

# Applied Correctional Practice Graduate Certificate



## What is an Applied Correctional Practice Graduate Certificate?

The University of Houston-Downtown (UHD), Department of Criminal Justice and Social Work, partnered with professionals from the criminal justice and social work fields to develop an integrated graduate-level certificate that not only provides knowledge regarding evidence-based practices, but also the necessary skills to interact with various justice-involved populations. The graduate certificate in Applied Correctional Practice provides a unique approach to acquiring knowledge in a hands-on framework that easily transfers to the professional work arena.



## Who Should Apply ?

Agencies and organizations are looking for individuals who have both knowledge and skills to work with clients, and earning this graduate-level certificate will open a variety of career opportunities. For those already working in the field, this certificate will provide the most up-to-date and innovative education related to evidence-based practices and effective client management and treatment services.

## For more information, contact:

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## About the Program

Houston-area agencies that serve justice-involved and at-risk populations seek to hire individuals with the skills and knowledge to reduce negative repeat behaviors and enhance public safety. The combination of criminal justice knowledge of evidence-based practices and social work skills for working with clients will be valuable to many agencies serving these populations. This graduate-level certificate may provide an advantage when applying for careers that involve:

- federal, state, and city parole and probation agencies (adult and juvenile)
- pretrial agencies
- state and federal correctional facilities
- city and county jails
- federal, state, and local court systems (including specialty courts such as drug courts and mental health courts)
- community-based nonprofit agencies serving offenders, ex-offenders, or reentrants
- primary health and behavioral health care providers serving low-income communities, including ex-offenders.

The topics offered in the coursework were designed using input from criminal justice and social work professionals, who identified critical areas that are important for today's work force.

## Continue Your Classes and Earn a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice

This certificate is a good start to earning a master's degree in criminal justice. The courses in this certificate can apply to coursework necessary to complete an MSCJ. Talk to the MSCJ Director for more details.



## How to apply?

1. Complete application at [www.applytexas.org](http://www.applytexas.org).
2. Submit all official college transcripts (applicants seeking admission to this program must hold a bachelor's degree in criminal justice, social work, or related discipline from an accredited university) to Graduate Admissions at [gradadmissions@uhd.edu](mailto:gradadmissions@uhd.edu).
3. Submit a personal statement outlining experience and interest in the program (limit statement to 1,000 words).
4. Applicants whose baccalaureate degree was conferred by a university whose native language is not English must demonstrate English proficiency with a minimum composite score of 550 on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) exam as well as a minimal score of 50 on each of the subscales.