



# Basic Correctional Officer Training (BCOT)

The Basic Correctional Officer Training (BCOT) is a mandatory program for correctional officers in Georgia, as required by the Georgia Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST). All correctional officers must be certified as Peace Officers. This essential training equips correctional officers with the necessary skills to effectively carry out their duties, including protecting Georgians, ensuring secure facilities, and offender rehabilitation. BCOT stands as one of the most extensive basic law enforcement training programs in the state of Georgia.

## MISSION

To protect Georgians by operating secure facilities and providing opportunities for offender rehabilitation.

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## TRAINING



- Five-week course, 240 hours
- Paramilitary structure model
- 41 hours of firearms training
- 10 practical examinations
- Seven written tests

### POST BCOT TRAINING

Upon graduation, officers will return to their assigned facility highly trained. Officers must maintain 20 hours of yearly training to uphold their Georgia POST certification and 40 hours total to maintain the American Correctional Association standard. The yearly training includes some of the following topics Firearms, Deadly Force, De-escalation, Gang Awareness, Human Trafficking, and Community policing.

## BCOT TOPICS



### LEARNING TOPICS

- Introduction to Criminal Justice and Corrections
- Legal Issues and Liabilities
- Ethics and Professionalism
- Offender Supervision
- Mental Health/Suicide Prevention
- Report Writing
- Firearms Certification
- Interpersonal Communications
- Drug User Identification
- Cultural Awareness/Human Diversity
- Emergency Response
- Defensive Tactics
- Criminal Thinking
- Disciplinary Procedures
- Critical Materials
- Grievance Procedures
- Perimeter Security/Officer Safety
- Contraband
- Health Care
- Health/Wellness
- National Incident Management System
- Security Threat Groups

## CAREER PATH



### CORRECTIONAL OFFICER

- Basic Mental Health Officer
- Multi-functional Officer
- Special Operations Basic
- Transportation Officer
- Field Training Officer

### CORRECTIONAL SUPERVISOR TRAINING

- Supervision I, II, & III
- Management I, II, & III
- Sergeants Academy
- Lieutenants Academy
- Chief of Security Training
- Unit Manager Training
- Assistant Superintendents Training
- Command College
- Deputy Wardens Academy
- Wardens Pre-Command
- Professional Management Program (PMP)

INFORMATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS