

 CharterOakSM
STATE COLLEGE

Degrees Without Boundaries

**Public Safety Professional
Degrees and Certificates**



Online, Affordable, Accredited

Quality Online, Accredited Educational Programs for all Public Safety Professionals

Charter Oak State College is leading the way in high quality, accredited online degree programs. Whether you are looking to advance your current public safety career path or join the profession, we have what you are looking for. Our online majors are designed for busy, working adults with a focus on administration for first responders looking to serve their communities at a higher level. We pride ourselves on field-experienced faculty and regularly updated curriculums that reflect the most current policing and response techniques in the public safety arena today.



Public Safety Administration, Bachelor of Science

This major is for personnel who are already accomplished in the field and looking for advancement. The curriculum allows students to benefit from the experiences of their peers across the public safety sector.

Major Courses

Ethics in Public Safety Administration
Public Safety Community Delivery Systems
Pandemic Preparedness
Cultural Diversity in Public Safety
Group Dynamics in Public Safety
Human Resources in Public Safety
America's Homeland Security

Political & Legal Systems in Public Safety
Counteracting Terrorism
Research Methodology in Public Safety
Strategic Planning in Public Safety
Global Perspectives in Emergency Management
Leadership in Public Safety (Capstone)

The Public Safety Administration Faculty

Our teaching faculty come from a variety of backgrounds and work extensively with adult learners. They understand the demands of balancing academics with personal and career goals.

In the Public Safety Administration major the goal is to foster discussion of real-world scenarios, drawing from student experiences, for discussion in an academic setting. We pride ourselves on having faculty with an excellent combination of academic pedigree and practitioner background, allowing students to complete a course with knowledge they can immediately apply to the field.

Criminal Justice, Bachelor of Science

This major prepares students for a variety of roles in the field, including corrections, offender rehabilitation, substance abuse counseling, conflict resolution, policy development, law enforcement, and law careers.

Major Courses

Criminal Justice	Constitutional Law
Psychology	Ethics in Criminal Justice
Statistics or Statistics for Behavioral Science	Research Methods
Criminology	Capstone
Race, Class, Gender	

Criminal Justice majors must complete 15 credits from one of two concentrations:

General Criminal Justice • Victim Advocacy

Psychology, Bachelor of Science

This major immerses students in the science of human behavior. This diverse field allows for careers in mental health and human services, educational and school settings, research, and consulting. The major explores the variety of specialties including clinical, counseling, forensic, and organizational psychology.

Major Courses

Psychology	Introduction to Neuropsychology
Statistics in Psychology	Learning and Memory
History and Systems of Psychology	Adolescent Psychology
Research Methods for Behavioral Sciences	One of the following:
Psychology Capstone	Social Psychology
Two of the following:	Personality
Cognitive Psychology	Abnormal Psychology

Psychology majors must complete 15 credits from one of the concentrations:

Life Span • Social/Behavioral • Cognition & Learning • General Psychology

“I couldn’t have made a better choice than Charter Oak to complete my undergraduate degree! The challenging coursework has helped me think critically and excel in my profession. From the admissions office, to the academic advisors, to the knowledgeable and accessible instructors, Charter Oak put together a tremendous team that was there to help me every step of the way.”

Patrick Ridenhour, Chief of Police, Stratford, Connecticut

Sociology, Bachelor of Science

This major closely aligns with criminal justice work as it prepares students for careers in social work, counseling, and other work involving support of relationships, families, and communities.

Major Courses

Statistics	Sociology
Statistics for Behavioral Science	Sociology of Diversity
Psychology	Social Theory
Research Methods for Behavioral Science	

Organizational Effectiveness & Leadership, Master of Science

This advanced degree program is designed for students interested in, or currently pursuing, a leadership position.

Major Courses

Learning Community	Intercultural/Global Perspectives
Personal Leadership	Developing & Leading Others
Group Process & Team Dynamics	Applied Research Project
Organizational Development Landscape	Capstone Seminar

Students enrolled in this program must choose one of the tracks:

Business Track: 3 Courses/9 Credits

Business & Economics of an Organization
Effective Communications
Leading Organizational Change

Non-Profit Track: 3 Courses/9 Credits

Nonprofit Management
Nonprofit Resource Development & Fund Raising
Roles of Nonprofits in Fostering Social Change

Certificate Programs

Public Safety • Victim Advocacy • Leadership (Graduate Certificate)

Our online certificates and credentials are perfect for professionals and adults seeking continuing education and career advancement opportunities without being a matriculated student.

Details of our public safety related Certificates can be found at www.CharterOak.edu/Certificates



Use the Credits You've Earned! We accept credits from:

- College-level examinations such as CLEP and DSST
- Non-collegiate courses evaluated by American Council on Education (ACE) or National College Credit Recommendation Service (NCCRS)
- ACE evaluated FEMA credit
- Qualified Fire, Police Academy Training
- NREMT Registered EMT and Paramedic licenses

“Having garnered years of experience in the fire service I often felt something was lacking – I needed credentials, not just titles. Charter Oak afforded me the opportunity to fulfill what was lacking in my background. Online learning was the perfect fit of convenience and affordability ... I can honestly say I have validated my career and opened the doors to more opportunity.”

Leigh H. Shapiro, Captain, Hartford Fire Department, Hartford, Connecticut



A College for YOUR Busy Life

Charter Oak State College is Connecticut's public online college offering associate's, bachelor's and master's degree programs and Certificates in a number of in-demand fields including Public Safety Administration, Criminal Justice, Sociology, Psychology, Nursing, Organizational Leadership and more. Our students complete their degrees by taking online courses and often combining other sources of college credit. Our institution is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education.



“I have been on the faculty of COSC since 2008. The programs offered allow young students and adult learners alike the opportunity to attain higher education and, in many cases, advancement in their careers. A commitment to higher education generally leads to higher salaries, advancement, and better career choices.”

Tom Fowler, *Instructor, Chief of Police, Salisbury, Massachusetts*

“Charter Oak’s PSA program improved my ability to lead, and prepared me for my next career step. I completed the program while working full-time. I am now part of a groundbreaking advanced paramedic pilot program; Charter Oak’s program helped me get there.”

Brian Christison, *Paramedic/FTO, San Diego, California*

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