




Career Cluster: Public Service & Safety

Career Pathway: Protective Services

JUNIOR HIGH / MIDDLE SCHOOL		
College and Career Awareness		
HIGH SCHOOL		
SUPPORTING COURSES: Suggested high school courses that support the Career Pathway (Courses DO NOT count towards the Pathway)		
Business Law *	Cyber Forensics *	Emergency Medical Technician *
Commercial Photography 1 *	Emergency Medical Response *	Principles of Cyber Defense and Ethics
EXPLORER COURSES: Choose one or more of the following courses.		
Behavioral Health, Intro +	Fire Science, Intro	Medical Forensics
Business Leadership 1 *	Health Science, Intro	Unmanned Aerial Systems
Criminal Justice, Intro *	Information Technology, Intro +	
Exploring Computer Science	Law Enforcement *	
CONCENTRATOR COURSES: To be a concentrator you must pass one of the following courses AND one explorer course.		
Corrections *	Fire Science, Safety and Survival	Wildland Firefighter (coming 2026-2027)
Criminal Law *	Fire Science, Fire Behavior and Combustion	
COMPLETER COURSES: To be a completer you must pass a concentrator course and enough courses to equal 3.0 credits in this Pathway.		
Careers in Criminal Justice *		
CTE Internship	Apprenticeship	
POSTSECONDARY: There are many options for education and training beyond high school.		
Utah System of Higher Education: ushe.edu (Utah's public colleges and universities)		UtahMajors.org: Majors Guide

* concurrent enrollment course + recommended explorer course

HIGH SCHOOL TO POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION AND TRAINING			
There are several options for education and training beyond high school, depending on your career goals.			
	Certificate	2-Year Associate Degree	4-Year Bachelor's Degree
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Firefighter > First-Line Supervisor of Fire Fighting and Prevention Workers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Paralegal/Legal Assistant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > CTE Teacher > Criminal Justice Law Enforcement Teachers > Parole Officer > Probation Officer

Career and Technical Education provides all students access to high-quality, rigorous career-focused programs that result in attainment of credentials with labor market value. [Credentials of Value](#)

Utah CTE classes are open to all qualified students without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age.

Student Testimonial

"CTE Pathways will give you a lifetime's worth of knowledge. When you take a CTE course put effort into it and don't take it for granted."

Weston Brierley
Future Utah Highway Patrol Officer

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Public Service & Safety

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