



REQUEST AND RECOMMENDATION

Stark State College Noncredit Real Estate Pre-Licensure Program

Request:

Stark State College requests approval to offer a Noncredit Real Estate Pre-Licensure Program.

Background:

Stark State College, located in North Canton Ohio, is a public college with an enrollment of over 14,500 students. The college offers associate degrees and certificate programs. Stark State College is regionally accredited by the Higher Learning Commission until its next review in 2019.

According to Ohio Revised Code 4735.09, institutions of higher education are required to obtain approval from the Ohio Department of Higher Education for noncredit course offerings for real estate pre-licensure.

Curriculum:

The Noncredit Real Estate Pre-Licensure Program is a 120-contact-hour program developed in response to an immediate need for real estate professionals in the market. In order to offer the program to meet real estate industry needs in the fall, a noncredit program is proposed. During the 2017-2018 academic year, Stark State College is planning to offer a real estate pre-licensure program that provides academic credit. This proposed noncredit program is already designed with credit content in mind. Students will be able to apply the completed certificate for evaluation under Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) toward the future academic credit program. The curriculum includes course work in Ohio real estate law, real estate principles and practices, real estate appraisal, and real estate finance. At the end of the program, students may apply for a license as a real estate salesperson.


Faculty and Resources:

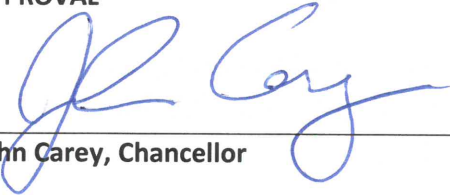
The institution has selected adjunct instructors in collaboration with the Stark County Association of Realtors. Each of them has over 30 years of real estate experience. Each has served in progressively responsible leadership positions within the industry, including multiple training assignments.

Recommendation to the Chancellor:

The Chancellor's staff recommends approval of Noncredit Real Estate Pre-Licensure Program. Approval is contingent upon the hiring of an appropriately credentialed instructor for the real estate law coursework. In addition, Stark State College will provide student evaluation summaries to the Chancellor's staff for program monitoring. The Chancellor may withdraw authorization if, in his judgement, students receiving certificates from this program do not demonstrate appropriate success when applying for real estate licensure. The Chancellor may also withdraw authorization should he determine the program is not successfully meeting standards appropriate to the industry.

End of Comment Period: August 15, 2017 at 11:45 a.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.	
	8/15/17
Stephanie Davidson, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs	Date

APPROVAL	
	8/31/17
John Carey, Chancellor	Date

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