



## REQUEST AND RECOMMENDATION

### EASTERN GATEWAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Associate of Technical Study in Natural Gas Technology

#### Request:

Eastern Gateway Community College requests approval to offer an Associate of Technical Study (Type A) in Natural Gas Technology.

#### Background:

Eastern Gateway Community College serves nearly 3,000 students and offers more than thirty degree programs and twenty certificate programs. The mission of the college is "to advance the ability of residents, workers, and companies to learn, grow and prosper into the future through affordable and accessible education fostered by strong community and educational partnerships."

#### Curriculum and Enrollment:

The expansion of Ohio's oil and natural gas drilling and production has created new career and job opportunities. Students desiring a career in the natural gas industry will have the opportunity to gain the education and training needed for entry-level work in the field.

The curriculum includes coursework in petroleum geology, drilling methods and operations, drilling fluids, casing and cementing, horizontal directional drilling, industrial and welding safety, and an introduction to the oil and gas industry. Graduates of the program will find employment opportunities as petroleum technicians and specialists, field service technicians, field operators, and drilling technicians, with annual starting salaries ranging from \$34,600 to \$ 42,000.

The college is projecting an enrollment of sixteen full-time students and five part-time students beginning fall 2014.

#### Faculty and Resources:

The college is financially prepared to offer the program. Existing faculty and resources are in place to begin the program.

#### Recommendation:

The program clearly meets the Chancellor's standards for associate degree programs. There were no concerns raised in the review.

End of Comment Period: April 10, 2014  
No comments received, recommend approval

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs has verified that this institution has met the standards and requirements of the Ohio Board of Regents.

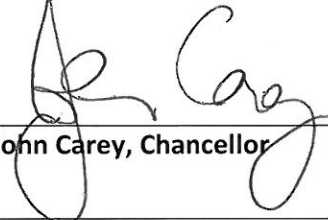
 for Stephanie Davidson

4/15/14

Stephanie Davidson, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs

Date

**APPROVAL**



4/16/14

John Carey, Chancellor

Date

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