



REQUEST AND RECOMMENDATION

WASHINGTON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Associate of Applied Science degree in Electrical Trades

Request:

Washington State Community College requests approval to offer an Associate of Applied Science degree in Electrical Trades in cooperation with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW). The proposed program offers IBEW employees a pathway to an associate's degree while completing the requirements in their apprenticeship program. The college is one of several community colleges in Ohio offering this pathway and participated in the statewide planning and development process for this specialized degree program.

Background:

For more than thirty-six years, the college has been a provider of opportunity with a mission to enrich the lives of students, families and the community through education, training, community service, and cultural activities. The development of the proposed electrical trades program supports the college's mission, vision and values. The proposed program also supports Ohio's strategic plan for higher education that encourages community colleges to award college credit for an apprenticeship program that meets the Chancellor's academic policies and standards.

Curriculum and Enrollment:

The proposed program will award college credit for the completion of the IBEW extensive five-year Apprenticeship Program that was developed by the National Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee (NJATC). It's a career pathway for those who are enrolled in the NJATC program and provides employees and students the opportunity to earn an associate degree through specialized training, field experience, and hands-on learning required for the program.

The college is projecting an enrollment of ten full-time and five part-time students in fall 2011 and anticipates enrollment will grow to twenty full-time students within the next year.

Graduates of the program will find employment opportunities in power plants, chemical industries, and other manufacturing facilities across the state with the promise of long-term employment and career mobility with additional training and education.

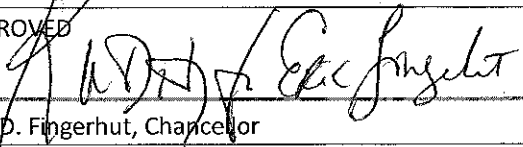
Faculty and Resources:

The college is financially prepared to offer the program. Existing resources (faculty and labs) are in place to support the program.

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: March 4, 2011
No Comments Received, Recommend Approval

APPROVED		3/1/11
Eric D. Fingerhut, Chancellor	Date	

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