

College Begins Certificate Program in Homeland Security Management

Why Earn a Homeland Security Certificate or Degree?

Reinhardt College will offer a certificate program in HomeLand Security Management beginning in August at the College's North Fulton Center on Old Milton Parkway in Alpharetta.

Homeland Security continues to be a top priority and a critical issue for local, county, state and the federal government as well as the corporate sector. According to Dr. Houston Polson, the executive director of the Homeland Security Defense Educational Consortium (HSDEC), "Homeland Security will be the largest government employer within the next decade with over 515,000 personnel required to facilitate in performing and meeting mission requirements." The continued threat to the country will require personnel, who are professionally trained with applied knowledge, solid skill sets and practical experience.

"As a member of HSDEC, the College benefits from consultants like Dr. Stanley Supinski, a member of Homeland Security, who also serves as an educational advisor to HSDEC. Reinhardt College's Certificate of Homeland Security Management is specifically designed to prepare qualified candidate practitioners to fulfill this critical workforce need," said Peg O'Connor, associate vice-president of academic affairs.

Graduates of these programs will possess proficiency in the following areas:

- research, development and analysis of security strategies;
- critical agency infrastructure and their inter relationships;
- team leadership and cooperative planning; and
- formulating and executing rapid responses to crisis situations.

The Reinhardt College program is balanced to offer broad-based knowledge and competencies with specific areas of specialization to mid-level and senior administrators from both the private and public sectors. As program coordinator, Dr. Tom Childers brings a wealth of experience to the table. Retired as a brigadier general after 27 years with the U.S. Army, he spent his last five years with Homeland Security and was instrumental in agency protocol development after 9/11.

The 12- credit program will be delivered one night a week during two eight-week sessions to include HSL 201 Introduction to Homeland Security, HSL 204 Emergency Planning, HSL 205 Psychological and Sociological Aspects of Disaster and Terrorism and HSL 206 Homeland Security and the Private Sector.

The program is scheduled to begin Tuesday, August 25th. Please contact 770-720-9191 for information or poc@reinhardt.edu.