ABOUT THE PROGRAM
If you are looking for an opportunity for public service in a challenging job that involves personal responsibility, you may find success in the criminal justice field. Knowledge of sociology, psychology, computers, science, policy, government and law is helpful in preparing for this career. Ivy Tech Community College’s associate of science degree in Criminal Justice prepares you to pursue a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice or Criminology at a four-year institution.

CONCENTRATIONS IN THIS PROGRAM
CORRECTIONS
Vigorous law enforcement and stringent sentencing rules have increased the number of people being held for trial or imprisoned for their crimes in the last decade. Corrections officers monitor people being detained for trial and those who have been imprisoned.

LAW ENFORCEMENT
Law enforcement officials provide assistance, respond to emergency calls, investigate crime scenes, and testify in court. This concentration places emphasis on developing the skills needed to be a police officer, including law, community relations, procedural law, and criminal investigations.

YOUTH SERVICES
This concentration will prepare you to work with youth offenders and their families as they navigate the judicial and correctional system. Youth services professionals strive to prevent youth offenders from committing future crimes by helping the youth and the families discover the causes of illegal behavior.

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE (AAS) DEGREE
Two-year Associate of Applied Science degree programs prepare students for careers, career changes and career advancement. AAS programs may also prepare students for transfer to four-year institutions. The program content, which is approximately 30 percent general education, provides depth and breadth in conceptual and professional/technical skills. Professional/technical courses equip students with the skills to obtain employment and to advance in the workforce.

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE (AS) DEGREE
Two-year Associate of Science programs typically contain 40 percent or more general education, with the balance in technical and profession courses. The coursework provides students with a foundation for transfer to a related baccalaureate program at a four-year institution, and equips students with skills for the job market.

To learn more about employment and salary information for careers in this field, visit the U.S. Department of Labor’s Bureau of Labor Statistics website at bls.gov and the official career site of the State of Indiana, indianacareerconnect.com.

Not all concentrations are offered at all campuses. Please contact your local Ivy Tech Community College campus for more information.