
Docket Item: 6.3 - CONSENT ITEM: Linn-Benton Community College - AAS Surgical Technology, AAS

Summary:

Linn Benton Community College proposes a new Associate of Applied Science in AAS Surgical Technology. Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) staff completed a review of the proposed program. After analysis, HECC staff recommend approval of the degree as proposed.

Staff Recommendation:

The HECC recommends the approval of the following program: Linn Benton Community College, Associate in Applied Science in AAS Surgical Technology within 51.0909 – Surgical Technology/Technologist.

Recommended Motion:

Move to approve the following as presented: Linn Benton Community College, Associate in Applied Science in AAS Surgical Technology within 51.0909 – Surgical Technology/Technologist.



Linn Benton Community College seeks the Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission’s approval to offer an instructional program leading to an Associate of Applied Science in AAS Surgical Technology.

Program Summary

A program that prepares individuals, under the supervision of physicians and surgical nurses, to maintain, monitor, and enforce the sterile field and adherence to aseptic technique by preoperative, surgical team, and postoperative personnel. Includes instruction in instrument and equipment sterilization and handling, surgical supplies management, wound exposure and closure, surgical computer and robot operation and monitoring, maintenance of hemostasis, and patient and team scrubbing.

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

The surgical technology program will be transitioning from a 1-year certificate to a 2-year associates degree. This change is required by our accrediting body, ARC/ STSA. There is a HUGE need for surgical technologists in the Willamette Valley and throughout Oregon.

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

I hold two Advisory Committee meetings per year that include at least one person from each of the following categories: Current Student, Program Graduate, Faculty, Employer, Physician, Public Member, and Practicing CST. We discuss program curriculum, goals, outcomes, budget, classroom resources (equipment and supplies), clinical resources, faculty resources and professional development, program retention, job placement, and survey results among other topics.

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

Yes, it is aligned with the requirements of our accreditors CAAHEP ARC/ STSA.

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

During the program, students participate in hands-on comprehensive skills training and learn to apply those skills during 360+ hours of hospital or surgery center clinical rotations. Students will be able to sit for the Certified Surgical Technologist exam during their last week of the ST program.

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

The surgical technology program is a cost recovery program. With that in mind, the appropriate fee will be applied to the students.

Assurances

Linn Benton 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.