

Miami Dade College
Proposal for a
BAS Degree in
Public Safety Management

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Program Goals

- Seamless Workforce Driven Baccalaureate Degree
- Applied Learning Techniques and Job Simulations
- Consistent with Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission (CJSTC) Curriculum

Alignment with K-20 Goals and Strategic Imperatives

- The Miami Dade College BAS in Public Safety Management proposal aligns with the appropriate statutory guidelines:
 - Student Achievement and Performance
 - Seamless Articulation
 - Providing a Skilled Workforce
 - Providing Quality, Efficient Services

Workforce Needs/Demands

- U.S. Department of Labor predicts a 29% increase in the demand for public safety professionals by 2010
- Addresses South Florida need for Baccalaureate level education in Public Safety Management
- BAS degrees in Public Safety Management are being offered in Florida at other public institutions (St. Pete College and Edison College)

Workforce Needs/Demands

- Local Need:
 - In South Florida, the majority of police agencies require a Baccalaureate degree for promotion to command ranks
 - Thirty law enforcement, corrections and governmental agencies in Miami-Dade County provided letters of support for the MDC degree proposal
 - In 2005, 101 AA/AS criminal justice degree-seeking students were surveyed regarding their interest in the BAS degree:
 - 84% of respondents answered yes to this degree offering

Workforce Needs/Demands

- Local Need:
 - In 2005, 123 trainees in the Miami Dade College Police and Corrections Academies were surveyed:
 - 70% answered yes to this degree offering
 - In 2005, Miami-Dade County Public Safety managers were surveyed:
 - 94% indicated hiring preference for candidates with a Bachelor's degree in Public Safety Management
 - 94% indicated a Bachelor's degree was an important criteria for career advancement in their agencies

Workforce Needs/Demands

- **State Need:**

- It is anticipated that by 2010, approximately 6,500 (7%) of the State of Florida sworn police personnel will retire as a result of DROP.
- State public safety agencies, such as the Florida Highway Patrol, require a baccalaureate degree to be eligible for promotion to the rank of Lieutenant or above.
- The Florida Department of Corrections requires a baccalaureate degree for correctional probation officers.

Workforce Needs/Demands

- **Federal Need:**
 - The following federal agencies with field offices in the South Florida region require a baccalaureate degree for entry-level placement:
 - Federal Bureau of Investigation
 - Drug Enforcement Administration
 - Immigration and Customs Enforcement
 - Secret Service
 - Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms
 - U.S. Marshals Service

Miami Dade College School of Justice Enrollment

- Five year enrollment growth of 68% since 2000

Year	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005
Student Enrollment	3,635	4,162	4,755	5,425	6,109

Projected BAS degree enrollment at Miami Dade College

Year	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010
Number of Students	0	68	136	143	150

Various Entry Points

- The degree program provides access to:
 - Dual enrollment students
 - AS degree students
 - AA degree students
 - Transfer students

Academic Content and Curriculum

120 credit hour program

- General Education = 36 credits
- Non-discipline electives (computer competency, foreign language, etc.) = 9 credits
- Foundation courses (level 1000 & 2000) = 30 credits
- Core courses (level 3000 & 4000) = 30 credits
- Specialized Career Tracks = 15 credits

Academic Content and Curriculum

- Within the State Course Numbering System (SCNS) guidelines
- Conforms to statutory requirements
- Conforms to statewide articulation agreements
- Conforms to K-20 strategic goals and imperatives

Quality Assurance

- The degree offering will adhere to appropriate guidelines of accrediting entities:
 - SACS
 - Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA)

Specialized Workforce Tracks

Students may select an area of concentration (15 credit hours) from one of the following:

1. Law Enforcement
2. Corrections
3. Probation and Parole
4. Security
5. Emergency Management
6. Crime Scene
7. Professional Field Placement
8. Law Enforcement Officer Certification
9. Corrections Officer Certification

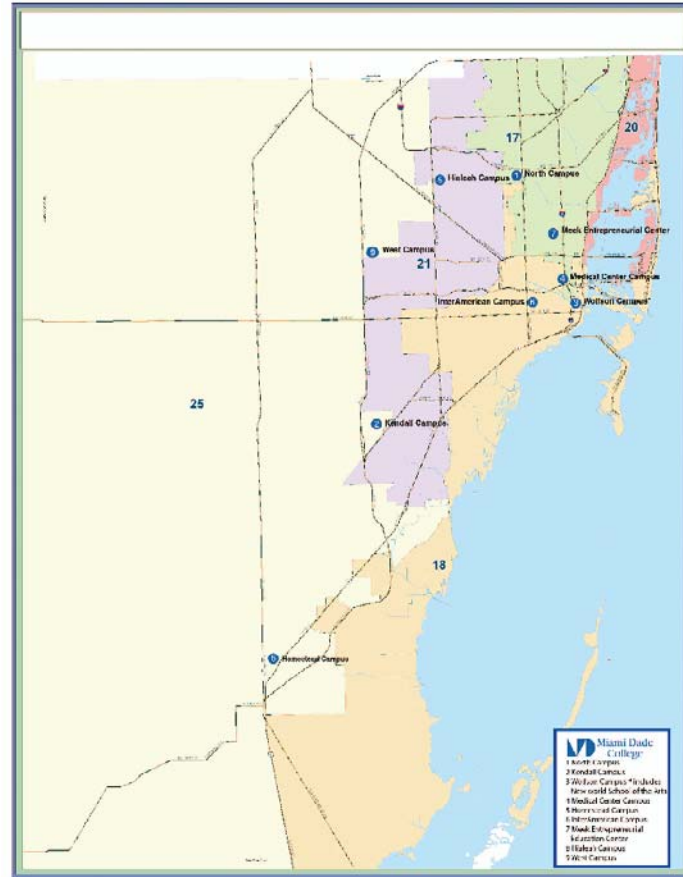
Affordable Tuition

- The cost per credit hour at Miami Dade College is \$60.84
- The 15 hour credit tuition at Miami Dade College is \$912.60
- Total estimated cost for a four year BAS degree at Miami Dade College is \$7,296
- This is compared to the average SUS cost of more than \$12,000

Program Benefits

- Combines theory with workforce-based application
- Prepares practitioners for entry level, middle management, and supervisory positions
- Creates a seamless “one-stop” approach
- Promotes specific job-readiness skills
- Provides access to a diverse student population
 - Females (62% college-wide)
 - Hispanics (65% college-wide)
 - African-Americans (51% college-wide)

Program Benefits



Conclusion

In a post 9/11 world, our unique Public Safety Management Bachelor of Applied Science degree will better prepare our current and future public safety professionals to protect our citizens and homeland.