

Collin County Community College District Board of Trustees

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Brenda Kihl
Executive Vice President

TITLE: Approval of an Associate of Applied Science degree and Certificate Program in Health Professions.

DISCUSSION: At the request of area high schools participating in Collin's Health Sciences Academy and recommended by the program Advisory Committee, a Health Professions Program has been developed.

The Associate of Applied Science (AAS) - Health Professions includes the required general education component of 15 semester credit hours. The remaining 45 semester credit hours to complete the associate degree are chosen from among six tracks, each of which prepares the student to obtain the AAS in addition to industry recognized certifications, including:

- Certified Nurse Aide/Assistant (CNA),
- Electro Cardiogram Technician (EKG) certification;
- Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certification,
- Phlebotomy (PHLEB) certification,
- Patient Care Technician (PCT), and
- Medical Coding/Billing certification.

The Level I Certificate - Health Professions has four tracks from which students may choose. Each prepares the student to obtain an industry recognized certification:

- Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA);
- Electrocardiography (EKG) Technician;
- Patient Care Technician (PCT);
- Phlebotomy Technician (PHLEB).

The mission of this degree is to promote a well-rounded healthcare professional through foundational knowledge in general courses relating to healthcare as well as application in a specific professional track.

Labor market information from the Occupation Network (O*Net) and the Economic Modeling Specialists Information (EMSI) identify the occupations associated with the proposed degree and certificates as being in demand and growing faster than average.

**DISTRICT PRESIDENT'S
RECOMMENDATION:**

The District President recommends approval of the proposed Health Professions program.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

"Mr. Chairman, I make a motion that the Board of Trustees of Collin County Community College District approve the proposed Health Professions program.