**NARRATIVE TEMPLATE for Administration of Justice LAPD/LASC Partnership Certificate**

**Item 1.  Program Goals and Objectives**

The goal of the “LASC/LAPD Partnership Certificate” is to prepare promising young students for a career in law enforcement by preparing students for law enforcement backgrounds, entry-level interviews, physical fitness and mentorship.  This collaboration between the Los Angeles Police Department and Los Angeles Southwest College will provide a foundation for individuals who have the potential to be great officers, but who might not have considered law enforcement as a career option. Through relevant education, mentorship and guidance, the LAPD/LASC Partnership Certificate will provide a comprehensive understanding, at a pivotal time in the participants’ lives, what it takes to pursue a career in law enforcement. One underlying goal of “LASC/LAPD Partnership Certificate” is to address and hopefully correct the racial disparities among officers in the LAPD compared to their representation in traffic stops and on the opposite end of criminal justice system in Los Angeles. The number of Black officers in LAPD continues to drop, while Blacks continue to be disproportionately stopped and arrested, as detailed in a recent LA Times report, discussing the disparity in Blacks stopped by LAPD Metro Unit in South LA. By completing this program, students will be better prepared for career in law enforcement and increase their chances of becoming a law enforcement officer while providing a viable pool of South LA residents for law enforcement agencies to recruit.

The Partnership Certificate can also be used to supplement an associate degree. Completion of the certificate will demonstrate that students have prepared for a successful career in law enforcement.  The certificate aims to not only educate students about the LAPD, but also to connect students to entry level employment, as well as paid internships, volunteer and community service opportunities in the criminal justice field.

**The objective of this program**

* Expose participants to another side of the Los Angeles Police Department.
* Challenge perceptions of law enforcement.
* Build community trust through positive engagement and education.
* Provide a positive influence through discipline, commitment, and structure.
* Create a platform and structure to steer more of our inner-city youth toward obtaining a degree and improve their chances of a career with the Los Angeles Police Department.
* Strengthen the Los Angeles Police Department ranks with its very own community members, who will add an element of diversity and perspective to the Department.
* Exemplify what can be achieved when the community and law enforcement work together.

**Benefits to Los Angeles Southwest College**

* Bolsters the Administration of Justice Program.
* Provides a unique platform for student success.
* Establishes a unique partnership with local Law Enforcement.
* Students will benefit from two years of working directly with experienced Law Enforcement professionals.
* Students will benefit from obtaining a higher education.
* Opportunity to earn a certificate while pursuing an AA degree.
* Students will have the opportunity to obtain a highly rewarding and well compensated employment.

**Item 2.  Catalog Description**

The “LASC/LAPD Partnership Certificate” program will teach students what it takes to be in law enforcement as well as prepare them for the ethical and constitutional considerations officers face. Students will have the opportunity to participate in the physical agility test, interview preparation, mentorship, background interview preparation, and a paid internship with the LAPD.

**Item 3.  Program Requirements**

The program requires students to complete the following 16 units.

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|  **Requirements**  | **Dept. Name/#**  |  **Name**  |  **Units**  | **CSU-GE**  |  **IGETC**  |  **Sequence**  |
| Required Core (21 units)  | ADM JUS 1 ADM JUS 2 ADM JUS 14 ADM JUS 67 ADM JUS 16 or Kin 327ADM JUS 41 ADM JUS 310  | Introduction Administration of Justice Criminal Law Report Writing for Peace Officers Community Relations Recruitment Selection Process Officer SafetyField Work | 3 3 3 3 3 3 3  | UC/CSU UC/CSU CSU UC/CSU CSU CSU CSU  |    | Yr. 1 Fall Yr. 2 Fall Yr. 1, Fall  Yr. 1, Fall Yr. 1, Spring Yr. 2, Fall Yr. 2, Spring  |

**Item 4.  Master Planning   / Background & Rationale**

The LAPD/LASC Certificate is aligned with several of the Los Angeles Southwest College’s Strategic Planning Goals.  The college’s first goal is access and preparation.  The LAPD/LASC Certificate sets academic excellence, program completion, and transfer as its main goals. By ensuring that students have access to educational opportunities, this certificate will provide opportunities for clear pathways to transfer and employment.  The certificate will track its standardized objectives annually, with clear measurable outcomes and routine program evaluations aligned with the college Institutional Effectiveness and Accountability goal.  The certificate will connect students to LAPD, which will not only assist in their successful goal creation and completion, but also give students the opportunity to create change for the future, thereby meeting the college’s goal to increase the number of Collaborations and Partnerships.

This is an opportunity for Los Angeles Southwest College in partnership with the Los Angeles Police Department to mentor, educate, expose and train students for a potential career as a Los Angeles Police Officer.

Not only is this certificate program aimed at mentoring students, it is also designed to counteract the negative perception of the Police. Often, the perception among some in the community is that police officers do not reflect the community they serve. This program aims to both challenge and change that perception, by influencing students who come from the community to pursue careers in law enforcement.

The LASD/LAPD Partnership Certificate Program is meant to create opportunities for student access and success as they complete educational and professional goals.  The program’s design and delivery methods will increase opportunities for students to complete the program on weekends, evenings and online settings.  The program will enhance the college’s success rates by providing opportunities for students to complete a certificate program, while on path to an associate’s degree.

**Item 5.  Enrollment and Completer Projections**

The enrollment goal for each course in the program is 60-75 students with an expectation of at least 50 students completing the certificate program each year.

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| **ENROLLMENT DATA**  |
|   | **<Year 1>**  | **<Year 2>**  |
| **CB01: Progression Department Number**  | **CB02: Course Title**  | **Annual # Sections**  | **Annual Enrollment Total**  | **Annual # Sections**  | **Annual Enrollment Total**  |
| **Adm Jus 1**  | Intro to Admin of Justice  | **1**  | **60**  | **1**  | **60**  |
| **Adm Jus 2**  | Criminal Law  | **1**  | **60**  | **1**  | **60**  |
| **Adm Jus 14**  | Report Writing for Peace Officers | **1**  | **60**  | **1**  | **60**  |
| **Adm Jus 67**  | Community Relations | **1**  | **60**  | **1**  | **30**  |
| **Adm Jus 16 or Kin 327**  | Recruitment Selection ProcessOr Lifelong Fitness Lab | **1**  | **60**  | **1**  | **30**  |
| **Adm Jus 41**  | Officer Safety | **1**  | **60**  | **1**  | **30**  |
| **Adm Jus 310**  | Field Work | **1**  | **60**  | **1**  | **30**  |

**Item 6.  Place of Program in Curriculum/Similar Programs**

No other program will be affected by the creation of this certificate.  This certificate does not replace other existing program in the college’s inventory, nor are there any other related programs at the college.

**Item 7.  Similar Programs at Other Colleges in Service Area**

There are no other certificates of this nature in the state of California.