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WA CJ Program 2018 Brief

Over the past two years, the Center, in collaboration with the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges, our CTC Criminal Justice Programs and their Deans, have met and developed recommendations for a common core curriculum and course numbering that can be utilized by all of the state's community colleges CJ Programs.

“According to the [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), as of 2016, roughly three million

2017, the Center hosted the first meeting with our state's Criminal Justice Programs, our Skills Centers, and University programs to discuss development of a statewide AA degree core curriculum which was followed up by a DACUM process. The Criminal Justice Programs working group was established and met throughout the 2017.

Background

In December of 2014, a [CJ Employer Engagement Brief](#) and [CJ Curriculum Survey](#) was completed and published after discussions with the CJ programs. On March 22,

Criminal Justice Working Group Activities



On July 18 & 19, 2017, the Center and Big Bend Community College hosted the Criminal Justice (CJ) DACUM. The DACUM brought together CJ Program Coordinators and faculty, college Deans, and employers from around the state to continue the discussion from its March meeting on

establishing a statewide agreed upon CJ basic core curriculum for all our programs to utilize. Tony Anderman who is an expert in the field of law and justice facilitated the CJ DACUM. He guided participants helping them to address the gaps and needs CJ students need in order to be successful in the field.

During the first day of the meeting participants discussed the current state of the CJ training/education system in Washington State. On the second day the group was focused on the needed curriculum. Participants were asked “What does a Basic Law Enforcement Officer look like after they complete their education – What are the KSAs (Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities)?” A final briefing document summarizing the meeting was completed and along with the DACUM summary which was submitted to the CJ working group. These documents are available on the Center's website at <http://www.coehsem.com/our-services/>.

On November 7, the state's CJ Programs Workgroup held a “virtual” meeting using our CTC systems new video conferencing tool called Zoom. This was the third quarterly meeting of the CJ Programs in 2017, and was attended by several of our college's Program Directors and Deans including our newest CJ

program at Walla Walla College. The meeting updated everyone on the work of all of the CJ Faculty since the July 18-19, meeting at Big Bend. A short summary of the survey work to identify a common core courses was distributed and will be available at the winter CJ Workgroup meeting February 26 and 27th in conjunction with the new WA CJ Association's first annual conference. Meeting is being held at the Spokane County Sheriff's Office Training Center in Newman Lake.

Dr. Ryann Leonard, (RyannL@bigbend.edu) Big Bends CJ Program Coordinator for their CJ Program established a Canvas site which allows programs to post their curriculum. Over a third of the programs have contributed to the Canvas site and programs continue to contact Dr. Leonard to get access so they can input their college's CJ curriculum.

Dr. Leonard and Tim Harris (CJ Program Faculty at Columbia Basin College) provided a review of the submitted curriculum syllabi and a summary of the most common topics covered in the possible "core" set of classes. For some syllabi, there was no content outline but there were course outcomes that were reviewed. In other courses, there was a textbook listed and the table of contents were reviewed from the publisher websites.

Review results identified the five common core courses; 1) CJ& 101 – Introduction to Criminal Justice - overview course covering a basic overview of law enforcement, courts, and corrections; 2) CJ& 110 – Introduction to Criminal Law - overview course covering major concepts, definitions, classification, elements and penalties of crime and criminal responsibility; Model Penal Code and WA state RCWs; elements of crime; defenses to prosecution, crimes related to property, people, families, public administration and penalties; 3) CJ – Introduction to Law Enforcement (needs a common title) - Overview course that reviews the history of law enforcement, basic police procedures as well as specialized units; 4) CJ& 105 – Introduction to Corrections - overview course covering history of corrections and sentencing options, correctional facilities, managing special populations and prison life in general, probation/parole/community corrections, Death penalty and punishment and correctional practices and prison management and correctional officers; and 5) CJ& 106 – Juvenile Justice - This series of courses also had common trends. Much of the class was theory related to juvenile delinquency. There was discussion of gangs. There was discussion of how the juvenile justice system and process runs differently from the adult system.

The CJ Programs Work Group's Strategic Planning Sub-Committee met August 10, at Highline College. The Committee reviewed the information gathered at the July 17-18, DACUM meeting at Big Bend College and developed a strategic plan to implement the recommendations and actions identified at the July meeting. The Planning Sub-Committee is Co-Chaired by Steve Lettic (Highline College) and Ryann Leonard (Big Bend CC). Tony Anderman is a consultant who completed the DACUM report at the July meeting served as an advisor and facilitator for the Planning Committee. The resulting draft strategic plan, and the Planning Committee and July 17-18 meeting summaries were distributed to all of the Criminal Justice, Corrections and affiliated programs and Deans in August, along with a short video and message created by Ryann Leonard to update all of the CJ Program Managers and faculty on what has been accomplished since the CJ Work Groups first meeting in March.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION



HOTEL INFORMATION

On January 14, the establishment of WSAPSTE and its first annual statewide conference “Defensible Training and Education – Developing Keys for Success” was announced.

This conference will be held February 26 to 27, in Spokane at the Spokane Sheriff’s Office Training Center. The purpose of the Association is to provide training and education resources and the opportunity for public safety trainers and educators to come together in a forum that allows for collaboration and increases our public safety through best practices curriculum. Our state’s CTC CJ Program Coordinators and faculty will hold their quarterly Working Group meeting during the Forum to refine their 2017 work on identifying core curriculum recommendations and begin implementation planning which improve CJ program curriculum and delivery statewide in all twenty (20) programs.