

Program Planning Summary
State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education

1. College: York Technical College
2. Award: Associate Degree in Public Service
3. Major: Criminal Justice Technology

4. Designation (Check one)

- a. New Program Proposal
 65 Number of credit hours
- b. Program Modification
 _____ Number of credit hours

5. Proposed Date of Implementation: Spring, 2007

6. Justification of Need:

Employment opportunities in the field of Criminal Justice have been expanding in the past several decades as a result of population growth, rising crime, escalating drug abuse, and public demands for a strong political response to violence and disorder. With community populations and citizens' expectations for safer neighborhoods and business districts continuously increasing, the criminal and juvenile justice workforce continues to grow.

The field of Criminal Justice is a broad one in which graduates may find a variety of options for employment. Students earning an Associate Degree in Public Service, major in Criminal Justice Technology, may seek employment opportunities in law enforcement agencies, corrections, detention centers, private investigation, corporate and industrial security, rehabilitation, and juvenile justice agencies.

Within York Technical College's service area of York, Chester, and Lancaster counties, the Center for Accelerated Technology Training (CATT) conducted an employment needs survey in March, 2006. Approximately 75% of the survey recipients responded. The CATT Manager analyzed the survey responses and concluded that, "based on the combination of new and existing positions that stated a need for the program, there is certainly enough support" for the addition of Criminal Justice Technology programs of study. Additionally, according to the department manager of Admissions at York Technical College, based upon an informal tabulation of inquiries from the community over the past several years, criminal justice and related areas have been the most requested programs of study that the College does not offer.

Currently, law enforcement agencies within York, Chester, and Lancaster counties utilize training programs offered through the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy. This institution provides "basic training" required for all newly hired law enforcement officers, as well as a variety of specific training programs targeting active law enforcement officers to fulfill their annual continuing education requirement. In order to complete academic credit coursework, law enforcement officers interested in pursuing a program of study in the field of criminal justice have only the option of enrolling in an on-line program or attending classes at another South Carolina technical college or university. The Criminal Justice Technology program at York Technical College would contain courses offered in a "hybrid" format, a non-traditional approach to instruction combining "live" class sessions with various electronic instructional formats. This approach would result in flexible scheduling for those students employed on a full-time basis or working varying shifts while completing coursework.

7. Anticipated Program Demand and Productivity:

During the summer of 2005, as planning was beginning for the proposed addition of the Criminal Justice Technology program at York Technical College, meetings were held with officials from each law enforcement agency in York, Chester, and Lancaster counties. During these meetings, officials expressed a need for hiring additional personnel and reported shortages of employees within law enforcement agencies and corrections.

The Employment Needs Survey conducted by the CATT in 2006 contains the following data:

Summary of estimated job openings:

		Criminal Justice Technology		
		New Positions Due to Growth	Turnover Positions Due to Attrition	Total Position Openings
Next Year 2007	FT*	35	32	67
	PT*	5	3	8
Second Year 2008	FT*	25	33	58
	PT*	5	3	8
Third Year 2009	FT*	25	33	58
	PT*	5	3	8

FT* = Full-Time position

PT* = Part-Time position

*Explain any high attrition rates: None given

Approximately 183 full-time positions and 24 part-time positions are anticipated by 2009.

Additionally, several officials indicated officers/employees would be offered incentives by the agency to complete the Criminal Justice Technology program of study and that completion of the program would be criteria for promotion/advancement.

8. Assessment of Extent to Which Proposed Program Duplicates Existing Programs in the State:

Currently, twelve (12) technical colleges in South Carolina offer an Associate degree in Criminal Justice Technology. Within the service area of York Technical College, only the University of South Carolina – Lancaster (approximately 21 miles away) offers an Associate in Science Degree in Criminal Justice containing 60 credit hours. This degree includes 15 hours of criminal justice coursework and is designed to provide students with a comprehensive overview and systematic background in criminal justice. Students enrolled in this program of study may transfer to the University of South Carolina in Columbia in order to continue their education and pursue a Baccalaureate Degree in Criminal Justice.

The Associate Degree in Criminal Justice Technology at York Technical College is planned as a 65 credit hour program including 43 hours of Criminal Justice Technology coursework. The program is designed specifically to prepare graduates for direct entry-level employment in law enforcement agencies, courts, corrections, detention centers, private investigation, and corporate/industrial security. The difference between the York Technical College program and the USC-Lancaster program is much like the distinction between Early Childhood Development at York Technical College and Teacher Education at USC-Lancaster.

9. Relationship of the Proposed Program to Existing Programs at the Proposing Institution:

The proposed Associate in Public Service degree in Criminal Justice Technology represents an expansion of the Public Service offerings at York Technical College. Currently, the College offers only Early Childhood Development programs. The addition of the program is a responsive reaction to the current workforce needs of the communities in the College's service area.

The addition of the Criminal Justice Technology program will create opportunities for collaboration with York Technical College faculty teaching SCI 150 Forensic Science I. Additional possibilities for collaboration will exist with faculty teaching the legal (LEG) courses required in the Associate in Business, major in Office Systems Technology, specialization in Paralegal program.

10. Relationship of the Proposed Program to Other Institutions via Inter-Institutional Cooperation:

Discussions are being held with the Criminal Justice Academy in order to provide students with advanced standing for training previously completed at the Academy.

Partnerships will be created between the various law enforcement agencies in York, Chester, and Lancaster counties and York Technical College. Police and sheriff departments and programs (Ride Along) will be utilized for students' practicum/internship experiences, as well as resources for various equipment/demonstrations. Solicitors' offices in the service area have also agreed to serve as internship sites.

11. Total Costs Associated with Implementing the Proposed Program (General Estimates Only):

The major costs of initiating the proposed Criminal Justice Technology program include staffing and equipment/supplies/materials. Existing facilities and classroom equipment (TV/VCR, computer, SmartCart, etc.) will be utilized.

ESTIMATED COST BY YEAR

Category	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Totals
Faculty Salaries	57,000	57,000	58,000	172,000
Benefits for FT faculty	15,960	15,960	16,240	48,160
Supplies/equipment	3,000	2,000	2,000	7,000
Library Resources	4,500	2,000	1,500	8,000
Total per year	80,460	76,960	77,740	235,160

(Signature of College President)

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