Current Career: Librarian

Alternate Career: Professor of Criminal Justice

Thesis Statement: In order to advance my career prospects within the academic community, I plan on earning a doctoral degree in criminal justice.

Annotated Bibliography


The Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences is responsible for the accreditation of criminal justice degree programs in the United States. The employment bulletin page lists current openings for professors that hold a PhD in criminal justice at colleges across the U.S. This site is useful to see who requires practical experience and how much practical experience is required to teach criminal justice.


The Occupational Outlook Handbook provides me with projections for salary and related occupations for my current position. The Occupational Outlook Handbook provides timely data on any chosen career because the content is revised every two years. The Occupational Outlook Handbook is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and the U.S. Department of Labor, a trusted and authoritative source for factual information.


This article provides much of the background information I would need to study this subject at the doctorate level. I intend to study bullying in school from a criminal justice
perspective and this article discusses whether or not bullying should be considered a crime. It is extremely relevant in providing me with the evidence I need to make a case for my acceptance to a criminal justice program with an education background.


This journal article provides a detailed account of what it takes to earn a doctorate degree. The authors are currently doctoral students offering a first hand authoritative account of the process. The article also provides me with tools to help decide which doctoral program would be best for me.


In this e-journal the authors discuss the differences between a criminology and a criminal justice education research track. This article is published by a reputable source; both authors hold doctoral degrees in criminal justice and have published in criminal theory journals. It is a current source of information, many other articles talking about the quality of education programs were from the 1990’s.