

PUBLIC SAFETY MEMO PS24-02

TO: Chief Academic Officers, Senior Continuing Education Officers, Curriculum Registrars, Continuing Education Officers

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SUBJECT: Updates on Basic Law Enforcement Training Changes

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This memo provides updates on changes to the Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) programs affecting both curriculum and workforce continuing education programs.

The System Office has received numerous inquiries from community colleges who are not pilot colleges for the Basic Law Enforcement Training pilot program. Many questions center on colleges' needs to have access to the new course numbers soon if the North Carolina Criminal Justice Training and Standards Commission (CJ Commission) establishes January 1, 2025, as the date for all colleges to transition to the new program and curriculum. Immediate needs identified are time sensitive issues including course catalog updates, approvals for changes to financial aid offerings including VA benefits, access to course programs for section builds and timely pre-registration. The final implantation date may change but a final decision likely will not be known until mid-to-late Fall semester.

Staff has worked to request the State Board to move the current pilot status of the BLET programs to active status to allow non-pilot colleges to begin the necessary logistical work required for the 2024-2025 academic year, assuming a required mid-year implementation date of the new BLET program of January 1, 2025. On Friday, May 17, 2024, the State Board approved this action for both LET-110 Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) for curriculum programs and LET-3110 Basic Law Enforcement Training for Workforce Continuing Education Courses.

Recommendations for Colleges:

Curriculum program C55120 Basic Law Enforcement Training (Certificate):

It is recommended to **submit a revised program of study (POS) for Fall 2024 containing both CJC-110 and LET-110 as options**. This will help maximize planning and provide the most flexibility for the anticipated change in the required course for curriculum BLET.

NOTE: only approved pilot colleges may offer LET-110 until the official date is announced by the CJ Commission.

**Workforce Continuing Education programs:
LET-3110**

This course has been released to all colleges. You might find two versions of LET-3110 in your local library after running XUIC.

- The new version (S26442) was created last week. This new version has an updated title (removed BLET), description, and start date (1/01/2025).
 - **Non-pilot colleges will be advised when to start using this course version.**
 - **If the start date is postponed by the CJ Commission for non-pilot colleges, non-pilot colleges will continue using CJC-3938.**
 - Pilot colleges will start using this new course version to build sections starting on or after 01/01/2025, based on CJ Commission direction.
- The original pilot course version (S26158) has an end date of 5/17/2025.
 - Pilot colleges with existing 2025CE1 (ending between 1/01/2025-5/15/2025) sections can continue to operate under the current Course ID (S26158).
 - This version will be obsoleted effective 07/01/2025, after the Spring 2025 ICR is submitted.

Contacts for Questions:

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