Employment Opportunities

There is a great demand for Registered Criminologist. The criminology profession as the study of crime and its effect is dynamic. Thus, providing public safety and order maintenance services becomes dynamic. In government public services, Criminologists are employed as personnel in the criminal justice system. They are appointed to the PNP, NBI, PDEA and other Law Enforcement Agencies or as Jail or Correction Officers or the Fire Safety and Protection ranks. The annual recruitment program for police recruits involves on average of 7,000 slots for Police Officer I, in order to meet the 1:500 police-to-population ratio. Likewise, there is a yearly need to increase the manpower strength of the district, city and municipal jails as well as the city/municipal fire stations.

The new ratio of 1:6 for correctional officer-to-national inmates and 1:26 ratio of corrections technical officer-to-national inmate prescribed under R.A. No. 10575 shall provide employment opportunities to criminologists.

There are other public and private agencies/ establishments that are hiring criminologists such as public/private security agencies, banks for signature verifiers, private detectives/ bodyguards. And cruise ships for ship marshalls/ investigators.

A number of factors are believed to influence crime rate, including economy, drug use, social malaise, interpersonal violence, terrorism, human trafficking, cyber crime, and organized crime, at the local and International fronts. The occurrence/existence of these phenomena creates a professional career and employment opportunities in public safety and maintenance.



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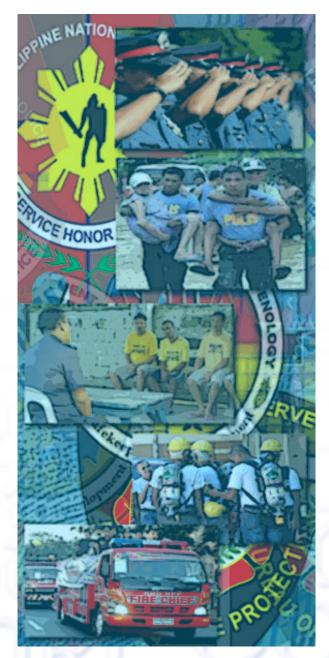
Criminologist

A criminologist is any person who is a graduate of a Baccalaureate Degree in Criminology, who has passed the examination for criminologists and is registered as such by the Professional Regulatory Board of Criminology.

Functions

Criminologists may perform the following:

- Conduct of research projects involving the nature and causes of crime, etiology of crimes, juvenile delinquency, and such other criminological issues pertaining to offenders, victims, criminal law and the administration of criminal justice system;
- Compilation, analysis and interpretation of information on the incidence of crime and the operation of the criminal justice system;
- Crime detection and investigation through the application of forensic sciences of dactyloscopy, ballistics, photography, questioned documents, DNA, polygraphy, Forensic toxicology and other scientific aspects of crime detection;
- Law enforcement functions such as peace keeping, patrolling, responding to calls for assistance, deterring potential criminals, apprehending law violators and public safety services during disasters and calamities such as fire incidents, flood, typhoon, earthquake, etc;
- Correctional services such as custodial functions in correctional institutions; rehabilitation and reformation services for offenders committed to



correctional institutions and convicted offenders legally allowed to remain in the community; and monitoring and supervising those under probation or parole;

- Protective security services in public and private security agencies; and
- Teach professional subjects of the criminology education program.

Skills and Competencies

- Must have analytical ability, critical thinking, decision-making skills;
- Must have effective oral and written communication skills:
- Must have a good grasp of human relations, morale and ethics;
- Must possess personal integrity, accountability and responsibility and public service orientation;
- Must have interest in welfare and human behavior with social perceptiveness, coordination, persuasion and active listening skills.

Basic Educational Requirement

Completion of a 4-year program of Bachelor of Science in Criminology and passing the Licensure Examination for Criminologist given by the Professional Regulation Commission.

Cost of Education

On the average, the cost of criminology education ranges from PHP 15, 000.00 to PHP 30, 000.00 per semester in private colleges and universities. The cost of the educational program is 40%-50% lower in state/local universities/colleges.