



REQUEST AND RECOMMENDATION

NORTHWEST STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE Associate of Applied Science in Agribusiness

Request:

Northwest State Community College requests approval to offer an Associate of Applied Science in Agribusiness.

Background:

Northwest State Community College is a public institution located in Archbold, Ohio. The college serves nearly 3,000 students in certificate and associate degree programs. Northwest State Community College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission until its next scheduled review in 2030-31.

Curriculum and Enrollment:

The Associate of Applied Science in Agribusiness is composed of 63 semester credit hours and will be offered in a blended/hybrid format. The program will prepare students for entry-level positions within agribusiness such as agriculture lending, agricultural sales, farm and ranch management, and greenhouse management.

Students will complete a general education core and foundational courses in agricultural analysis and decision making; agricultural economics and agribusiness management; agronomy principles; business law; marketing; and microeconomics. Students also complete an Agronomy or General Agriculture sequence, and a practicum totaling a minimum of 100 work hours, as part of the program.

Northwest State Community College anticipates an enrollment of 10 full-time equivalent (FTE) students in year one of the program, growing to 31 FTE by year four.

Faculty and Resources:

Northwest State Community College has adequately planned for faculty and resources to deliver the Associate of Applied Science in Agribusiness.

Recommendation:

The Associate of Applied Science in Agribusiness meets the Chancellor's standards for applied associate degree programs and approval is recommended. Approval may be withdrawn if, in the Chancellor's judgment, Northwest State Community College fails to continue to meet the Chancellor's standards for applied associate degree programs or receives a sanction from the Higher Learning Commission.

End of Comment Period: August 16, 2021 at 10:46 a.m.

No comments received, recommend approval

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| RECOMMENDATION | |
| The Associate Vice Chancellor has verified that this institution has met the standards and requirements of the Ohio Department of Higher Education. | |
| /s/ Stephanie McCann | 8/23/2021 |
| Stephanie McCann, Associate Vice Chancellor of Program Development & Approval | Date |

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| APPROVAL | |
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| Randy Gardner, Chancellor | 9/14/2021 |
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