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Hands-on training helps educate students

Not all career training can be done behind a desk and a textbook since many careers require hands-on training to best educate students.

To assist students in being best prepared for their chosen field, Humber College school of social and community services employs significant simulator and experiential learning technology.

"Students learn in different ways," says Henri Berube, professor, police foundations, Humber College. "When theory provided in a classroom setting is augmented with an immersive, simulated scenario/case study, students are given a chance to apply what they have learned and to have key principles reinforced in a very real, tactile environment."

The Centre for Justice Leadership recently acquired a confrontation management/tactical communication simulator and a driving simulator, which will give students the opportunity to be able to explain and record their responses and critically analyze scenarios and behavioural responses.

These new state-of-the-art simulators will provide an additional experiential learning component to multiple programs within the school of social and community services including the police foundations program.

"They provide an immersive experience where students can apply what they have learned in a classroom setting in a safe, nurturing environments," Berube says.

Humber College police foundations program's Centre for Justice Leadership is also home to a forensic studio where students learn and apply basic forensic techniques including lifting and examining fingerprints, crime scene photography, examining blood spatter, tire and shoe print impressions, and other widely used forensic techniques.

The forensic studio is complemented by a crime scene gallery classroom where students can interact with crime scene scenarios set up by their instructors.

The campus is also equipped with interview and polygraph rooms designed for learning interview and interrogation skills, including a polygraph room. Finally, students learn how to put together all the key elements of a police investigation and present their evidence in an 85-seat mock courtroom. "Our goal is to

provide students who aspire to a career in the justice field with a safe yet relevant learning experience," Berube says.

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