

MCC's New Criminal Justice Technology Program is now on go!

In October, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) Commission of Colleges (COC) officially approved MCC's plan to add Criminal Justice Technology to its list of degree programs. Although MCC received approval from the NCCCS nearly a year ago, SACSCOC considered the new program to be a substantive change, and therefore, required review and approval at their level.

Criminal Justice training is offered at community colleges across the state to meet the workforce training needs of a wide variety of criminal justice professionals, including police officer, deputy sheriff, county detention officer, state trooper, intensive probation/parole surveillance officer, correctional officer, and loss prevention specialist.

According to MCC's Dean of Academics, Dr. Davis Fulmer, "We intend to get this program underway immediately. However, the timing of the approval will limit our start up to the required general education courses and at least two Criminal Justice (CJ) classes. We are already in the process of hiring the program's director and instructor."

The general education classes include; humanities/fine arts, social/behavioral sciences, and natural sciences/mathematics.

By the time MCC's Fall of 2018 semester begins, the following CJ specific classes will be developed and worked into the cur-

riculum schedule. These classes will include; Introduction to Criminal Justice, Criminology, Juvenile Justice, Criminal Law, Ethics and Community Relations, Investigative Principles and Constitutional Law.

The Criminal Justice Technology curriculum is designed to provide knowledge of criminal justice systems and operations. Study focuses on local, state, and federal law enforcement, judicial processes, corrections, and security services. The criminal justice system's role within society is explored throughout this course of study.

Emphasis is on criminal justice systems, criminology and constitutional law, investigative, juvenile justice, criminal principles, ethics, and community relations. Additional study may include issues and concepts of government, counseling, communications, computers, and technology.

Dr. Davis Fulmer adds, "With MCC's proximity to BCI (Bertie Correctional Institution), this program will certainly feed into the many job opportunities in the communities we serve."

Registration for Spring Semester begins November 20. Financial Aid may be available to students who qualify. For more information, visit the MCC web site at www.martincc.edu or call 252-792-1521.