholarship for Juvenile Correctional Officers

DJJ, in partnership with the Vector Foundation, a long-time supporter of the agency, has established the "Chaplain Calvin Harris Award Scholarship Program." The program is aimed at providing scholarships to DJJ's juvenile correctional officers and police officers who are attending accredited two- and four-year colleges and pursuing degrees or certificates in criminal justice or related fields. The \$1,000 scholarships may be used for tuition and other educational purposes. www.state.sc.us/djj/pdfs/Cabinet-Report-6-17-05.pdf

Law Related Education Division (LRE) High School Mock Trial Scholarships: \$500

The LRE Division of the SC BAR Association allows high school seniors who have participated in mock trials to have the opportunity to apply for one-time non-designated funds of \$500. Mock Trial Scholarships are designed to assist with higher education costs. www.sctbar.org/member/lre/awards.asp

Core Requirements for Graduation

High School Graduation

Subjects	Units Required
English/Language Arts	4
Mathematics	4
Science	3
U.S. History and Constitution	1
Economics	0.5
U.S. Government	0.5
Other Social Studies	1
Physical Education or Junior ROTC	1
Computer Science	1
Modern or Classical Language or Career and Technology Education	1
Electives	7
Total *	24

* Must pass the exit examination.

State Certificate

Subjects	Units Required
English/Language Arts	4
Mathematics	4
Science	3
U.S. History and Constitution	1
Economics	0.5
U.S. Government	0.5
Other Social Studies	1
Physical Education or Junior ROTC	1
Computer Science	1
Modern or Classical Language or Career and Technology Education	1
Electives	7
Total *	24

* Must have failed to meet the standard on all subtests of the exit examination.

College Entrance

Subjects	Units Required
English/Language Arts	4
Grammar and Composition	2
English Literature	1
American Literature	1
Mathematics	4
Algebra 1 and 2	2
Geometry	1
Pre-Calculus	1
Modern or Classical Language	2
Laboratory Science Biology, Chemistry, or Physics	3
Social Sciences U.S. History, Economics, and Government	3
Electives	1
Physical Education/ROTC	1
Arts	1
Total	19



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 Columbia, South Carolina 29201
 Telephone 803-734-8505

Resource Roundup

Click your way to more career, educational, and scholarship resources by using the Internet. Here are some useful Web sites to get you started:

Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security Web Sites

- National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys Inc., www.naela.com
- American Correctional Association, www.aca.org
- National Orientation Directors Association, www.nodaweb.org
- National Bar Association, www.nationalbar.org/welcome.shtml
- American Red Cross Youth Services, www.centralredcross.org/youth_services.asp
- South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR), www.dnr.sc.gov
- South Carolina Growing-Fire Safety, www.clemson.edu/scgl/youth/AFLfire.htm
- Northern Research Station, U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service, <http://www.nrs.fs.fed.us>
- South Carolina Bar, www.sctbar.org
- American Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association, www.adtsea.org/adtseal100007.aspx

Search the Internet for other professional organizations related to Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security careers.

Education and Career Planning Web Sites

Inside South Carolina

- Career Guidance Model, www.careerguidancemodel.org
- South Carolina Chamber of Commerce, www.scchamber.net
- South Carolina Commission on Higher Education, www.che400.state.sc.us
- South Carolina Employment Security Commission, www.sces.org
- South Carolina Higher Education Tuition Grants Commission, www.sctuitiongrants.com
- South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities, www.scicu.org
- South Carolina Occupational Information System, www.scois.net
- South Carolina Public Colleges and Universities, www.state.sc.us/edu/univcoll.html
- South Carolina Technical College System, www.sctechsystem.com
- WorkKeys, www.workreadysc.org

Outside South Carolina

- America's Career Resource Network Association, www.acrna.net
- Career Communications, Inc., www.carcom.com
- Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB), www.todaysmilitary.com/app/tm/nextsteps/asvab
- Career Interests Game, career.missouri.edu/students/explore/thecareerinterestsgame.php
- Career Key, www.careerkey.org
- Coin Career College System, community.coin3.com
- College Board, www.collegeboard.com
- Holland's Self-Directed Search, www.self-directed-search.com
- Kuder, www.sc.kuder.com
- Mapping Your Future, www.mapping-your-future.org
- National Career Development Association, www.ncda.org
- O*NET Online, online.onetcenter.org
- Occupational Outlook Handbook, www.bls.gov/oco
- The Princeton Review, www.review.com
- Salary Information, www.salary.com

* Web site addresses were correct at time of publication but may have changed. If an address is no longer valid, please use an Internet search engine to locate the resource.

Note: Local South Carolina schools and districts may choose to use fewer career clusters, clusters that are organized differently, or clusters with alternative names.

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Find more information on Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security education and career planning.



Career Guidance Information Sources

Check out these comprehensive sources of career and education information, which are available through your school or public libraries:

SCOIS (South Carolina Occupational Information System)— www.scois.net. An electronic database of information about careers, salaries, job requirements, educational options, scholarships, and more.

O*NET (Occupational Information Network)— online.onetcenter.org. A national occupational information database that helps students make informed decisions about education, training, career choices, and work.

COIN (Coin Career Guidance System)— community.coin3.com. A comprehensive software program with career and college planning information, especially for South Carolina students.

WorkKeys— www.workreadysc.org. A comprehensive resource for information about the South Carolina Career Readiness Certificate – how and where to qualify, as well as its value to students and the community.

Kuder— sc.kuder.com. A comprehensive online college and career planning system with links to government and educational information and organizations.

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