

# Public Safety Management News Briefs

## **Certificated Learning**

The Center for Prior Learning Assessment has conducted an extensive review of professional licensing programs using the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) guidelines. Three of the licensing programs are Emergency Medical, Fire Fighter, and Peace Officer. St. Edward's University will award as transfer credit according to the following schedule.

**1. Emergency Medical Service** education, training, licensing, and certification has been determined to be equivalent to the following college hours.

**Training Programs begun during or after Fall, 1999, either in Texas or out of state:**

EMT Basic: 6 hours general electives.

EMT Intermediate: 18 hours general electives.

EMT Paramedic: 43 hours general electives.

**Training programs begun prior to Fall, 1999:**

EMT Basic: as above.

EMT Intermediate and EMT Paramedic:

Community college-based continuing education programs—as above.

Proprietary schools: individual portfolio assessment

Out-of-state certificates: individual portfolio assessment

**2. Fire Fighter** education, training, licensing, and certification has been determined to be equivalent to the following college hours.

Fire Fighter licensing: 9 hours of elective credit

EMT Basic: 6 hours general elective credit.

**3. Peace Officer** education, training, certification has been determined to be equivalent to the following college hours.

Basic peace officer license: 16 hours of credit including credit for several specific criminal justice classes for those licensed after 1994. The specific classes that may be credited are American Law Enforcement; Law and Society; Criminal Investigation; Criminal Law I and II, and Police Community Relations. A lesser

amount may be awarded for licensing before 1994.

Students interested in receiving this credit should contact Dr. Susan Gunn [susang@admin.stedwards.edu](mailto:susang@admin.stedwards.edu) for the application forms and to start the process. Since this credit is transfer credit, there is no charge for having it transcribed. However, the hours will not count as St. Edward's University hours in meeting those minimum requirements. So in some cases, it is better to use the Assessment of Prior Learning process because the portfolios are reviewed by SEU faculty and result in SEU hours on your transcript.

## **Campbell Awarded Fulbright Hays Seminar Abroad Program in Jordan**

Craig Campbell is one of ten teachers sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education who will get to experience sunny Jordan in the summer time. The program entitled "*Jordan - Crossroads of the Arab World*" will take place from late June to early August.

The program content is described as follows: Situated in the heart of the Arab world, Jordan is an historic and modern crossroads and an ideal case study of this diverse region. A model of a modern Islamic/Arabic country, Jordan is filled with history, both religious and secular. Modernity has brought challenges - issues that will be discussed during the course of the seminar: women, continuity and change, economic reform, educational reform, refugees, regional and international relations. Through a program of lectures, discussions, and site visits, this seminar will expose participants to contemporary Arab culture and society, including some of the major issues confronting the region today.

Participants will visit key archaeological and historical sites in Jordan to gain historical perspective and an appreciation for geography as a cultural and social determinant. Cultural events will help provide a broad exposure to contemporary society. Each participant will spend a day with a Jordanian family to learn

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first-hand about aspects of everyday life and culture and exchange personal views and experiences. They will also attend social and professional events that enable interaction with Jordanian colleagues. The relationships and insights that result from these encounters will enable mutual understanding and respect to replace stereotypes on both sides.

AMIDEAST, working in cooperation the Jordanian-American Commission for Educational Exchange (JACEE- Fulbright Jordan) will administer the seminar on behalf of the United States Department of Education. Additional information is available at <http://www.fulbright-jordan.org/>. Campbell described it as, "A great opportunity to experience a different part of the world which should help me dispel many myths about a culture that seems so different from Texas. I think it fits in with the St. Edward's University mission of understanding the world community."

### **Summer Classes Start Early**

Because of recent schedule changes some summer classes start as early as May 8<sup>th</sup>. The first seven week classes are over before the fourth of July. You should enroll as soon as possible, so that you can start on time.

### **Faculty Focus: Michael McDonald**

St. Edward's University has a wonderful group of faculty members. The Public Safety Management program is blessed with an outstanding collection of practitioner oriented scholars. This issue will focus Michael McDonald, Adjunct Professor of Public Safety Management. Professor McDonald received his bachelor's degree in criminal justice and his master's degree in Organizational Leadership and Ethics from St. Edward's University. He completed both degrees at New College while working full-time for the City of Austin. In addition, he is a graduate of the Texas Law Enforcement Management Institute, Senior Executive in State and Local Government from Harvard, and the Executive Leadership Institute, a consortium of seven universities including the University of Texas.

He currently holds a unique dual appointment as Assistant City Manager and Assistant Police Chief for the City of Austin.

He has spent 22 years with the city working in all aspects of law enforcement and for the last four years in the city manager's office. He has worked in patrol, traffic, investigations, training, and administration. He has been an innovator and leader championing community policing, training, community development, a new forensic laboratory, a new Communications Center, and much more.

He has received numerous awards at both the state and local levels recognizing his service and contributions to the public and public safety. In 2004, he received the first Lifelong Learning Award which was awarded by St. Edward's University in conjunction of New College's 30 year anniversary serving adult working students.

With this very impressive resume, one might not think that Professor McDonald would be the humble family man who is well grounded in dealing with people. His people skills make him a fantastic role model for students and citizens alike. He teaches Community Relations and Public Safety Management because he knows the theory and the practicalities. He walks the talk!

### **Online Assistance Page for Students**

St. Edward's University has created an information page to help students who are doing online classes. The following link provides some general guidance to students to see if an online class might be a good fit for them. [http://www.stedwards.edu/it\\_dept/instcom/online\\_student/index.html](http://www.stedwards.edu/it_dept/instcom/online_student/index.html) You should check out the [What to Expect](#) and [Technical Requirements](#) sections of this site to make sure that the virtual classroom is right for you.

### **Email Changes**

St. Edward's University will upgrading their email services with a new servers and software this summer. We will begin using software called Zimbra on new servers soon. You will also notice a change in email addresses from acad.stedwards.edu or admin.stedwards.edu to stedwards.edu for everyone. An announcement will be forthcoming soon.

*It is never too late to become what you might have been. -  
George Eliot*