Law Enforcement Administration (Graduate Certificate)

If you're a working professional with a bachelor's degree who hopes to work in a managerial position in a police agency, you're the ideal candidate for this graduate certificate program. It provides you with specialized knowledge and skills to help you advance your career in policing administration and leadership.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: Certificate Law Enforcement Administration (Certificate)
The graduate certificate program in law enforcement administration prepares and enhances the work of law enforcement professionals by providing coursework in criminal justice organizations, policing and program analysis and in cross-disciplines such as public administration. The program is designed to give students a solid foundational understanding of law enforcement agency administration, leadership and policy analysis.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** Watts College of Public Service & Community Solutions
- **Location:** Downtown Phoenix campus or online

Degree Requirements

15 credit hours

**Required Courses (9 credit hours)**
CRJ 512 Seminar in Policing (3)
CRJ 527 Police Accountability (3)  
PAF 520 Public Management (3)

**Restricted Electives (6 credit hours)**

**Culminating Experience:** none required

**Additional Curriculum Information**  
Students should see the academic unit for the approved restricted elective course list. Restricted electives may be substituted with approval of the academic unit.

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**Admission Requirements**

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree, in any field, from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

Applicants who are nondegree-seeking students (not admitted to a graduate degree program at ASU) will be required to submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee  
2. official transcripts of undergraduate and graduate (if applicable) coursework  
3. a written statement of career and educational goals  
4. two letters of recommendation  
5. current resume  
6. proof of English proficiency

Applicants who are graduate degree-seeking students (admitted to a graduate program at ASU) will be required to submit:

1. graduate admission application  
2. a written statement of career and educational goals

**Additional Application Information**  
An applicant whose native language is not English must provide proof of English proficiency regardless of current residency.
Students from related fields such as public policy, political science, psychology, sociology, as well as other social science degrees, might be interested in this program; however, all eligible students are considered. Although most students would likely come from the aforementioned degree fields, there is no specific undergraduate degree major required for admission; the school accepts applicants with undergraduate degrees from all educational backgrounds.

There are no examinations required for admission to the certificate program.

**Attend Online**

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may view the program description and request more information [here](#).

**Application Deadlines**

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**Career Opportunities**

Graduates of the law enforcement administration graduate certificate program find a strong job market in the public and private sectors. Employment opportunities exist in supervisory and management positions in criminal justice agencies (federal, state and local) including: city police departments, county sheriff’s offices, state bureaus of investigation and federal law enforcement agencies.

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