

Training Requirements for Probation Officers

RCW [43.101.220](#) states in part:

(1) The corrections personnel of the state and all counties and municipal corporations initially employed on or after January 1, 1982, shall engage in basic corrections training which complies with standards adopted by the commission. The training shall be successfully completed during the first six months of employment of the personnel, unless otherwise extended or waived by the commission, and shall be requisite to the continuation of employment.

RCW [43.101.010](#) defines "Corrections Personnel" as:

(5) The term "correctional personnel" means any employee or volunteer who by state, county, municipal, or combination thereof, statute has the responsibility for the confinement, care, management, training, treatment, education, supervision, or counseling of those individuals whose civil rights have been limited in some way by legal sanction.

Summary:

By statute, those working for City or County authorities involved in the "training, treatment, education, supervision or counseling" of offenders are required to attend what has been termed the "[Misdemeanant Probation/Classification Counselor Academy](#)" within the first six months of employment.

There is currently an effort to rename the Academy as the "Classification" portion of the title doesn't adequately portray the content or intent of the Academy.