



Course Description

CJK0310 | Officer Safety | 0.53 credits

The student will learn the responsibilities of a correctional officer to provide safety for him/herself, public, staff, and inmates. The student will earn an overview on safety and security concerns, identification, manipulation and deception, contraband, and searches in a correctional setting. This course is for School of Justice students only.

Competency 1: The student will learn safety and security by:

1. Describing safety hazards and security concerns for the officer
2. Describing the categories of stress that can influence officer safety
3. Defining situational awareness
4. Listing the stages of situational awareness
5. Applying four basic skills the officer can use in evaluating a situation
6. Applying situational awareness to officer safety

Competency 2: The student will learn identification by:

1. Verifying, identifying of inmate, staff or visitor using information from photo identification or facility records
2. Listing common methods of identification
3. Specifying types of valid personal identification
4. Describing features of personal identification documents
5. Differentiating between valid and altered or counterfeit identification
6. Comparing the physical appearance of inmates, staff, or visitors to their photo identification
7. Listing types of personal identifying marks (or Physical features) that could be used to identify
8. Documenting identity of inmate, staff or visitor

Competency 3: The student will learn manipulation and deception by:

1. Defining inmate manipulation and deception
2. Listing methods inmates use to manipulate and deceive
3. Listing behavior officers should avoid minimizing inmate manipulation and deception
4. Identifying visitor manipulation and deception

Competency 4: The student will learn contraband by:

1. Stating the correctional officer's duty to control contraband
2. Specifying common categories of contraband
3. Defining nuisance contraband
4. Describing nuisance contraband
5. Defining hard/hazardous contraband
6. Describing hard/hazardous contraband
7. Describing common inmate weapons
8. Identifying common methods of introducing contraband into correctional facilities
9. Explaining methods of detecting contraband
10. Summarizing common practices for collecting contraband
11. Taking possession of found contraband
12. Issuing a receipt for confiscated contraband
13. Determining which contraband items can be immediately discarded
14. Determining when contraband is needed as evidence
15. Listing common types of contraband requiring chain of custody
16. Photographing contraband
17. Describing final disposition of contraband

Learning Outcomes:

- Communicate effectively using listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills
- Solve problems using critical and creative thinking and scientific reasoning
- Formulate strategies to locate, evaluate, and apply information