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## Additional Level I Courses Approved for the 2018-2019 Academic Year

Pursuant to paragraph H of Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3333-1-65.12, the Chancellor may annually approve additional courses as Level I courses under the college credit plus program if it is determined that students participating in the college credit plus program would benefit from having access to those courses as Level I courses.

Rule 3333-1-65.12 includes in its definition of Level I course any course included in a model pathway developed under section 3365.13 of the Revised Code that a student...elects to pursue. Section 3365.13 of the Revised Code states that each public secondary school in partnership with a public college shall develop a 15-hour and a 30-hour model pathway.

These pathways were required and included in Level I courses in part to assist Ohio with its goals to increase the number of its citizens with postsecondary education credentials relevant to the workplace. The explicit statutory authority focuses on the public secondary school's requirement to develop these pathways; however, it is in the best interest of students and the state that established pathways involving private secondary schools also be included in Level I courses in cases where the pathways meet the requirements outlined below and are otherwise in alignment with the statute.

Therefore, the following are approved as Level I courses beginning with academic year 2018-2019:

A course included in a model pathway offered by a public or private secondary school in partnership with a public or private college, provided the following are met:

- The school creates, in partnership with one or more colleges, at least two model pathways for courses offered under the college credit plus program. One of the model pathways shall be a fifteen-credit hour pathway and one shall be a thirty-credit hour pathway.
- Each pathway shall include courses which, once completed, all apply to at least one degree or professional certification offered at the college. The pathways may be organized by desired major or career path or may include various core courses required for a degree or professional certification by the college.
- The school shall publish the pathways among the school's official list of course offerings from which a participant may select.
- The secondary school shall communicate the partnership and pathways to students by April 1 of the prior school year (example: communicated by April 1,

2018, each course in the pathway as a level I course for the 2018-2019 academic year)

- In communicating the availability of the pathways, it shall also be communicated that no participant shall be required to enroll only in the courses included in a model pathway. Instead, the communication shall be clear that the pathways serve as samples of the courses that a participant may take, if desired, to earn multiple credits toward a specified degree or certification.

A non-allowable course as listed in paragraph (D)(1) of Ohio Administrative Rule 3333-1-65.12 may not be included in a model pathway developed under section 3365.13 of the Revised Code or under this approval unless the course has been approved by the Chancellor under paragraph (D)(2) of Ohio Administrative Rule 3333-1-65.12.