

## *Abstract*

Policymakers and researchers have been working to understand the general attitudes of members of correctional staff and the general public toward persons experiencing incarceration (PEI). Many students attend college to prepare for work within or around the criminal justice system, and the previous literature suggests, their attitudes can impact this population, either directly or indirectly. The current research study plans to take a mixed-methods approach to examine attitudes toward PEI among students attending a college with a criminal justice focus. The main goal is to gather the attitudes held toward a population they may one day serve.