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El Camino College to Offer Two New Administration of Justice Courses for Fall 2014

El Camino College recently added two new Administration of Justice courses for the 2014-15 academic year.

The Emergency Management Homeland Security Program will launch this fall and will provide students with training in the procedures to effectively manage and operate an emergency operations center during various crisis situations.

The program was established in partnership with the California State University system and will offer lower division courses that will meet the requirements for transfer to a CSU campus, which offer bachelor's and master's degree programs in this field.

Career guidance is also available, in addition to opportunities for participants to complete a certificate of achievement and/or an associate degree in the college's Administration of Justice program.

Other courses available this fall include "Introduction to Homeland Security," and "Intelligence Analysis and Security Management." These classes were recently launched through a partnership between El Camino College and the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) at Los Angeles International Airport.

The inaugural class of 51 TSA employees received certificates of accomplishment this past February. ECC is one of only six community colleges in California authorized by the TSA to offer this program. Classes are taught by seasoned educators who have a varied background in law enforcement and can provide instruction along with "real world" experiences.

Data from the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics indicate a projected 25 percent increase in the need for emergency managers, and a corresponding 7 percent increase in the number of Homeland Security jobs in the next several years.

Government agencies and private industry employ emergency managers to develop and implement disaster preparation plans, and when an incident occurs, these individuals direct the efforts to manage the situation. Similarly, homeland security professionals often work for the federal government in numerous agencies, such as TSA and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. In addition, students who wish to enter these fields are not subject to the stringent physical requirements required by traditional law enforcement officers, such as police and deputy sheriffs.

Students interested in the new emergency management homeland security classes, or any other administration of justice class, are encouraged to apply to El Camino College and then review the class schedule for registration information.

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