

CAREER OF THE MONTH

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ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

ABOUT THE MAJOR

The Administration of Justice (A.J.) Department at East Los Angeles College has been recognized at both the local and state levels for its innovative efforts toward the education and training of both pre-service and in-service criminal justice system personnel. A diverse and dedicated Advisory Committee comprised of professionals from county and municipal police agencies, county probation, state parole and private security firms ensure that students receive education and career guidance. Faculty utilize videos, practical applications, hands-on experiences like tours of police training academies, jails, museums, as well as hosting diverse and knowledgeable guest speakers.

HISTORY OF PROGRAM

Prospective students from all walks of life arrive at ELAC in pursuance

of an education. Some directly from high school and, some already holding a college degree, but finding themselves in need of a very specific skill-set in order to pursue a career for which their degree did not necessarily prepare them.

Such was the case a few years ago when Patrick Hauser and Wayne Posner, professors in the A.J. Department were approached by a recent university graduate in need of preparation courses as she continued her hiring process with a police agency. Hauser, having been an Academy instructor prior to coming to ELAC, and Posner, a retired police sergeant, quickly developed a list of courses that were directly linked to the academic subjects she would be undertaking. Additionally, recognizing that the number one cause for academy level separation for female police

recruits is a lack of preparation for the physical fitness component of the academy, Hauser and Posner consulted with the P.E. Department to identify a physical conditioning course that would be the best fit for the certificate program. The student successfully completed the preparation courses. The professors received the ultimate validation when the student contacted them upon graduating from the academy months later. "The courses you recommended were EXACTLY what I needed to know to succeed in the academy!" Needless to say, Hauser and Posner quickly received approval for the certificate from their Advisory Committee, and it has been an exceptionally popular certificate for A.J. majors since. Many A.J. alumni have moved forward with successful careers in policing, and returned to the Department to share their experiences with Hauser and Posner.

For more information, visit:

www.elac.edu/departments/adminjustice/index.htm

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FEATURED CERTIFICATE

The Basic Police Academy Preparation Certificate consists of only 5 courses and a total of 13 units. Courses for this certificate include:

COURSES:	UNITS:
ADM JUS 1	3.00
ADM JUS 2	3.00
ADM JUS 6	3.00
ADM JUS 14	3.00
KIN 229	1.00
TOTAL:	13 UNITS

POSSIBLE OCCUPATIONS:

- Sheriffs Deputy
- Detective
- Civilian Investigator
- Traffic Investigator
- Police Officer
- Parole Officer
- FBI Agent
- K-9 Unit

For detailed information about occupations, skills, or salaries, visit us at:

Career & Job Services
www.elac.edu/student-services/jobplacement

Is this career path for you?



Want a career serving the community? Below are some additional details about the field that will further help you assess whether this is the right fit for you.

DESIRABLE SKILLS

The following are skills commonly required for this field. Ability to:

- Maintain physical condition
- Communicate verbally
- Perform precise work with tools, instruments or equipment
- Work well with people
- Direct, supervise, and influence others
- Deal with some stress during deadlines
- Resolve conflicts and working up to clients' expectations
- Endure long work hours working according to set standards
- Make judgments using knowledge or experience

- Move often from one task to another using different skills

JOB GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITIES

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, there will be approximately 141,600 jobs in the field of Law Enforcement by the year 2020.

SALARY

Estimated hourly earnings for the middle 50% of skilled industry professionals can range from \$10.30 to \$21.12 per hour. Additionally, top industry employees may average \$22.47 - \$45.55 per hour or more.

