

**PROGRAM APPROVAL APPLICATION**  
 NEW or SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE or LOCALLY APPROVED  
 (This application may not exceed 3 pages)

**Fill In Form**

<b>A.S. Degree Homeland Security</b>	Fall 2017
Proposed Program Title	Projected Program Start Date
Rio Hondo College	Rio Hondo College County Community College District
College	District

**Contact Information**

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**Goal(s) of Program (Check all that apply):**

Career Technical Education (CTE)       Transfer       Other

**Type of Program (Check all that apply):**

Certificate of Achievement 12-17 (or 17-27 quarter) units       Certificate of Achievement 18+ semester (or 27+ quarter) units  
 Associate of Science Degree       Associate of Arts Degree

**Reason for Approval Request (Check One):**

New Program       Substantial Change       Locally Approved

**Program Information**

2199.00      Recommended [Taxonomy of Program \(TOP\) Code](#)  
 24      Units for Major-Degree  
 60      Total Units for Degree

**Written Form**

**1. Insert the description of the program as it will appear in the catalog.**

The courses listed in the **Associate of Science Degree in Homeland Security** are comprised of a comprehensive list of job skills and knowledge needed to enter Homeland Security career fields. The curriculum will prepare students with a foundation of the Homeland Security Enterprise and provide them with the knowledge to enter varied career fields that require security of people, places and programs. The skills developed during class will enhance the student's ability by completing industry-recognized third-party Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) certification courses as part of each class in the core program.

To acquire the **Associate of Science Degree in Homeland Security**, it is necessary to complete the graduation requirements of the College along with the following courses:

**Required Core Courses—18 Units**

- HMLD 101 Introduction to Homeland Security (3 Units)
- HMLD 102 Introduction to Emergency Management (3 Units)
- HMLD 103 Terrorism & Violence in Society (3 Units)
- HMLD 104 Emergency Planning & Response (3 Units)
- HMLD 105 Recovering from Disasters (3 Units)
- HMLD 209 Homeland Security Applied Capstone Exercise Project (3 Units)

**Elective Courses—Six (6) Units from one of the concentrations below**

*Emphasis in Homeland Security Planning and Operations*

- HLMD 201 Homeland Security and the Intelligence Community (3 Units)
- HMLD 202 Critical Infrastructure and Key Resources Protection (3Units)
- HMLD 203 Legal Aspects of Homeland Security (3 Units)
- HMLD 204 Cybersecurity Planning and Policy (3 Units)
- Emphasis in Administration of Justice*
- AJ 101 Introduction to Administration of Justice (3 Units)
- AJ 102 Criminal Procedures (3 Units)
- AJ 104 Legal Aspects of Evidence (3 Units)
- AJ 105 Community Relations/Multicultural Issues with Public Service (3 Units)
- AJ 106 Criminal Law I (3 Units)
- AJ 107 Criminal Law (3 Units)
- GIS 281 Crime mapping and Analysis (3Units)
- PAC 040 Police Academy (up to 6 Units)
- Emphasis in Fire Technology and/or Wildland Fire Technology*
- FTEC 101 Fire Protection Organization (3 Units)
- FTEC 102 Principles of Fire & Emergency Services Safety & Survival (3 Units)
- FTEC103 Fire behavior and Combustion (3Units)
- FTEC 104 Fire prevention technology (3 Units)
- FTEC 105 Building Construction for Fire protection (3 Units)
- FTEC 106 Fire Protection Equipment & Systems (3 Units)
- WFT 101 Wildland Fire Behavior (3 Units)
- WFT 102 Wildland Fire Fighter Safety and Survival (3 Units)
- WFT 103 Wildland Fire Operations (Ground, Air) (3 Units)
- WFT 104 Wildland Fire Public Information Officer, Prevention and Investigation (3 Units)
- WFT 105 Wildland Fire Logistics, Finance, and Planning (3 Units)
- WFT 077 Wildland Fire Academy (up to 6 Units)
- FAC 118 Firefighter I Basic Fire Academy (up to 6 Units)

**2. Provide a brief rationale for the program.**

The Rio Hondo College **Associate of Science Degree in Homeland Security** provides students with a balanced education in general education, industry-driven foundational skills, practical knowledge and hands-on technical training for entry or skills attainment in various career pathways in Homeland Security. The program concentrates on developing academic-practitioners that can serve in a wide variety of first responders, emergency managers and public safety officials.

**3. Summarize the Labor Market Information (LMI) and employment outlook (including citation for the source of the data) for students exiting the program. (See PCAH pp. 85-88, 136, 147, 148, 165, 168, and 176)**

The **Associate of Science Degree in Homeland Security** support the emerging career field of Homeland Security. They also support the adjacent career fields comprised of various career fields of law enforcement, fire services, emergency medical services, private security, city planners and elected officials. The Degree and Certificate programs can also be used to advance in the current career fields mentioned above.

The median salary ranges for this industry ranges from \$13.53 to \$74.87. This range is based on labor market data retrieved from Center of Excellence, O\*Net and the California Employment Development Department. Annual job openings in the industry are estimated to range between 24 to 1,286 for the LA/OC Region.

Data sources can be found at Center of Excellence <http://www.coecc.net/>; O\*Net <https://www.onetonline.org/>; and <http://www.edd.ca.gov/>.

(For data considered, see Attachments (1) through (7) for additional information.)

**4. List similar programs at other colleges in the Los Angeles and Orange County Region which may be adversely impacted. (There is space for 10 listings, if you need more, please contact [laocrc@rscdd.edu](mailto:laocrc@rscdd.edu))**

College	Program	Who You Contacted	Outcome of Contact
Citrus College	Homeland Security /Emergency Management	Dr. Jim Lancaster, <a href="mailto:jlancaster@citruscollege.edu">jlancaster@citruscollege.edu</a>	Req. Reg Advisory be formed soon 05/03/2017
Coastline College	Emergency Management	Dr. Nancy Jones, <a href="mailto:njones@coastline.edu">njones@coastline.edu</a>	No Comment 05/03/2017

5. List all courses required for program completion, including core requirements, restricted electives and prerequisites. (There is space for 20 listings, if you need more, please contact [laocrc@rscdd.edu](mailto:laocrc@rscdd.edu)). (See PCAH pp. 143 and 171)

	Course Number	Course Title	Units
<b>Required Courses (18 Units)</b>	HMLD 101	Introduction to Homeland Security	3
	HMLD 102	Introduction to Emergency Management	3
	HMLD 103	Terrorism & Violence in Society	3
	HMLD 104	Emergency Planning & Response	3
	HMLD 105	Recovering from Disasters	3
	HMLD 200	Homeland Security Capstone with Exercise	3
	<b>Elective Courses—Six (6) Units from one of the concentrations below:</b>	<i>Emphasis in Homeland Security Planning and Operations</i>	
HLMD 201		Homeland Security and the Intelligence Community	3
HMLD 202		Critical Infrastructure and Key Resources Protection	3
HMLD 203		Legal Aspects of Homeland Security	3
<i>Emphasis in Administration of Justice</i>			
AJ 101-107		Administration of Justice	3
GIS 281		Crime mapping and Analysis	3
PAC 040		Police Academy (up to 6 Units)	3
<i>Emphasis in Fire Technology</i>			
FTEC 101-106		Fire Technology	3
WFT 101-105		Wildland Fire	3
WFT 077		Wildland Fire Academy (up to 6 units)	6
FAC 118		Firefighter I Basic Fire Academy (up to 6 Units)	

**6. Include any other information you would like to share. NOI Submitted December 2016**

Rio Hondo College is a nationally recognized presenter of public safety programs as recognized by consistent ranking from [Community College Week](#) in its Top 50 Associate Degree programs for Criminal Justice and Homeland Security, Law Enforcement, Firefighting and Related Protective services. Rio Hondo College has AS degrees and Certificates in the Administration of Justice, Corrections, Fire Technology, Wildland Fire Technology and Emergency Medical Technician (EMT).

Rio Hondo College is also home to three Regional Training Centers—the Regional Law Enforcement Training Center (POST Certified); the Regional Fire Technology Training Center (CSFM certified); and the Regional Homeland Security Training Center (CSFM and Cal OES certified).

It is the goal of Rio Hondo College to develop and maintain training and education for the academic-practitioner in all fields of public safety—including law enforcement, fire services, emergency medical services and homeland security. Adding the **Associate of Science Degree in Homeland Security** program to the curriculum will provide the Rio Hondo College District’s service area with a fully comprehensive portfolio that will prepare students for entry level positions in Homeland Security as well as add new skill sets to the other public safety programs already offered by the college.

The need for degree and certificate programs in Homeland Security has been requested by Advisory Committees in the Administration of Justice, Police Academy, Fire Academy, Fire Technology, and Homeland Security. These advisory committees see the **Associate of Science Degree in Homeland Security** as a required need for the college’s students and the industries it serves in public safety.