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# OVERVIEW

The Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) has created a means to publicly certify institutions of higher education that have implemented a defined set of campus safety strategies as part of a comprehensive community effort. This program, entitled the ***Certified Crime Prevention Campus Program***, is open to all public and private accredited colleges or universities in Virginia. All applicants are required to have each of the Core Campus Safety Elements in place and must select four additional elements for submission from the optional elements list.

Applicants enrolled in the program will have a maximum of 12 months from the recorded start date to meet the program requirements. This includes implementing programs needed to satisfy core and/or optional elements. If necessary, an extension may be granted upon reasonable request.



# PROGRAM INCENTIVES

- The ***Certified Crime Prevention Campus Program*** builds on Virginia's reputation as a national leader in crime prevention and school safety by establishing minimum standards for institutions of higher education to use as a benchmark for safety. The certification demonstrates the campus's dedication to safety.
- Participation in the ***Certified Crime Prevention Campus Program*** will give the college or university preferred status in the state criminal justice grant application process.
- The ***Certified Crime Prevention Campus Program*** may be used to market the college or university as an environment with a safety focus.
- Completion of the required ***Certified Crime Prevention Campus Program*** application, elements, and supporting documentation will create a document that will be used to measure the effectiveness of safety and security programs.



# CERTIFICATION PROCESS

- The certification process consists of four parts or phases:
  - » Enrollment,
  - » Application Package Development,
  - » Application Package Review/Verification, and
  - » Board Review.
- If an applicant is denied certification by the subcommittee of the Criminal Justice Services Board (CJSB), DCJS will notify the campus certification coordinator of the denial.
  - » The applicant campus may attend and speak at the full CJSB meeting in which the motion to deny the application is made by the subcommittee, or the campus will otherwise have 30 days in which to notify the Director of DCJS of its intention to appeal.
  - » Upon receiving an appeal request, DCJS will hold an appeal hearing with the CJSB at their next available meeting.
  - » The campus will meet with the CJSB and present its appeal.
  - » All decisions by the CJSB will be final and binding.
- Certified campuses will retain their certification for three years, and must complete a reassessment process every three years to maintain certification.





# CORE CAMPUS ELEMENTS

There are 11 core elements that all campuses must meet in order to be certified.

1. Violence prevention committee; threat assessment team
2. A DCJS-certified crime prevention specialist assigned to crime prevention duties in the law enforcement/criminal justice campus agency
3. A campus outreach/watch program
4. Mutual aid/cooperative agreements
5. Organized distribution of campus safety information (literature, videos, and internet resources) to students, visitors, faculty and staff
6. Designation of a person or committee, trained to conduct physical security surveys
7. Functional crime analysis capability
8. Institutional crisis and emergency management plan
9. Compliance with the *Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act*
10. Access to victim/witness services program or an organized referral process to programs in neighboring jurisdictions
11. 24-hour Law Enforcement or Security Patrols

# OPTIONAL CAMPUS ELEMENTS

Campuses must submit four elements from this list, or offer others for approval to qualify for certification.

- ☐ Student Escort Services
- ☐ Emergency Communications
- ☐ Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) System or Personal Safety Classes
- ☐ Domestic Violence/Stalking Program
- ☐ *Sexual Assault Response Teams (SART)*
- ☐ Availability of Crime Solvers/Stoppers or Campus Anonymous Tip Lines
- ☐ Crime Prevention Newsletter
- ☐ Alcohol or Substance Abuse Program
- ☐ Annual Crime Prevention Awards
- ☐ Law Enforcement Accreditation
- ☐ Surveillance Camera Program
- ☐ Volunteers in Crime Prevention/Security Program
- ☐ Peer Conflict Resolution/Mediation Program
- ☐ Pre-trial Services Program
- ☐ Hate Crime Prevention Program
- ☐ Campus Emergency Response Teams (CERT)
- ☐ Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)
- ☐ Operation Identification
- ☐ Law Enforcement Encounter/Interaction Program
- ☐ Any other programs deemed appropriate by the Criminal Justice Services Board

# INFORMATION

Download the program manual for the  
Certified Crime Prevention Campus Program at:

[Certified Crime Prevention Campus Program–Certification Manual](https://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/sites/dcjs.virginia.gov/files/publications/law-enforcement/certified-crime-prevention-campus-program-certification-manual.pdf)

[https://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/sites/dcjs.virginia.gov/files/publications/law-enforcement/  
certified-crime-prevention-campus-program-certification-manual.pdf](https://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/sites/dcjs.virginia.gov/files/publications/law-enforcement/certified-crime-prevention-campus-program-certification-manual.pdf)

or short link:

<https://bit.ly/DCJS-CCPC-Manual>

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