



## REQUEST AND RECOMMENDATION

### SINCLAIR COMMUNITY COLLEGE Associate of Science in Health Sciences Pre-Professional Studies

**Request:**

Sinclair Community College requests approval to offer an Associate of Science in Health Sciences Pre-Professional Studies.

**Background:**

Sinclair Community College is a public institution located in Dayton, Ohio. The college serves more than 18,000 students in certificate and associate degree programs, as well as two bachelor of applied science programs. Sinclair Community College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission until its next scheduled review in 2027-28.

**Curriculum and Enrollment:**

The Associate of Science in Health Sciences Pre-Professional Studies is composed of 65-68 semester credit hours and will be offered in a blended/hybrid format. The program is designed to provide a flexible pathway for students to complete prerequisite courses for entry into a healthcare pre-professional degree and participate in practical patient care experiences.

The program will be administratively located in the college's Health Sciences Division and is composed of entirely existing coursework. Students will complete coursework in general education; healthcare practices; and multi-course sequences in biology, general chemistry, and organic chemistry. The program also contains an off-campus experience in which students complete a minimum of 116 supervised clinical hours in an environment with direct patient contact.

Sinclair Community College projects an enrollment of 27 full-time equivalent (FTE) students beginning in fall 2021, increasing to 108 FTE by year four of program operation.

**Faculty and Resources:**

Sinclair Community College has adequately planned for faculty and resources to deliver the Associate of Science in Health Sciences Pre-Professional Studies. Additional faculty members will be hired as needed to accommodate enrollment growth.

**Recommendation:**

The Associate of Science in Health Sciences Pre-Professional Studies meets the Chancellor's standards for associate degree programs and approval is recommended. Approval may be withdrawn if, in the Chancellor's judgment, Sinclair Community College fails to continue to meet the Chancellor's standards for associate degree programs or receives a sanction from the Higher Learning Commission.