




August 24, 2015

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Board of Trustees
FROM: Jim Murdaugh, President 
SUBJECT: Academic Programs and Course Changes

Item Description

This item presents proposed changes in curriculum for 2015-2016.

Overview and Background

The Academic Planning Committee Curriculum members review and make recommendations for Board approval for new programs and courses. Due to recent changes by the State Board of Education that require the lengths of programs to decrease to 60 credit hours, there are several new programs that are being proposed that will replace the current programs of 63 or 64 credit hours. The lengths of programs are determined by the State Board of Education based upon recommendations from the colleges.

This item also presents the ten courses (30 credit hours) of upper division courses to be offered as part of the BSN degree that has been submitted for your approval in another Board item this month. Courses in the BSN will not be offered until February 2016 after approval by both the State Board of Education and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools--Commission on Colleges are obtained.

Past Actions by the Board

The Board approves the curriculum changes each year. Most changes were presented in the Spring for 2015-16. These are additional changes requested because of new state rules and the pending BSN degree. The changes are for the 2015-2016 academic year.

Funding/Financial Implications

Current curriculum changes require no new funding. Expenses for the new BSN are included in the annual budget and are offset by tuition revenue.

Staff Resource

Barbara Sloan

Recommended Action

That the Board approve the recommendation for academic course and program changes for the 2015-2016 academic year as attached.

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PROGRAM ADDITIONS

The Academic Planning Committee has approved the Bachelor of Science in Nursing and recommends it to the Board for approval. This new degree is presented for your consideration in a separate Board item this month.

PROGRAM DELETIONS

Based on review of curriculum content and assessment and mandates by the State Board of Education in which some of the programs are being replaced by new degrees with different program lengths, the following program deletions are recommended:

Office Administration AS Degree (63 credit hours)
Business Management AS Degree (64 credit hours)
Recreation Management AS Degree (64 credit hours)
Building Construction Management AS Degree (64 credit hours)
Computer Programming and Analysis - Computer Game Design and Logic Degree (63 credit hours)
Criminal Justice Technology AS Degree (64 hours)
Water Quality Technician Certificate (12 hours)

PROGRAM CHANGES

A.S. Degree in Office Administration (60 credit hours) – This program replaces the current Office Administration A.S. Degree program which included 63 credit hours. The proposed change is mandated by the State Board of Education and the purpose is to reduce A.S. Degrees to 60 credit hours in order to better align the A.A. Degree requirements and transferability to Baccalaureate programs.

Add this course: Any General Education Social Sciences State Core course (3)
 Any General Education Natural Sciences State Core course (3)

Delete this course: Any additional General Education Communications course (3)
 ECO2013 Principles of Economics (3)
 Reducing the electives from six (6) to three (3) credit hours (Any college-credit course in Technology or Business, or IDS2941 Technology and Professional programs Internship)

A.S. Degree in Business Management (60 credit hours) – This program replaces the current Business Management A.S. Degree program which included 64 credit hours. The proposed change is mandated by the State Board of Education and the purpose is to reduce A.S. Degrees to 60 credit hours in order to better align the A.A. Degree requirements and transferability to Baccalaureate programs.

Add this course: Any General Education Natural Sciences State Core course (3)

Delete this course: ENC1102 Argument and Persuasion (3)
LIS2004 Introduction to Internet Research (1)
SPC2608 Public Speaking (3) move from required program course to a
electives

A.S. Degree in Recreation Management (60 credit hours) – This program replaces the current Recreation Management A.S. Degree program which included 64 credit hours. The proposed change is mandated by the State Board of Education and the purpose is to reduce A.S. Degrees to 60 credit hours in order to better align the A.A. Degree requirements and transferability to Baccalaureate programs.

Add this course: SPC1017 Fundamentals of Interpersonal Communications or
SPC2608 Public Speaking (3)

Delete this course: Any Additional General Education Communications course (3)
Any college-credit course(s) with a PET, PEM, HUM or HSC prefix (4)

A.S. Degree in Building Construction Management (60 credit hours) – This program replaces the current Office Administration A.S. Degree program which included 64 credit hours. The proposed change is mandated by the State Board of Education and the purpose is to reduce A.S. Degrees to 60 credit hours in order to better align the A.A. Degree requirements and transferability to Baccalaureate programs.

Add this course: Any General Education Natural Sciences State Core course (3)
BCN1040 Introduction to Sustainable/Green Building Principles (3)
EGS1102 Introduction to Engineering Technology (3)
ETI1701 Industrial Safety (3)

Delete this course: Any Additional General Education Communications course (3)
GLY2010 Physical Geology (3)
GLY2010L Physical Geology Laboratory (1)

SPC1062 Business and Professional Speaking or SPC2608 Public Speaking (3)
CTS2225C Microsoft Specialist Excel (3)
BCT2772 Construction Estimating 2 (3)

A.S. Degree in Computer Programming and Web Development (60 credit hours) – This program replaces the current Computer Programming and Analysis - Computer Game Design and Logic A.S. Degree program which included 63 credit hours. The proposed change is mandated by the State Board of Education and the purpose is to reduce A.S. Degrees to 60 credit hours in order to better align the A.A. Degree requirements and transferability to Baccalaureate programs. In addition, the emphasis of the degree at TCC will shift to offer more programming course options.

Add this course: Any General Education Natural Sciences State Core course (3)
COP1332 Introduction to VB.NET Programming (3)
COP2360 Introduction to C# Programming (3)
COP2840 Internet Programming (3)
COP2805 Java Programming II (3)
CTS2401C Microsoft Specialist Access (3)
GRA2143 Advanced Web Page Design (3)
PGY2801C Photoshop (3)
Any college-level course (3)

Delete this course: Any Additional General Education Communications course (3)
CGS1520 Introduction to Multimedia Programming (3)
CAP2703 Computer Animation (3)
GRA2100 Cg Characters Production (3)
MNA2130 Business Communication (3)
COP2332 Visual Programming (3)
CAP2023 Introduction to Game Programming (3)
CAP2024 Advanced Game Programming (3)
Two college-credit courses with CAP, CGS, CNT, COP, GRA or PGY prefix, and/or IDS2941 (6)

A.S. Degree in Criminal Justice Technology (60 credit hours) – This program replaces the current Criminal Justice A.S. Degree program which included 64 credit hours. The proposed change is mandated by the State Board of Education and the purpose is to reduce A.S. Degrees to 60 credit hours in order to better align the A.A. Degree requirements and transferability to Baccalaureate programs.

Add this course: Any General Education Natural Sciences State Core course (3)
CJE2330 Ethics in Criminal Justice (3)
CCCJ2930 Seminar on Contemporary Criminal Justice Issues (3)

Delete this course: Any Additional General Education Communications course (3)
Any additional General Education course (3)
IDS2182 Applied Ethics Seminar (3)
CCCJ2930 Seminar on Contemporary Criminal Justice Issues (4)

NEW COURSES

Based on review of curriculum content and assessment, and the new program being proposed, the following new courses are recommended to be offered as upper division courses for the BSN.

NUR3655 Cultural Issues in Nursing (3)
NUR3065 Health Assessment (3)
NUR3273 Health Promotion (3)
NUR3827 Leadership/Management in Nursing (3)
NUR3125 Pathophysiology (3)
NUR4169 Nursing Research/Evidence-Based Practice (3)
NUR4870 Nursing Informatics (3)
NUR4684 Population-Based Nursing (3)
NUR3891 Professional Issues (3)
NUR4950 Capstone (3)

COURSE CHANGES

FFP 0010 Firefighter I; *Content Change*. Change based on Department of Education and the Bureau of Fire Standards.

FFP 0020 Firefighter II; *Content Change*. Change based on Department of Education and the Bureau of Fire Standards.