CRIMINAL JUSTICE

PROGRAM REVIEW 12-13

For the Period of Fall 2010 through Spring 2012

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Criminal Justice

The Program Review Committee met and reviewed the Criminal Justice two-year update on May 7, 2013.

We have accepted the report, with the following findings:

- The report adequately describes the program, which is to provide students with criminal justice careers.
- Data shows there is significantly demand for trained personnel in the field of Criminal Justice.
- The data evidences completion of degree and certificates. However, with a full time faculty member overseeing the program and with changes in unit requirements, completions are expected to increase.
- Program meets students' needs. However, the program would be more effective by assisting the full time CRJ instructor in acquiring certification for proctoring exams in firearms and defensive tactics.
- FTES income is adequate to meet program expenditures.
- 2 year program goals have been identified and include having a full time instructor and making changes in curriculum.

PART 1 PURPOSE OF THIS PROGRAM

The purpose of the Criminal Justice Program is to provide students with the necessary skills to work in an ever-expanding field. To this end, the Criminal Justice program provides students with basic, entry-level skills, professional development opportunities, and certification and degree options.

PART 2 DEMAND FOR THIS PROGRAM

Projections of Employment by Occupation, 2010-2020

Occupations Matched by Top Code(s)

210500 Administration of Justice
210510 Corrections
210520 Probation and Parole
210540 Forensics, Evidence and Investigation
210550 Police Academy

Geography: Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario MSA
Counties: Riverside County, San Bernardino County

Annual Job Openings by Occupation

SOC Code	Occupation Title (Link to Occupation Profile)	2010-2020 Employment	Annual Job Openings*
333012	Correctional Officers and Jailers	5,490	99
251111	Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement Teachers,	210	4
333021	Detectives and Criminal Investigators	1,290	30
331011	First-line Supervisors/Managers of Correctional Officers	280	9
331012	First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Police and Detectives	320	11
19-4092	Forensic Science Technicians	331	17
33-3051	Police and Sheriffs Patrol Officers	6,120	212
33-3021	Private Detectives and Investigators	1,290	30

PART 3 QUALITY OF THIS PROGRAM

COMPLETIONS 2010-2011		
Certificate/Degree	**Title**	**Completed**
Degree	Associate of Science	2
Certificate	Certificate 30.0-59.9 Units	4

COMPLETIONS 2011-2012		
Certificate/Degree	**Title**	**Completed**
Degree	Associate of Science	0
Certificate	Certificate 30.0-59.9 Units	2

PART 4 EXTERNAL ISSUES

Staying current with the ever-changing demands of the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) continues to be a challenge. Issues arose over the past few years with offering our CRJ 165 course (832 PC). We offer this course once a year, during the Fall semester.

P.O.S.T. has increased the requirements to the college for administering P.O.S.T. exams. Each segment—defensive tactics, range qualifications and arrest exams—are required to have a certified proctor. Currently, we do not have certified proctors in our area for defensive tactics and range qualifications. This issue needs to be resolved soon. A request for funds to pay for ongoing, POST-certified proctors in firearms and defensive tactics will be made a part of the Annual Program Review report due March 1, 2013. (The current full-time CRJ instructor is POST-certified as a proctor in the written 832 exams, but not for the firearms and defensive tactics exams.)

Palo Verde College was required to purchase a scanner to transmit answer sheets directly to P.O.S.T. The test results are then sent back to Palo Verde College.

PART 5 COST OF THIS PROGRAM

SPRING 2011			
Course Code	**Course Title**	**Credit**	**Enrollment**
CRJ 104	Criminal Investigation	3	25
CRJ 120	Community Relations	3	27
CRJ 135	Spanish for EMS	3	21
CRJ 155	Crime Scene	3	23
CRJ 206	Legal Aspects	3	27
FALL 2011			
Course Code	**Course Title**	**Credit**	**Enrollment**
CRJ 103	Criminal Law	3	19
CRJ 115	Introduction to Law Enforcement	3	34
CRJ 125	Report Writing	3	27
CRJ 135	Spanish for EMS	3	16
CRJ 165	Arrest and Firearms	3	21
CRJ 220	Interviewing and Counseling	3	20
SPRING 2012			
Course Code	**Course Title**	**Credit**	**Enrollment**
CRJ 104	Criminal Investigation	3	21
CRJ 120	Community Relations	3	14
CRJ 135	Spanish for EMS	3	18
CRJ 155	Crime Scene	3	14
CRJ 206	Legal Aspects	3	14
FALL 2012			
Course Code	**Course Title**	**Credit**	**Enrollment**
CRJ 103	Criminal Law	3	11
CRJ 115	Introduction to Law Enforcement	3	23
CRJ 125	Report Writing	3	15
CRJ 130	Drug Abuse	3	12
CRJ 135	Spanish for EMS	3	13
CRJ 165	Arrest and Firearms	3	18
CRJ 220	Interviewing and Counseling	3	18

	Salaries	**Benefits**	**Supplies**	**Contracts**	**Capital**	**Total**	**FTEs**
2010-2012							
CRJ	34,333.80	3,678.59	74.70	-	-	38,087.09	26
2011-2012							
	35,693.88	4,206.01	155.94	-	-	40,055.83	19

PART 6 TWO-YEAR PLAN

Plans for the next two years include:

Increase the numbers of awards for the AS in Criminal Justice and in the Certificate of Achievement in Criminal Justice. Two factors will help increase enrollments: beginning the current school year the program now has a full-time faculty member and the number of units required for both the degree and the certificate has been reduced, while maintaining academic rigor. The faculty member will encourage students to earn the degree and the certificate.