



REQUEST AND RECOMMENDATION

OHIO UNIVERSITY

ASSOCIATE OF TECHNICAL STUDY DEGREE

Request:

Ohio University (OU) requests approval to offer the Associate of Technical Study (ATS) degree at the Lancaster, Chillicothe, and Southern campuses beginning Spring 2015.

Background:

Ohio University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association (NCA) of Colleges and Schools. Currently Ohio University's Lancaster, Chillicothe and Southern campuses offer a number of associate degrees and are interested in offering the Associate of Technical Study degree giving students another associate degree option. The Associate of Technical Study degree is awarded for the successful completion of an individually specialized technical education program not currently available in a formal degree program at these regional campuses.

The Associate of Technical Study (ATS) degree will attract additional students from within the region who have previous job training, experience and technical skills that are judged by Ohio University to be college credit worthy. The opportunity to combine industry recognized skilled attainment and earn credit through the one of the Career-Technical Credit Transfer (CT)² Programs and the College Credit Plus Program will also promote and encourage students to enroll in the ATS degree program. The University's ability to offer the ATS degree at the three additional campuses will give them the opportunity to react quickly to regional economic development needs, develop better partnerships with regional high schools and Ohio's Technical Centers, and work in collaboration with regional employers who need to build a sustainable workforce.

Curriculum and Enrollment

A maximum of 30 technical semester hours can be applied to the Associate of Technical Study by the University for eligible coursework completed in other public, private, or proprietary post-secondary institutions, and schools conducted by business and industry, prior to the declaration of candidacy for this degree. The remaining 30 semester credit hours will be achieved through a prescribed general education and basic education planned curriculum. The college is projecting an enrollment of ten full-time students at each of three regional campuses beginning spring 2015.

Faculty and Resources:

Ohio University is financially prepared to offer the program.

Recommendation:

The request meets the Chancellor's standards for offering an Associate of Technical Study (ATS) degree. No concerns were raised during the review.

End of Comment Period: November 6, 2014
No comments received, recommend approval

RECOMMENDATION

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

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11/14/14

Stephanie Davidson, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs

Date

APPROVAL

J. Carey
John Carey, Chancellor

11/18/14
Date

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