



REQUEST AND RECOMMENDATION

Hocking College
Associate of Applied Science in Fermentation Science
Craft Brewing, Viticulture and Wine Making, Distilled Spirits, and Culinary Fermentation Majors

Request:

Hocking College requests approval to offer an Associate of Applied Science in Fermentation, with majors in Craft Brewing, Viticulture and Wine Making, Distilled Spirits, and Culinary Fermentation.

Background:

Hocking College, located in Nelsonville, Ohio, is a public institution with over 3,100 students enrolled in associate-level and certificate-level programs. The college is regionally accredited by the Higher Learning Commission until its next reaffirmation of accreditation in 2026-2027.

Curriculum and Enrollment:

This program was established in an effort to respond to the emerging demand for skilled craft beverage technicians, as well as the rapidly expanding tourism industry in southeastern Ohio. In addition, existing craft beverage professionals expressed the need for more training opportunities for local breweries, wineries, distilleries, culinary facilities, and craft beverage micro-enterprises.

In an effort to develop this program, Hocking College conducted a market analysis, aligning the program directly to in-demand occupations as defined by Ohio Means Jobs, and aligned program goals to economic development strategies.

Program coursework varies based on major, but some coursework broadly includes, culinary safety, fermentation microbiology, chemistry, English, psychology, viticulture grape growth, raw materials and origins, enhanced food techniques, organizational behavior, food systems chemistry, communication, marketing, botanicals, enology winemaking, distillation operations, packaging materials, job search techniques, and financial accounting.

Hocking College projects an FTE of 27 in the first year, increasing to 50 FTE by the second year, and remaining at 50 FTE.

Faculty and Resources:

Hocking College intends to hire one additional full-time faculty member upon approval of this program.

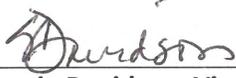
Recommendation:

After review of the proposal, the Chancellor's staff determined that the Associate of Applied Science in Fermentation Science meets the Chancellor's standards for associate degree programs and approval is recommended. The Chancellor may, in his judgement, withdraw approval or require additional review if Hocking College fails to meet the Chancellor's standards for associate degree programs or receives a sanction by the Higher Learning Commission.

End of Comment Period: February 5, 2018 at 3:30 p.m.
No comments received, recommend approval

RECOMMENDATION

The Vice Chancellor has verified that this institution has met the standards and requirements of the Ohio Department of Higher Education.



2/6/18

Stephanie Davidson, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs

Date

APPROVAL



2/6/18

John Carey, Chancellor

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