

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE- Career Resource Guide

### Potential Career Options

Below is a sample of related career options; for some, additional experience and/or further education may be helpful or required.

<b>Crime Scene Investigation</b>	Crime Scene Investigators (CSIs) work at crime scenes, collecting and processing evidence then analyzing it and sharing the results in a written report. CSIs complete a variety of tasks, including deciding what evidence should be collected, gathering physical evidence, and securing the evidence for the crime laboratory. In addition, a CSI may photograph evidence, create a drawing of the crime scene, and write down detailed information about the crime scene itself.
<b>Forensic Science</b>	This field of study focuses on the application of science and scientific methods to understand all aspects of a crime, including the perpetrator and the causes. Those studying forensic science take courses in physical sciences, such as biology and chemistry, as well as others related to DNA and fingerprint analysis, crime scene procedure, and other types of forensic analysis.
<b>Government</b>	Many federal government departments employ agents to ensure the safety of the citizens of the United States and uphold specific areas of federal law. Requirements vary by agency, though all include a training period. Federal agents may work for many different government organizations; three of the largest are the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Border Patrol.
<b>Law Enforcement</b>	The central task of a law enforcement agent is to protect the lives and property of those under his or her jurisdiction, as well as ensure the public's safety. This career can involve a myriad of tasks, including directing traffic, patrolling areas for suspicious activity, and investigating criminal behavior.
<b>Security</b>	Security personnel have many different roles, but the primary task is to prevent crime. The presence of security personnel on the premises often serves as a deterrent to potential lawbreakers. Security personnel work in public and private buildings, as well as retail and wholesale establishments.

### Sample Job Titles

Airport Security Personnel	Crime Analyst
Bailiff	Detective
Bodyguard/Personal Protection Officer	FBI Agent
Border Patrol Agent	Forensic Expert
Corrections Officer	Lawyer

### Associations/Societies

American Academy of Forensic Science (AAFS) *	<a href="http://www.aafs.org">www.aafs.org</a>
American Correctional Association (ACA) *	<a href="http://www.aca.org">www.aca.org</a>
American Jail Association (AJA) *	<a href="http://www.americanjail.org">www.americanjail.org</a>
American Probation and Parole Association (APPA)	<a href="http://www.appa-net.org">www.appa-net.org</a>
American Society of Criminology (ASC) *	<a href="http://www.asc41.com">www.asc41.com</a>
American Society of Forensic Sciences	<a href="https://www.aafs.org">https://www.aafs.org</a>
Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS)	<a href="https://www.bjs.gov">https://www.bjs.gov</a>
International Association of Women Police (IAWP)	<a href="https://iawp.wildapricot.org">https://iawp.wildapricot.org</a>
International Community Corrections Association (ICCA)	<a href="http://www.iccalive.org/icca">http://www.iccalive.org/icca</a>
Justice Research and Statistics Association (JRSA) *	<a href="http://www.jrsa.org">www.jrsa.org</a>
National Black Police Association (NBPA) *	<a href="http://www.blackpolice.org">www.blackpolice.org</a>
National Criminal Justice Association (NCJA)	<a href="http://www.ncja.org/home">www.ncja.org/home</a>
National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS)	<a href="https://www.ncjrs.gov">https://www.ncjrs.gov</a>
National Institute of Justice (NIJ) *	<a href="http://www.crimesolutions.gov">www.crimesolutions.gov</a>
National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA)	<a href="http://www.trynova.org">www.trynova.org</a>
Southern Criminal Justice Association (SCJA)	<a href="http://www.southerncj.org">www.southerncj.org</a>

\* Contains employment listings

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## Career & Employment Websites

Bureau of State Employment (PA)	<a href="http://www.employment.pa.gov">www.employment.pa.gov</a>
Go Law Enforcement	<a href="https://golawenforcement.com/job-openings">https://golawenforcement.com/job-openings</a>
Human Services Career Network	<a href="http://www.hscareers.com">www.hscareers.com</a>
Idealist.org – Action Without Borders	<a href="http://www.idealist.org">www.idealist.org</a>
International City/County Management Association	<a href="http://www.icma.org">www.icma.org</a>
Nonprofit Career Network	<a href="http://www.nonprofitcareer.com">www.nonprofitcareer.com</a>
Occupational Outlook Handbook (OOH) – Search specific job titles	<a href="http://www.bls.gov/ooh">www.bls.gov/ooh</a>
Office of Justice Programs	<a href="https://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/CurrentFundingOpportunities.htm">https://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/CurrentFundingOpportunities.htm</a>
Pennsylvania CareerLink	<a href="http://www.cwds.state.pa.us">www.cwds.state.pa.us</a>
Pennsylvania State Civil Service Commission	<a href="http://www.scsc.state.pa.us">www.scsc.state.pa.us</a>
Police Employment	<a href="http://www.policeemployment.com">http://www.policeemployment.com</a>
Scouties Careers In Psychology	<a href="http://www.scoutiescareersinpsychology.org">www.scoutiescareersinpsychology.org</a>
Security Jobs Network	<a href="http://www.securityjobs.net">http://www.securityjobs.net</a>
The Social Service Job Site	<a href="http://www.socialservice.com">www.socialservice.com</a>
USAJOBS – U.S. Office of Personnel Management (federal)	<a href="http://www.usajobs.gov">www.usajobs.gov</a>

**Note:** A helpful list of general job search websites is available on the Internet Tip Sheet at [www.rmu.edu/cpdc](http://www.rmu.edu/cpdc).

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## Career Information Resources

Vault is a comprehensive career resource that includes industry and profession overviews; rankings and profiles for employers and internship programs; a job and internship database; career articles, blogs and videos; sample resumes, cover letters and interview questions, and over 100 career guides. A selection of the Vault Guides is listed below.

Career Launcher:	Vault Career Guide to:	Vault Guide to...
Education	Criminal Justice Careers	Education
Law	Law	Government Agency Careers
Law Enforcement and Public Safety	U.S. Military Careers	Law
		Litigation Law Careers

**Note:** Refer to the CPDC website for a link to Vault as well as the CPDC Tip Sheets and Handshake job postings.

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## Selected RMU Activities & Organizations

Big Brothers/Big Sisters	Office of Engaged Learning and Community Involvement
College Democrats	Philosophy Club
College Republicans	Pre-Law Society
Colonial Advocates for Childhood Homelessness and Education	Psychology Club
Community Advisors	S.A.F.E. (Student Alliance for Equality)
Criminal Justice Society	Society for Human Resource Management
Early Success Program (ESP) Mentors	Student Government Association
First Year Student Mentors	Student Program Board
Nonprofit Leadership Association	Thrive Leaders

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## Bachelor-Level Practicum Organizations

Allegheny County Juvenile Probation	North Fayette Police Department
Allegheny County Police Department	Pittsburgh Bureau of Police
Allegheny County Sheriff's Department	Royal Canadian Mounted Police
City of Pittsburgh Bureau of Public Safety	United States Postal Inspection Service
Fraternal Order of Police, Fort Pitt Lodge #1	Washington County Corrections Facility