

GUIDED PATHWAY: FORENSIC SCIENCE TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATE

LAW and PUBLIC SERVICE CAREER PATH



For more information, visit the [Dallas College Criminal Justice webpage](http://www.dcccd.edu/justice) [www.dcccd.edu/justice] and your academic advisor at your campus.

This is an example course sequence for students interested in pursuing the Criminal Justice – Forensic Science Technician Certificate. It does not represent a contract, nor does it guarantee course availability. Following this pathway will help you earn a Level I Certificate in Criminal Justice – Forensic Science Technician. Courses from this certificate may apply to the related A.A.S. degree. Students must earn at least 25% of the credit hours required for graduation through instruction by Dallas College. See catalog for [official certificate requirements](#).

The Level I Certificate in Criminal Justice – Forensic Science Technician is designed to teach students and train in the basics of the gathering and the analysis of evidence. Courses that complete the Certificate are noted below.

Students pursuing this certificate are waived from the [Texas Success Initiative \(TSI\)](#) standards, but must meet course prerequisites, as long as the student completes the TSI waiver form prior to enrollment.

Catalog Year	2020-2021	You may use this pathway if you entered Dallas College on or before this date.
Degree Type	Level I Certificate	
GPA Requirement	Student must earn a GPA of 2.0 or higher	
TSI	May be Exempt	

SEMESTER-BY-SEMESTER MAP FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS

All plans can be modified to fit the needs of part-time students. This is not an official degree plan. See catalog for [official certificate requirements](#).

CERTIFICATE MINIMUM: 40 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS

SEMESTER 1

Total Hours: 13

[CRIJ 1301](#) – Introduction to Criminal Justice *This is a Core course.*
[CJSA 1308](#) – Criminalistics I
[PSYC 2301](#) – General Psychology *This is a Core course.*
[CJSA 1471](#) – Forensic Science I

SEMESTER 1 ACTION ITEMS

1. Meet with your advisor to confirm academic and career goals before the end of the semester.
2. Meet with a career advisor or coach to research your career options and opportunities for job shadowing.

SEMESTER 2

Total Hours: 14

[CJSA 2323](#) – Criminalistics II
[CJSA 1400](#) – Death Investigation I
[CJSA 1472](#) – Forensic Science II
CHOOSE ONE: [CRIJ 1307](#) – Crime in America
[SOCI 2336](#) – Criminology

SEMESTER 2 ACTION ITEMS

1. Meet with your advisor to request an official program of study audit and confirm or update your academic and career path and program of study.

SEMESTER 3

Total Hours: 13

[CJSA 1401](#) – Death Investigations II
[CRIJ 2314](#) – Criminal Investigation

[CJSA 2332](#) – Criminalistics III

[CJSA 2334](#) – Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice

SEMESTER 3 ACTION ITEMS

1. Meet with a career advisor or coach for assistance in preparing for job search.
2. After reviewing your degree plan and program of study, meet with your advisor to apply for the Forensic Science Technician Certificate.

PATHWAY TOTAL: 40 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS