

REQUEST AND RECOMMENDATION**TERRA COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Associate of Applied Science in Physical Therapist Assistant

Request:

Terra Community College requests approval to offer an Associate of Applied Science degree in Physical Therapist Assistant in response to the demand for trained physical therapist assistants. According to the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services, physical therapist assistants are among the top growth occupations in the state.

Background:

Terra Community College has a history of providing accessible and affordable learning experiences to the community, built upon longstanding partnerships with business, industry, community organizations and government agencies.

Curriculum and Enrollment:

The curriculum was developed to align with Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapist Education (CAPTE) accreditation guidelines. The college plans to apply for and receive CAPTE accreditation prior to the first graduating class, allowing students the opportunity to take the licensure exam in the state of Ohio. The proposed curriculum includes a clinical placement, providing students the opportunity to gain practical experience.

Graduates of the program will find employment opportunities in hospitals, extended care facilities, school systems, ambulatory care facilities, and private practices. Starting salaries for individuals (with an associate's degree) entering the profession range from \$34,600 to \$48,200 annually.

The college is projecting an enrollment of twenty full-time students beginning fall 2011.

Faculty and Resources:

The college is financially prepared to offer the program. A program director was recently hired to assist in the development of the curriculum, coordinate clinical sites, and guide the college through the accreditation process.

Recommendation:

The program clearly meets the Chancellor's standards for associate degree programs. There were no concerns raised in the review.

End of Comment Period: May 6, 2011

No Comments Received, Recommend Approval

RECOMMENDATION

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

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5/17/11

Signature

Date

APPROVED

Jim Petro

5/18/2011

Jim Petro, Chancellor

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