



Date of Board Meeting:

September 20, 2022

Subject: New Level I Certificate in the Process Technology Program

Recommendation: Approve Process Technology Level I Certificate, effective Fall 2023

Background and Rationale: Workforce needs show demand for Process Technologists. The request is to add a one-year, level one certificate to the Process Technology (PT) Program. The certificate will consist of about 30 semester credit hours and feed directly into the Process Technology AAS degree. If approved, the Process Technology Advisory Committee will work with faculty to create the specialized curriculum that will be reviewed and approved through the Curriculum and Instructional Resources Committee. Graduates of the certificate program will be qualified for entry-level positions in processing, production, or manufacturing-based facilities and are expected to earn about \$35,000 - \$40,000 depending upon the employer. This one-year program aligns with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's current strategic plan of providing post-secondary credentials to meet high-skill, high-demand employment needs. Process Technology operators are included in the Gulf Coast Workforce Board 2021 High-Skill, High-Growth occupations. Further, this certificate has been presented to the Process Technology Advisory Committee who support adding the Level I Certificate affording WCJC the opportunity to meet the service area workforce needs by training workers in an one-year or two-year program.

Cost and Budgetary Support: No cost – current faculty, equipment, and classroom space is sufficient. X Student Success X Community Impact Strategic Priority Alignment: ___ Institutional Excellence X Resource Optimization Resource Person(s): Willie Myles, Program Director Process Technology Signatures: 8-29-2012 Digitally signed by Leigh Ann Leigh Ann Collins Date: 2022.08.29 16:04:03 -05'00' Cabinet-Level Supervisor Date President's Approval: Beily a. mc Croke 8-30-2022

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