

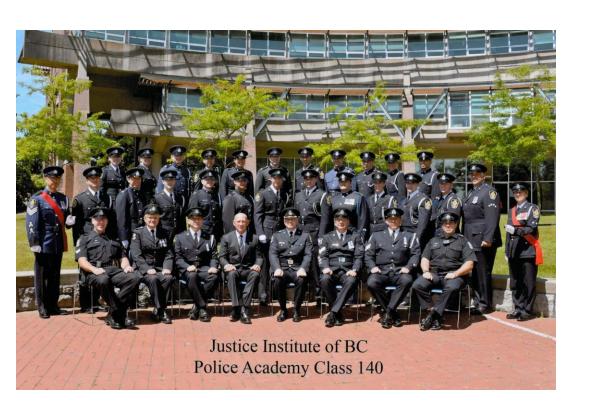
POLICE ACADEMY

Adventures in Curriculum Revision

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Municipal Policing in British Columbia



- 11 Municipal Police Departments
- 1 Transit Police
 Department
- 1 Tribal Police
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 Curriculum review and mapping to National Framework of Competencies 2013-2014



- Literature review on competencybased education: medical education, teacher education, trades
- Proposal for wholesale change to training delivery



Changing Curriculum: Key Principles

Case based

- Learning integrated across disciplines
- Centred around common calls

Competency based

- Learning and assessment mapped to PSC competencies
- Performance-based assessment
- "Directed study"

Leadership skills

Structured integration of junior and senior recruits



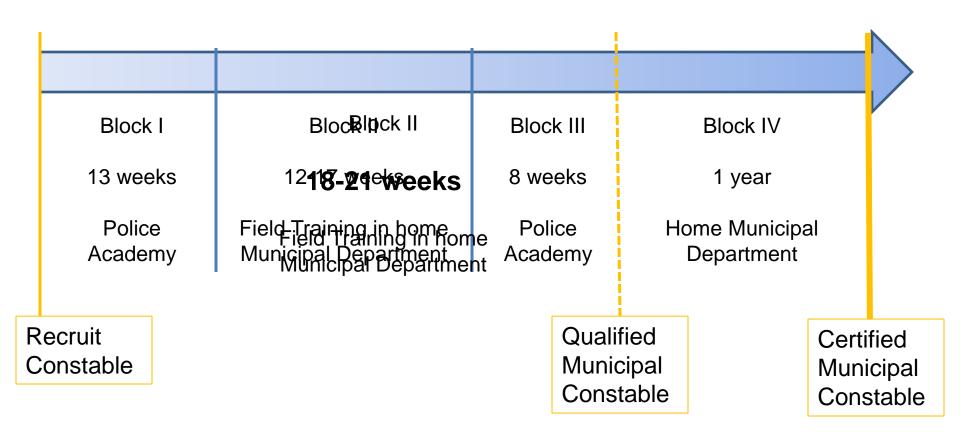
Changing Curriculum: Changing Everything



- Structural changes
- Delivery changes
- Assessment changes
- Changing changes



Changing Curriculum: Structural Changes





Changing Curriculum: Delivery changes

- Minimize lectures
- Maximize application
 - Case based exercises
 - Practical scenarios
- "Core Operational Policing Skills (COPS)"
- Instructors as facilitators
- Training plans and directed study

Generic Week structure:

- Pre-reading and quiz
- Application through case-based exercises in small groups ≤ 6
- Physical skills
- Directed study
- Just in time learning
- Integration through practicing taking calls
- Self-assessment, feedback, training plan development



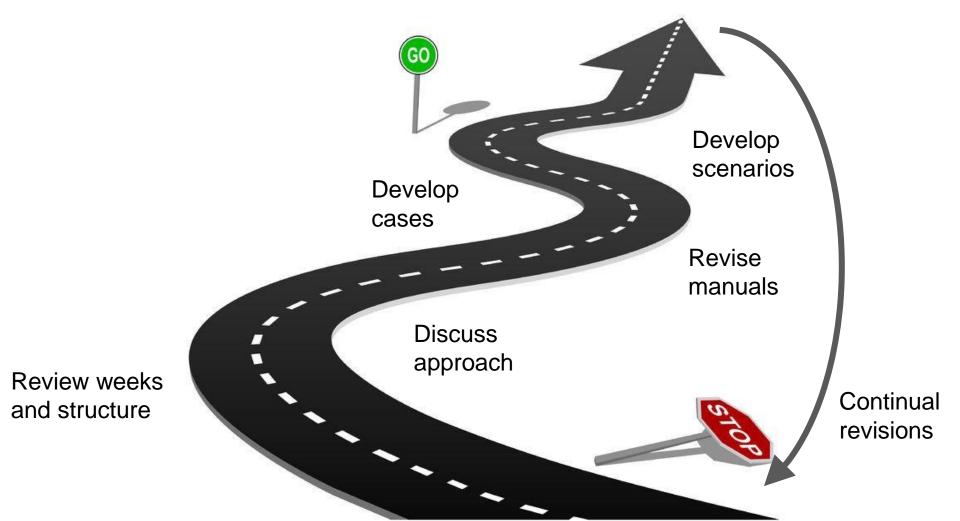
Changing Curriculum: Assessment changes



- From written exams to:
 - Weekly developmental feedback
 - Self assessment
 - Individual training plans
 - Assessment portfolios
 - Performance based assessment



Changing Curriculum: Changing Changes





Changing Curriculum: Implementing Changes

