About Hutchinson Community College

Hutchinson Community College and Area Vocational School is the premier two-year college in the state of Kansas.

Top-notch academic and vocational programs are the trademark of HCC. The College offers more than 64 areas of study, leading to Associate’s in Arts, Applied Science and Science degrees, in addition to a wide-range of vocational and technical one- and two-year certificate programs. HCC has a great honors program as well, for those seeking an additional academic challenge.

Activities, Clubs and Organizations
Bored is not a word you’ll think of at HCC. With our award winning theatre productions, top athletic teams, and the distinguished Dillon Lecture Series, we have something for everyone and every interest. Check out our website to decide what you want to do first!

Student Support Services
Sometimes you just need a helping hand. At HCC, we’re here to guide you through the adventure of college and help any way we can. Our students have access to the Rimmer Learning Resource Center, on-campus and online tutoring, up-to-date technology, the Office of Disability Services, and assistance with career placement in our Student Success Center.

HCC Public Safety
Our Degrees & Programs Include:
- Criminal Justice
- EMT/ Paramedic
- Fire Science
- Paralegal

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NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION
HCC does not discriminate against students or employees on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age or disability. Persons who feel that they have been harassed or discriminated against in this way are urged to contact the Affirmative Action Officer in Parker Student Union.
Criminal justice careers are many and varied: law enforcement officers (probation, parole, and community corrections officers), prison unit team counselors and correctional officers are some of the more common jobs. Most of these career opportunities are available at federal, state, and local levels of government. Furthermore, and not surprisingly, the private sector continues to expand its security and asset protection services within this multi-billion dollar industry. While many careers in criminal justice are available, competition is keen with only the most qualified persons advancing beyond the application stage. Education is a key component for success.

What Skills are Required?
Character traits such as honesty, sound judgement and a sense of responsibility are critical, as well as the ability to work with the public.

What is the Employment Outlook?
A more security-conscious society and concern about drug-related crimes should contribute to the increasing demand for criminal justice services.

What Makes the Program Unique?
HCC instructors are experienced criminal justice professionals with a “real world” approach to teaching. They provide a solid foundation upon which students can build their future careers, as well as providing for practical application of skills.

Program Options
This program meets the needs of a diverse student population by offering 3 different degree options. Our degrees will prepare you for a job in criminal justice, as well as prepare you to further advance your education.

Associate Degrees (AA & AS)
Associate degrees require 64 credit hours. For students planning to obtain a bachelor’s degree in the future, the Associate of Arts (AA) or Associate of Science (AS) degree is recommended.

Associate in Applied Science (AAS)
This option is designed for individuals who already have law enforcement academy certification. Appropriate academy certification will count for a portion of the 64 credit hours required for degree completion.

Online Degree Completion
This program is available to complete online.

Certificate Option
Our certificates are designed to permit non-degree-seeking students to accomplish their educational and occupational goals quickly. However, all of these programs work hand-in-hand. Certificate credits build upon one another for an easy transition into an associates degree should you decide to pursue that option.

- Criminal Justice Corrections Certificate
  This program prepares you to work directly with offenders in a variety of corrections-related agencies.
- Criminal Justice Law Enforcement Certificate
  This program prepares you to work in both public and private sectors of law enforcement.

Academics Options
Many of our courses are now offered online! For more information and a list of required courses for each program option, visit the website:

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