



NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

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To: Chief Academic Officers
Student Development Administrators
Senior Continuing Education Administrators

From: Tracy McPherson, Director, Public Safety Training Programs

RE: **Criminal Justice Updates**

The following Criminal Justice updates are relevant to college curriculum and continuing education programs:

- **New BLET Reading Assessment Option**
- **New Criminal Justice Fellows Program for Associate Degree Students**
- **New System Office Criminal Justice Specialist**

Details follow; please share on your campus as appropriate. Thank you.

New BLET Reading Assessment Option: NROC Edready™ Skills Inventory for English

The Criminal Justice Standards Division of the NC Department of Justice has confirmed that the Community College reading assessment “NROC Edready™ Skills Inventory for English” has been officially approved for use for admissions to college BLET programs. The revised rule follows:

12 NCAC 09B .0203 ADMISSION OF TRAINEES

(e) The school shall not admit an individual, including partial or limited enrollees, as a trainee in a presentation of the Basic Law Enforcement Training Course unless the individual, within one year prior to admission to the Basic Law Enforcement Training Course, **scores at or above mastery level on the NROC Edready™ Skills Inventory for English** or places into course DRE 098 or above at a North Carolina Community College as a result of taking the Reading and English component of the North Carolina Diagnostic Assessment and Placement test as approved by the State Board of Community Colleges on October 17, 2014, (<http://www.nccommunitycolleges.edu/state-board-community-colleges/meetings/october-17-2014>), or has taken the reading component of a nationally standardized test and has scored at or above the tenth grade level or the equivalent. For the purposes of this Rule:

- (1) Partial or limited enrollee does not include enrollees who hold, or have held within 12 months prior to the date of enrollment, general certification pursuant to 12 NCAC 09C .0304.
- (2) A "nationally standardized test" means a test that:
 - (A) reports scores as national percentiles, stanines, or grade equivalents; and
 - (B) compares student test results to a national norm.

NCAC Reference: <http://reports.oah.state.nc.us/ncac/title%2012%20-%20justice/chapter%2009%20-%20criminal%20justice%20education%20and%20training%20standards/subchapter%20b/12%20ncac%2009b%20.0203.html>

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New Criminal Justice Fellows Program for Associate Degree Students

Applications are currently being accepted for the state's new Criminal Justice (CJ) Fellows Program. Application deadline is April 15, 2019, with Fall 2019 enrollment at a community college for selected Fellows. Details may be found on the Criminal Justice Standards website via the link below.

The CJ Fellows Program is designed specifically to support students in obtaining an associate degree in Criminal Justice Technology or other committee-approved associate degree, followed by immediate employment in the criminal justice field. Please note that Fellows must live and subsequently work in identified NC counties to qualify for this program (but Fellows may enroll at any NC community college). There are other program parameters which are outlined on the CJ Fellows website.

The CJ Standards Division of the NC Department of Justice is currently marketing the CJ Fellows Program to high school students across the state. Your assistance in promoting this program to potential students is appreciated, as well as your support of these Fellows when they are enrolled at your college. The System Office is working with CJ Standards to put appropriate processes in place to ensure the seamless transfer of funds for the payment of tuition, etc. for those selected for this program. More information on this funds-transfer process will be forthcoming.

Criminal Justice Fellows Program Link:

<https://ncdoj.gov/About-DOJ/Law-Enforcement-Training-and-Standards/Criminal-Justice-Fellows-Program.aspx>

New Criminal Justice Specialist Has Joined System Office Staff

The System Office is pleased to announce that Andrea Hyson, formerly of Vance-Granville Community College, has joined our Public Safety Training Team as Criminal Justice training specialist. She will provide support to community college Criminal Justice programs and partnerships, to include the CJ Fellows Program, NC Community College System criminal justice advisory committees, and state criminal justice certification programs.

Ms. Hyson, a sworn law enforcement officer for more than 17 years, has a master's degree in Criminology, a bachelor's degree in Law Enforcement and Corrections, and a Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) certificate. She has worked for the NC Community College System for 20 years as a curriculum Criminal Justice Technology (CJT) instructor and program head and, most recently, as Director of Law Enforcement Training. Her duties have included classroom and online curriculum instruction, to include teaching CJT courses in a local high school, and advising the Criminal Justice Club; management of Basic Law Enforcement Training, Mandated In-Service Training, General Instructor training, Telecommunicator training, Detention Officer training, and NC Department of Public Safety Correctional Officer Consortium training. She was the recipient of the Excellence in Leadership Faculty of the Year Award at Vance-Granville Community College in 2016. Ms. Hyson may be reached via email at hysona@nccommunitycolleges.edu.

If you have questions about any of these updates, please feel free to contact me at mcphersont@nccommunitycolleges.edu or 919-807-7117. Thank you, and thank you for all that you do to ensure that your college's criminal justice students are Ready to Work and Ready to Respond. Your college's programs are making a difference for students and employers in your community, and across the state, every day.