Criminal Justice Instructor Training

The Continuing Education Division of Beaufort County Community College is offering a new training program that will prepare criminal justice practitioners to become effective teachers. The North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards requires all of its instructors to become certified through this General Criminal Justice Instructor Training course.

Program director, Bobby Williams, says the course was initiated in response to the immediate need for trained instructors at the Hyde Correctional Center. "This course provides the initial training for these instructors. Once they've completed the general course, they can participate in advanced training programs to become certified to teach specialized subjects."

Topics of the 80-hour class include lesson plan preparation, teaching adults, methods and strategies of instruction, interpersonal communication, and demonstration methods. Each student must successfully research, plan, prepare, present and evaluate an 80 minute lesson, complete with written lesson plans and visual aids. Students who successfully meet the course objectives are eligible to take the North Carolina Criminal Justice Instructor's Certification exam. The College plans to offer this program three or four times a year.