

University of Alaska Board of Regents

Program Approval Summary Form

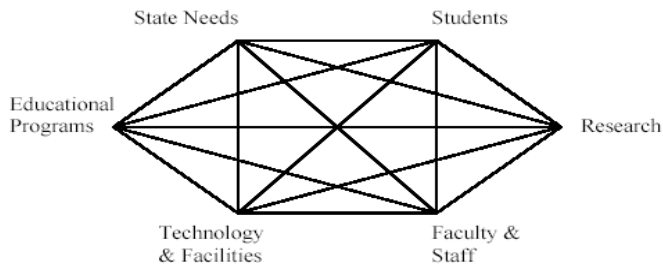
Requirements:

1. 2 pages or less
2. Must be a stand-alone document

MAU: University of Alaska Fairbanks

Title: Occupational Endorsement-
“Law Enforcement”

Target admission date: Fall 2009



How does the program relate to the **Education** mission of the University of Alaska and the MAU?

*Who promoted the development of the program?

The Law Enforcement Occupational Endorsement is being promoted by UAF/TVC in response to the need to make students job ready for entry level law enforcement positions. The UAF/TVC currently has a program in place (TVC Law Enforcement Academy), to serve the needs of the people in the community who seek these positions and the employers who want to fill them. A need was identified to provide a cohesive program that would allow hands-on law enforcement career oriented individuals to bypass non-related academic subjects and focus on skills to make them employable as law enforcement officers.

*What process was followed in development of program (including internal and external consultation)

Alaska Police Standards Council has certified courses and content currently being offered in the TVC Law Enforcement Academy. The TVC Law Enforcement Academy has been in existence for 7 ½ years and has updated course material as needed. Course offerings for similar programs in the State of Alaska’s other two law enforcement academies, Sitka and Anchorage, were investigated for comparison and input was gathered from police department heads in the interior. The following courses have been approved based on Alaska Police Standards.

- LE F110 Cultural and Behavioral Strategies for Law Enforcement Officers, 1 credit
- LE F115 Enforcement Skills for Law Enforcement Officers, 3 credits
- LE F120 Law Enforcement Operations, 4 credits
- LE F125 Basic Police Procedures, 4 credits
- LE F205 Criminal Law for Police, 4 credits

*Impact on existing programs and units across MAU and system, including GERS.

There is no additional cost to offering this Occupational Endorsement. All courses are current taught each semester at the Tanana Valley Campus by qualified adjunct faculty. This Occupation Endorsement does not affect any other unit.

What **State Needs** met by this program.

*Information describing program need and why existing programs in UA system are not able to meet it.

Currently there are three police academies in the State of Alaska (TVC, Sitka and Anchorage). The location of the Sitka academy makes it an unattractive location to many agencies. The Anchorage academy is for recruits of the Anchorage Police Department. Obviously, one of the greatest strengths of the Fairbanks program lies in its physical location. By being centrally located in Fairbanks, the Interior’s largest city, the UAF/TVC academy is easily accessible to area residents, and is a hub for much of Alaska.

The police field is constantly growing with the need for qualified, trained personnel to fill the ranks of police departments statewide and nationwide. There are employment opportunities with police departments, adult probation, juvenile probation, corrections, commercial vehicle enforcement, pipeline security and drug

enforcement to name a few. Alaska Police Standards Council requires all police officers to attend a basic academy prior to or during their first two years of employment. Graduates of the Police Academy meet all requirements of Alaska Police Standards Council for Basic Police Recruit.

What are the **Student** opportunities and outcomes? **Enrollment projections?**

There are consistently vacancies for law enforcement personnel in the Fairbanks area and around the State of Alaska. All students who complete the Occupational Endorsement and pass the comprehensive exam at the end of the academy will be employable, or will continue their criminal justice education. For the last 7 ½ years, the TVC Law Enforcement Academy has graduated on the average 36 recruits per year.

Describe **Research** opportunities:

None. This is a workforce development vocational educational program.

Describe Fiscal Plan for development and implementation:

*Identify funding requirement, sources and plan to generate revenue and meet identified costs to include:

- *Indirect costs to other units (e.g. GERs)
- *Faculty and Staff
- *Technology, Facilities and Equipment

N/A Courses are already taught on the TVC Campus and no additional staff will be required. The information regarding the Occupational Endorsement will be included in all catalogs (when the new catalog is being updated), information and registration packets. The information will be highlighted at career fairs and on the web-site. This Occupational Endorsement will increase enrollment and tuition revenue without any impact on costs.

Signatures for Approval

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