



Is this the right cluster for you? Take this quiz to find out. Answer “yes” or “no” to the following questions.

- Do you do well in your English courses?
- Do you have a clean police record?
- Do you enjoy meeting and interacting with strangers?
- Do you keep your cool in stressful or dangerous situations?
- Do you watch TV shows such as *CSI* and *Law and Order*?
- Do you believe that public service is rewarding?
- Are you more comfortable being outdoors than being inside?
- Do you enjoy using high-tech tools such as computers?
- Are you good at taking orders, obeying rules, and following instructions?
- Are you interested in homeland security?

If you answered “yes” to five or more of the above questions, this may be the right cluster for you. To get a more specific and scientific measurement of your attitudes and abilities, ask your guidance counselor or teacher about taking a career assessment test or interest inventory.

Ask your guidance counselor which High School Courses and/or GCC Dual- Credit Courses you need to take in order to get started towards a future high demand– high wage occupation!



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This career cluster falls under John Holland's Personality Types:

Social

- Likes to do things to help people -- like, teaching, nursing, or giving first aid, providing information; generally avoids using machines, tools, or animals to achieve a goal;
- Is good at teaching, counseling, nursing, or giving information;
- Values helping people and solving social problems; and
Sees self as helpful, friendly, and trustworthy.

Enterprising

- Likes to lead and persuade people, and to sell things and ideas; generally avoids activities that require careful observation and scientific, analytical thinking;
- Is good at leading people and selling things or ideas;
- Values success in politics, leadership, or business; and
Sees self as energetic, ambitious, and sociable.



CAREER CLUSTERS

Connecting Education



Planning, managing, and providing legal, public safety, protective services and homeland security, including professional and technical support services.



What folks in these careers crave is peace and quiet— that means that people and property are safe. As homeland security has become more and more of a concern, demand for people to protect sites as varied as skyscrapers and seaports, airports and reservoirs, and nuclear power plants and military bases has skyrocketed. If you have a calling to serve others, can keep a cool head under pressure, or love the law, then a career in Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security could be the right decision for you.



Cluster Knowledge & Skills

Critical Thinking — Using logic and reasoning to identify the strengths and weaknesses of alternative solutions, conclusions or approaches to problems.

Service Orientation — Actively looking for ways to help people.

Active Listening — Giving full attention to what other people are saying, taking time to understand the points being made, asking questions as appropriate, and not interrupting at inappropriate times.

Social Perceptiveness — Being aware of others' reactions and understanding why they react as they do.

Speaking — Talking to others to convey information effectively.

Active Learning — Understanding the implications of new information for both current and future problem-solving and decision-making.

Coordination — Adjusting actions in relation to others' actions.

Judgment and Decision Making — Considering the relative costs and benefits of potential actions to choose the most appropriate one.

Emergency & Fire Mgmt. Services

Supervisors 65K+
Emergency Planning Mgr. 45K+
Forest Fire Fighters 42K+
Fire Fighters 39K+, 911 Dispatchers 36K+
EMT or Emergency Medical Tech 31K+

Certificates
ECA or First Responder, EMT or Emergency Medical Tech Basic, Emergency Medical Tech

Degrees
AS Para medicine EMT Licensed Paramedic (LP)

Law Enforcement & Corrections Services

Forensic Scientist 64K+
Investigator 56K+, Parole Officer 45K+
Corrections Officer 45K+
Forensic Science Tech 40K+
Police Officer 42K+, Counselor 35K+

Certificates
Regional Police Academy, Drug & Alcohol Abuse counseling certificate School

Degrees
AS Forensic Science, AAS Criminal Justice, AS Psychology, AAS Drug & Alcohol Abuse counseling, AS Psychology, AS Sociology

Legal Services

Lawyer 113K+
Judge 65K+
Arbitrator, mediator 51K+
Law Clerk 34K+, Paralegals 34K+
Social Worker 33K+

Certificates
Administrative Assistant, Business Foundation, Business General Management

Degrees
AS Business Administration, AS Forensic Science, AAS Criminal Justice, AS Psychology

Security & Protective Services

Security Systems Designer 55K+
Information Systems Security Specialist 54K+
Security Director 45K+,
Networking Specialist 42K+,
Computer Network Tech 34K+

Certificates
Regional Police Academy, ECA or First Responder, EMT or Emergency Medical Tech Basic, Emergency Medical Tech, Computer Network Technician, Convergence Technology, Basic Cisco Network Specialist, Networking Specialist Enhanced Skills

Degrees
AS Forensic Science, AAS Criminal Justice, AS Psychology, AAS Microcomputer Applications, AS Computer Science & Information, AAS Computer Software & Systems, AAS Office and Computer Technology