



NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

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To: BLET School Directors

COLLEGE ACTION REQUIRED

From: Tracy McPherson, Director, Public Safety Training Programs

RE: **BLET Update: NCCCS Curriculum Course Change from CJC-100 to CJC-110**

We have received questions about the recent revision of CJC-100 Basic Law Enforcement Training to CJC-110 Basic Law Enforcement BLET. Here are the basics that BLET School Directors need to know:

- This NCCCS course revision should have no direct impact on how you as the certified Department of Justice BLET School Director manage your BLET program, other than to require you to change the course number and title on your college paperwork. *There has been no change to DOJ rules and no change to hours or content.*
- This change does mean, however, that your college must revise your college's BLET Program of Study (POS) in the electronic Colleague system by June 15, 2020, for Fall 2020 implementation, to remain in compliance with NC Community College System rules.
- Please do not change the course number/title on your college BLET course documents until the college officially revises its electronic Program of Study in Colleague. *Continue to use the current course number CJC-100 until then.*
- Some colleges have already made this change. If you are unsure if your college has done so, please ask your curriculum supervisor or feel free to contact me to confirm.

I have attached some additional information about this change for your reference and for you to share with others on your campus, as appropriate. Although it is detailed, it does not include any additional required action steps. Please email me at mcphersont@nccommunitycolleges.edu if you have questions.

Thank you for all that you do to ensure that your law enforcement cadets are Ready to Work and Ready to Respond. Your local employing agencies and the citizens of North Carolina are indebted to you for your commitment to Basic Law Enforcement Training.

Attachment

C: Chief Academic Officers Registrars

Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) Course Revision

FAQ – November 2019

- Which BLET course number should I use?
- Why are there currently two BLET curriculum courses in the CCL, and why must the college change to new course number CJC-110 by Fall 2020?
- What is the difference between CJC-100 and CJC-110, and why was this change made?
- What else do I need to know?

Question 1: Which BLET course number should I use?

Answer: Currently, colleges have a choice of two curriculum course numbers (CJC-100 or CJC-110) and one continuing education course number (CJC-3938) when offering Basic Law Enforcement Training.

However, colleges offering BLET as a curriculum course/program must stop using CJC-100 and move to CJC-110 by Fall Term 2020. To implement this change, the college must revise and have approved its C55120 Basic Law Enforcement Training electronic Program of Study in Colleague by Fall 2020, to include CJC-110 as the Core course.

There is no required change related to the continuing education CJC-3938 BLET course.

Question 2: Why are there currently two BLET curriculum courses in the CCL, and why must the college change to new course number CJC-110 by Fall 2020?

Answer: Two curriculum BLET course numbers are active in the Combined Course Library (CCL) because a revision was approved to CJC-100, and NCCCS policy allows colleges time to transition to the revised course. The end of the transition period for this course change is Fall 2020, meaning that all colleges must make the change to their electronic Programs of Study by this time. This also means that starting Fall Term 2020, CJC-110 will be the only active curriculum BLET course in the CCL.

Please note that the current Curriculum Standard for C55120 Basic Law Enforcement Certificate (BLET) has an effective term of Fall 2019 (2019*03) noted on the document and includes new course CJC-110 as the required Core course. The effective term noted marks the beginning of the transition period allowed to colleges. The final deadline for all colleges to make this change is one year later (Fall 2020).

For reference, the current curriculum standard for C55120 may be found online:

https://www.nccommunitycolleges.edu/sites/default/files/academic-programs/curriculum-standards/attachments/c55120_basic_law_enforcement_training_fa2019v2.pdf

Question 3: What is the difference between CJC-100 and CJC-110, and why was this change made?

Answer: The NCCCS Curriculum Review Committee (CCRC) received a request to revise CJC-100 Basic Law Enforcement Training, which was approved on May 23, 2019. See Numbered Memo CC19-026 for documentation of this action: <https://www.nccommunitycolleges.edu/numbered-memos/cc19-026>

Here are the two versions of the course and the rationale given at the CCRC meeting for the revision:

Current Course (available until Fall Term 2020)

Course CJC-100

Course Title Basic Law Enforcement Training

Class 10 Lab 30 Clinical 0 Work 0 Credit 20

This course covers the basic skills and knowledge needed for entry-level employment as a law enforcement officer in North Carolina. Topics are divided into general units of study: legal, patrol duties, law enforcement communications, investigations, practical application and sheriff-specific. Upon successful completion, the student will be able to demonstrate competence in the topics and areas required for the state comprehensive certification examination.

Revised Course (optional now; mandated by Fall Term 2020)

Course CJC-110

Course Title Basic Law Enforcement BLET

Class 10 Lab 30 Clinical 0 Work 0 Credit 20

This course covers the basic skills and knowledge needed for entry-level employment as a law enforcement officer in North Carolina. Topics include those mandated by North Carolina Administration Code as essential for functioning in law enforcement. Upon completion, the student should be able to demonstrate competence in the topics required for the state comprehensive certification examination.

Curriculum Course Review Committee (CCRC) Considerations (May 23, 2019 meeting)

The state-level CCRC course revision process includes reviewing requests from colleges and providing pros and cons for the committee for consideration. It also involves officially polling all colleges approved to offer the affected course.

- In the case of this request, of the 45 approved colleges, 31 voted in favor, 2 opposed all or part of the revision request; and 12 did not respond.
- The official request was to do the following:
 - Change the course number from CJC 100 to CJC 110
 - Change the title to “Basic Law Enforcement BLET” (*we are limited to 30 characters and spaces*)
 - Change the description (*see descriptions above*)

The following pros and cons were provided to the committee for consideration:

- Pros:
 - Changing the course number to CJC 110 will allow it to be applied towards graduation requirements for Associate of Applied Science degrees, to include Criminal Justice Technology (A55180) and Public Safety Administration (A55480).
 - Re-numbering would align the course with requests from employers and of the Higher Education Committee of the Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission to provide pathways to degrees that include industry-recognized credentials.
 - Revising the course title to include the acronym BLET will allow it to be more easily searchable by students and employers via the NCCC online Public Safety Training Calendar.
 - Revising the description to note that it is tied to NC Administrative Code will ensure that the description points to the most current lesson plan.
- Cons
 - Possible SACS-COC implications. (*See related comments under Question 4.*)

Question 4: What else do I need to know?

Answer: Based on questions and input received from colleges during the review and implementation process, here are some helpful hints:

- This is merely a Community College course change; the course hours, content, and other requirements for BLET as mandated by the NC Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission have not changed.
- New course CJC-110 Basic Law Enforcement (BLET) may now be placed directly on a curriculum Program of Study for A55180 Criminal Justice Technology, A55480 Public Safety Administration, or any other curriculum program that has a CJC course in the Core of the Curriculum Standard. (This was not possible with CJC-100.)
 - This means that CJC-110 may be used directly as credit towards graduation for these programs on a student's transcript, if a college deems it appropriate. *This is not a state mandate.*
 - This does not preclude colleges from awarding credit for prior learning for BLET, as is already done at many colleges, through other means sometimes known as crosswalk credit, advanced standing, etc. It merely provides another option, if a college deems it appropriate.
 - Each college will have to determine if there are Southern Association of Colleges and Schools-Commission on Colleges (SACS-COC) or other concerns when considering this option. This will depend on a variety of factors that are most appropriately vetted by the college's Chief Academic Officer (CAO) and the academic review process specific to each college.
- This memo will be archived for future reference in the Public Safety Training section of the NCCCS website. Such Public Safety Memos may be found by typing "psmemos" into the search box at www.nccommunitycolleges.edu and scrolling down the page. It will be memo PS19-07.
- The NCCCS Public Safety Training Calendar (PSTC) referenced above under Question 3 may be found online by typing "PSTC" into the search box at www.nccommunitycolleges.edu.
- If you have questions, please contact Tracy McPherson, Director, Public Safety Training, NCCCS, at mcphersont@nccommunitycolleges.edu.

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