

STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES
Curriculum Program Applications
Fast Track for Action [FTFA*]

Request: The State Board of Community Colleges is asked to approve the curriculum program at the listed college on the condition that equipment funds are available to the college and operating funds generated by the budget formula will permit the offering of the program without any special allocation of funds.

Brunswick Community College
Criminal Justice Technology (A55180)

Background: Program applications must meet the following criteria in order to be placed on the Fast Track For Action (FTFA) program approval request presented to the State Board of Community Colleges as part of the consent agenda:

- The curriculum program title currently exists within the System and does not require the creation of a new program title and new curriculum standard;
- The application is complete, requires no further analysis or documentation, and has the endorsement of Academic Programs;
- There are no negative impact assessments from other colleges; and
- The college does not go outside of its service area for planning purposes.

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PROGRAM APPLICATION
Summary Evaluation Report
Brunswick Community College
Criminal Justice Technology (A55180)

Program Planning: Brunswick Community College (BCC) is seeking approval for the Criminal Justice Technology (A55180) program to begin Spring 2018. The planning area is defined as the college's service area of Brunswick County. All colleges were notified of the planning process for this program.

The proposed program was approved by the Board of Trustees at BCC on July 2, 2017. Minutes from this Board meeting were attached to the program application. The President and the Board of Trustees of BCC have certified the following:

- The proposed program will enhance the workforce of North Carolina, will provide educational and training opportunities consistent with the mission of the college, and will not duplicate the opportunities currently offered.
- They have assessed the need for the proposed program and the resources required to maintain a viable program and certify that the college can operate the proposed program efficiently and effectively within the resources available to the college.
- The college will complete a program accountability report including student success measures, enrollment trends, completion rates, and employment data three years after implementation of the program.

Program Rationale: Brunswick Community College indicated the following:

- The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics indicated that employment opportunities for police and detectives are expected to increase 4% between 2014-24 and private investigators by 5%.
- BCC surveyed local employers who projected there would be 26 positions available between 2018-21 with entry-level earnings between \$28-44,000 annually. Employers indicated that advancement within their agencies were highly dependent upon ongoing education and overall educational achievement.
- The City of Boiling Springs Police Department, Oak Island Police Department, and Sunset Beach Police Department submitted letters of support in favor of the Criminal Justice Technology program.
- BCC surveyed local area high schools and students currently attending BCC regarding interest in attending the Criminal Justice Technology program. Ninety-six students indicated interest in attending the program.
- Brunswick County has been identified as the 2nd fastest growing county within the state and the 53rd fastest growing county within the country that will require additional public safety support to manage a growing population.

- BCC currently offers a successful Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) program that has a sound partnership with law enforcement agencies locally, within the county, and across the state including the NC Highway Patrol. The Criminal Justice Technology program will provide an appropriate ongoing educational pathway that aligns with and builds upon the BLET program.

Impact of the Proposed Program on Other Programs: Fifty-five colleges are approved to offer the Criminal Justice Technology program. An impact assessment was sent to colleges located in contiguous counties. Originally, Cape Fear Community College did not concur with the impact resolution. The issue has been resolved. **All colleges approved to offer the program are in agreement with the impact assessment.**

Implementation of Collaborative Plan: Not Applicable

Curriculum Design: The proposed program of study is in compliance with the State Board approved curriculum standard.

Curriculum Description as Designated on Curriculum Standard: *The Criminal Justice Technology curriculum is designed to provide knowledge of criminal justice systems and operations. Study will focus on local, state, and federal law enforcement, judicial processes, corrections, and security services. The criminal justice system's role within society will be explored. Emphasis is on criminal justice systems, criminology, juvenile justice, criminal and constitutional law, investigative principles, ethics, and community relations. Additional study may include issues and concepts of government, counseling, communications, computers, and technology. Employment opportunities exist in a variety of local, state, and federal law enforcement, corrections, and security fields. Examples include police officer, deputy sheriff, county detention officer, state trooper, intensive probation/parole surveillance officer, correctional officer, and loss prevention specialist.*

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