

Docket Item:

Community College Approval: Treasure Valley Community College, Associate of Applied Science in Building and Construction Technology within 46.0201 Carpentry/Carpenter.

Summary:

Treasure Valley Community College proposes a new Associate of Applied Science in Building and Construction Technology. Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) staff completed a review of the proposed program. After analysis, HECC staff recommends approval of the degree as proposed.

Staff Recommendation:

The HECC recommends the adoption of the following resolution:
RESOLVED, that the Higher Education Coordinating Commission approve the following degree: AAS in Building and Construction Technology.



Treasure Valley Community College seeks the Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission's approval to offer an instructional program leading to an Associate of Applied Science in Building and Construction Technology.

Program Summary

The Associate of Applied Science degree and certificate of completion programs in Building Construction Technology are recommended courses of study for individuals interested in pursuing careers in construction related occupations such as; electricians, plumbers, brick masons, carpenters and more. The programs are designed to help students develop the technical qualifications and life skills needed to enter the construction industry as well as to help those currently in the construction trades upgrade and learn new skills. They are composed of groups of courses that meet general education requirements, and a general construction core. The student will learn hands-on construction skills for residential and commercial construction such as framing, concrete work, exterior and interior finishing and cabinet making. In addition the student will be introduced to drafting, codes and standards, estimating and blueprint reading. The degree and certificate programs are not designed to transfer to a four-year institution, although some classes are transferable.

Students completing the first year of the AAS may be awarded a certificate of completion (one-year) in Building Construction Technology. The certificate of completion (one-year) program in Building Construction Technology is designed for an entry-level position in the building construction field upon completing the course work.

Career possibilities exist for those going into business for himself or herself, and those seeking employment in the construction industry. Areas of employment include rough and finish carpentry in new construction and remodeling as well as cabinet making, estimating and building maintenance.

1. *Describe the need for this program by providing clear evidence.*

The program was last approved in July 2019. After revisions to ensure that students at SRCI could complete their degree upon re-entry into society, (i.e., this is a Correctional Education program) the HECC determined that the change was considered more than 30% of the program and thus the old program needs to be suspended and this new program implemented.

2. *Does the community college utilize systemic methods for meaningful and ongoing involvement of the appropriate constituencies?*

This program has an active Advisory board who made assisted in making these recommendations. This a program that is run in cooperation with the Oregon Department of Corrections and thus we have a systematic, meaningful and ongoing involvement.

3. *Is the community college program aligned with appropriate education, workforce development, and economic development programs?*

The program is aligned for work available for releasing offenders. Indeed.com job site today (03/24/21) post 571 current Oregon jobs in construction that this program prepares students to get.

4. *Does the community college program lead to student achievement of academic and technical knowledge, skills, and related proficiencies?*

This program has (5) National recognized certificates embedded. The certificates are from the (National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER). This helps to ensure that the standards of the program are aligned with National standards.

5. *Does the community college identify and have the resources to develop, implement, and sustain the program?*

The capacity for the BCT program is set at (24) students per year.

6.

Assurances

Treasure Valley Community College has met or will meet the four institutional assurances required for program application.

1. *Access.* The college and program will affirmatively provide access, accommodations, flexibility, and additional/supplemental services for special populations and protected classes of students.
2. *Continuous Improvement.* The college has assessment, evaluation, feedback, and continuous improvement processes or systems in place. For the proposed program, there will be opportunities for input from and concerning the instructor(s), students, employers, and other partners/stakeholders. Program need and labor market information will be periodically re-evaluated and changes will be requested as needed.
3. *Adverse impact and detrimental duplication.* The college will follow all current laws, rules, and procedures and has made good faith efforts to avoid or resolve adverse *intersegmental* and *intra*segmental impact and detrimental duplication problems with other relevant programs or institutions.
4. *Program records maintenance and congruence.* The college acknowledges that the records concerning the program title, curriculum, CIP code, credit hours, etc. maintained by the Office are the official records and it is the college's responsibility to keep their records aligned with those of the Office. The college will not make changes to the program without informing and/or receiving approval from the Office.