

Basic Corrections Officer (BCO) Curriculum

A **Basic Corrections Officer** helps guard and supervise prisoners confined to correctional institutions by maintaining order, enforcing rules, ensuring the safety of inmates and fellow officers and preventing escape. You will study the following topics during your Basic Corrections Officer training:

Law

- Corrections law and offenders' rights
- Prison Rape Elimination Act
- Reasonable force
- Court demeanor and testifying

Defensive Tactics and Physical Training

- Edge weapons
- In-custody restraint

Corrections Fundamentals

- Decision-making and problem-solving
- Leadership
- Ethics and professionalism
- Suicide prevention
- General perspectives
- Professional and effective communication for LGBTI
- Mental health self-care

Core

- Offender supervision strategies
- Inmate discipline
- Gender responsive issues
- Inmate classification
- Forced cell entry
- Critical response
- Chemical agents
- Safety and emergencies
- Survival mindset
- Search techniques
- Riots and disturbances
- Institutional security
- Grievance process
- Transportation of prisoners
- Prison and street gangs
- Hostage taking and negotiations
- Explosives and incendiary materials
- Offender manipulation

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