

2013-14 Program Review
Best Practices Form

Instructions: *Submit this form as a separate attachment with your completed Program Review.* Programs often do something particularly well; usually they have learned through assessment—sometimes trial and error—what solves a problem or makes their programs work so well. These are often called **Best Practices** and can help others. Please share the practices your program has found to be effective. The contact information lets others know whom to contact for more information. This part of Program Review is linked to the Student Success Strategic Goal: “Become an exemplary model of student success by developing and implementing best practices.” For examples of Best Practices visit the [Program Review Committee’s website](#).

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Best Practice(s):

Students in the Criminal Justice Program are very often majors in either Criminal Justice or Correctional Administration. The Program conducts surveys to assess students’ career goals and what they hope to learn from the classes both for their education and their future careers. The Program takes students on frequent field trips to adult and juvenile correctional facilities, Kern County Superior Court, and other agencies such as the Kern County Coroner’s Office and crime labs. The Program also conducts practical exercises for students such as mock trials, crime scene investigations, and interviewing witnesses and writing reports.

