



What training do Peace Officers receive?

- All Peace Officers must successfully complete a 16-week Basic Correctional Juvenile Academy (BCJA). During the academy, all cadets are paid and provided room and board
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Youth Correctional Peace Officers

Who can be a Youth Correctional Officer (YCO)?

To be eligible to compete in the YCO examination, you must meet all the minimum qualifications.

Peace Officer Minimum Qualifications:

- Be at least 21 years of age to apply
- No felony convictions
- U.S. citizen or permanent resident alien who is eligible for and has applied for U.S. citizenship before filing for the examination
- Graduate from a U.S. high school or have a GED or an advanced degree
- History of law abiding behavior

What does a Youth Correctional Officer do?

A YCO performs various tasks in a youth correctional facility. Some of which include:

- Supervise youthful offenders in their daily activities
- Respond to various institutional emergencies
- Maintains safety and security of the institution
- Ensures that routine and periodic counts are conducted and accurate
- Searches of youthful offenders, visitors and secure areas for contraband
- Transports youthful offenders

Who can be a Youth Correctional Counselor (YCC)?

In addition to the Peace Officer minimum qualifications, the YCC must also have either a Bachelors Degree, or 60 college units and two years of experience working with youth, or one-year experience working as a YCO.

What does a Youth Correctional Counselor do?

- Counsels and gives direction to youthful offenders
- Writes reports that document youthful offender's progress
- Supervises youthful offenders in their daily activities
- Responds to various institutional emergencies
- Facilitates small group counseling sessions



Who can be a Casework Specialist (CWS)?

In addition to the Peace Officer minimum qualifications, the CWS must have a Masters degree in Social Work (MSW). Candidates enrolled in their final academic year of graduate work may be admitted to the examination.

What does a Casework Specialist do?

- Performs intensive individual casework services
- Group counseling and psycho therapy with an assigned caseload
- Direct liaison with community support services
- Assists youthful offenders with parole planning and family reunification
- Prepares psycho-social case histories for diagnostic purposes
- Interprets the social aspects of mental and emotional disturbances
- Works with psychiatrists, psychologists, counselors and teachers in developing treatment plans

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The DJJ is the largest youthful offender program in the country, offering you the opportunity to grow and take on challenging experiences and diverse assignments. A career with the DJJ can offer you a sense of accomplishment, security in employment, and one of the best pay and benefit packages in the country.

What opportunities are available?

- With more than 34,000 Peace Officers within the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, advancement opportunities are abundant in the DJJ.
- Diversified assignments throughout California
- The ability to live and work virtually anywhere in California

DJJ Peace Officers may be considered for specialized assignments, such as:

- Mental health units
- Drug treatment programs
- Sex offender programs
- Youth conservation camps
- Transportation unit
- Intensive treatment programs

Pay and Benefits

- The DJJ's pay is highly competitive and even exceeds that of most other law enforcement agencies. Our Peace Officers receive health, dental and vision benefits for themselves and their families. Additionally, a generous vacation, sick leave, and holiday credits package is provided.
- Peace Officers may retire at age 50 (earning 3.0% of their salary for every year worked as a Peace Officer). Actual pension is determined based on years of service as a Peace Officer.

