

Date of Board Meeting: October 21, 2025

Subject: Associate of Science (AS) Degree in Allied Health Sciences

Recommendation: Approve a New Associate of Science Degree in Allied Health Sciences

Background and Rationale:

WCJC currently has four pre-allied health courses of study (degree plans) that have a General Studies Classification of Instructional Program (CIP) 24.0102. The request is to approve the development of a new Associate of Science degree in Allied Health Sciences with CIP 51.0000 since many health professions will remain on the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) high demand occupations list. Per THECB *Building a Talent Strong Texas* strategic plan, the state is focusing on leading the nation in awarding credentials of value that offer purpose in the economy, value in the labor market, and opportunities for good jobs and meaningful careers. Careers in the health professions allow for faster entry into the job market, an opportunity for a higher earning potential after graduation, and ensure more job security – all of which tie to the House Bill 8 funding model that relies on specific CIP codes.

In Texas, 26 community colleges use a similar CIP of 51.0000 for academic degrees. The degree plan in Allied Health Sciences will offer a more direct and practical path to a healthcare career or serve as a stepping stone to transfer to a university for a bachelors' degree in a health profession; whereas, the General Studies degree offers a broader foundation of knowledge for a graduate who may not be qualified for entry into a specialized allied health field.

Additionally, current resources are sufficient. No new courses, faculty, or facility space will be needed to support the program.

Budgetary Implications: None

Strategic Priority Alignment: Student Success Community Impact
 Resource Optimization Institutional Excellence

Resource Personnel: Leigh Ann Collins, Vice President of Instruction

Approval:


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Allied Health Sciences
Associate of Science (CIP 51.0000)

This is a recommended course of study for students who seek to apply to various allied health associate of applied science degree programs as well as the recommended courses for many baccalaureate health professions at a four-year institution of higher education. Students planning to transfer to a four-year university should confirm transferability of courses to meet degree requirements from the institution to which they plan to attend.

Courses	
College Readiness Courses (if needed)	
Semester I	Hours
ENGL 1301 Composition I (Core 010)	3
BIOL 2401 Anatomy & Physiology I (Core 030)	4
SPCH 1315 Public Speaking OR SPCH 1318 Interpersonal Communication (Core 090)	3
Language, Philosophy, & Culture (Core 040)	3
Semester 1 Hours	13
Semester II	
ENGL 1302 Composition II (Core 010)	3
BIOL 2402 Anatomy & Physiology II (core 030)	4
MATH 1314 College Algebra I OR MATH 1342 Elementary Statistical Methods (Core 020)	3
PSYC 2301 General Psychology (Core 080)	3
HIST 1301 U.S. History I (Core 060)	3
Semester 2 Hours	16
Semester III	
BIOL 2420 Microbiology	4
GOVT 2305 Federal Government (Core 070)	3
Creative Arts (Core 050)	3
PSYC 2314 Life Span Growth & Development	3
HIST 1302 U.S. History II (Core 060)	3
Semester 3 Hours	16
Semester IV	
CHEM 1405 Introductory Chemistry I OR CHEM 1411 General Chemistry	4
GOVT 2306 Texas Government (Core 070)	3
BIOL 1322 Nutrition & Diet Therapy	3
SOCI 1301 Introduction to Sociology	3
Elective	2
Semester 4 Hours	15
	60 Semester Credit Hours