



**Department of
Higher Education**

John R. Kasich, Governor
John Carey, Chancellor

REQUEST AND RECOMMENDATION

**STARK STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
LESS THAN ONE YEAR TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE DESIGNATION**

Background:

The Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE) continues to work to identify ways to highlight qualified talent produced by the state’s public technical centers, colleges, and universities to meet the workforce needs of Ohio. The Certificate and Industry Recognized Credential Review Project was developed to provide consistent parameters and reliable information about institutional certificates, occupational licenses and industry-recognized certifications obtained by post-secondary students.

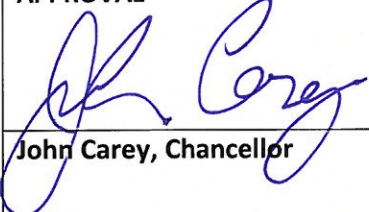
The review process was developed to ensure an accurate count of existing Less Than One Year Technical Certificates (*less than 30 semester credit hours or less than 900 clock hours in length*) currently being offered at Ohio’s public two-year community colleges. Ohio community colleges participated in the review process through the submission of requested information to determine if their current certificates met the criteria for Technical designation. Technical certificates are defined as organized programs of study that lead to an occupation or special employment opportunity and prepare students for a valid, available industry-recognized credential, such as an occupational license or third-party industry certification. Certificates not meeting the criteria for technical definition were defined as General Certificates and not included in this public posting.

Certificate Recommended Designation:

Certificate Name	Designation
3-D Printing Career Enhancement Certificate	Less Than One Year Technical designation, no expiration date
Ophthalmic Assistant Career Certificate	Less Than One Year Technical designation, no expiration date
Ophthalmic Technician Career Certificate	Less Than One Year Technical designation, no expiration date

End of Comment Period: September 22, 2015 at 2:45pm
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.	
	9/24/15
Stephanie Davidson, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs	Date

APPROVAL	
	
John Carey, Chancellor	10/27/15
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