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George Donald Dixon
MCC's new CJT Instructor

MCC's New Criminal Justice Program is Well Underway!

Martin Community College's (MCC) Criminal Justice (CJ) program is now underway. George Donald Dixon is the CJ instructor. Dixon worked as a deputy for the Beaufort County Sheriff's Department for five years, the last two of which he was School Resource Officer (SRO) at Northside High School. While there, he also gained considerable experience as both a Field Training Officer and a K9 Handler. Dixon also operated his own private investigation firm for 13 years. Dixon earned his undergraduate Criminal Justice B.S. degree from Mount Olive College in 1999 and his M.S. degree in Criminal Justice from ECU in 2010.

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, constitutional law, investigation, juvenile justice, criminal principles, ethics, and community relations. Additional study may include issues and concepts of government, counseling, communications, computers, and technology. The general education classes for CJ include: humanities/fine arts, social/behavioral sciences, and natural sciences/mathematics.

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 officers, deputy sheriffs, county detention officers, state troopers, intensive probation/parole surveillance officers, correctional officers, and loss prevention specialists. CJ degrees are often helpful in gaining employment or earning promotions

within the above mentioned law enforcement careers. The CJ credits are also transferrable to a number of four-year Criminal Justice degree programs.

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

According to Bureau of Labor Statistics data from May of 2016, there are 3,720 Protective Services jobs in the Northeastern North Carolina Nonmetropolitan Area (comprised of Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Dare, Gates, Halifax, Hertford, Hyde, Martin, Northampton, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell, Warren, and Washington counties)

To learn more about this program or to register, please contact Dixon at 252-789-0320 or via email at george.dixon@martincc.edu. Financial aid may be available for qualified students.

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