




June 18, 2018

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 2018-2019.

Overview and Background

The Academic Planning Committee Curriculum members review and make recommendations for Board approval for new program and courses. Due to changes by the State Board of Education as well as the revision of programs to meet workforce demands, there are several changes being proposed.

The College is proposing a new PSAV program: CNC Production Specialist. The program is 600 clock hours and can be completed in one semester. Students will be able to obtain a career as a machinist at companies such as Danfoss Turbocor and St. Marks Powder. According to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, this program is on the state and regional occupation demand list with entry wages of \$13.43 per hour and a median salary of \$43,331.

The College is also proposing a change to the A.A. degree to meet recent legislation that requires students entering a Florida College System institution or state university in the 2018-2019 school year to demonstrate competency in civic literacy. Florida Statute 1007.25 (4)(a) states that a new course in civic literacy must be developed or an existing general education core course in American History or American Government must be revised to include civic literacy. A faculty committee appointed by the State Board of Education and the Board of Governors has decided that AMH2020 (History of the United States II) and POS1041 (National Government) will be the courses that satisfy the legislation.

Past Actions by the Board

The Board approves the curriculum changes each year. The changes are for 2018-2019.

Funding/Financial Implications

Curriculum changes require no new funding.

Staff Resource

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Recommended Action

That the Board approves the recommendation for academic course and program changes for 2018-2019 as attached.

Associate in Arts Degree, A.A. (60 credit hours) – Legislation was recently passed that requires students entering a Florida College System institution or state university in the 2018-2019 school year to demonstrate competency in civic literacy. It was also legislated demonstration of the competency through successful completion of a civic literacy course. The Florida Department of Education has chosen AMH2020 and POS1041 as the two courses that will satisfy the Civics Literacy Requirement. TCC will need to make changes to the AA degree in order to accommodate the legislation.

TCC is proposing to move the following courses to the Social Sciences TCC Core – Group 1:

- AMH2010 History of the United States I
- INR2002 International Relations
- CPO2001 Introduction to Comparative Politics
- POS1112 State and Local Government
- POS2001 Introduction to Political Science

Social Sciences TCC Core – Group 2 will consist of the Civic Literacy courses as defined by legislation:

- AMH2020 History of the United States II
- POS1041 National Government

International Student Program – TCC is proposing to change the admission test scores for International student applicants on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). The score is currently 45. TCC is proposing to change the score to 61. This would bring TCC in alignment with the other Florida College System institutions. Currently, most of international student applicants have a score of 61 or higher and success rates are related to the admission test scores.

NEW COURSES

Course ID	Course Name	Rationale for New Course
FIN1100	Financial Literacy (1)	This new course will benefit all students. Students will learn about basic financial literacy concepts and will offer students another one credit course choice.
PMT0026	CNC Production Technician I (300 clock hours)	This new course is part of the proposed CNC Production Specialist PSAV program.
PMT0027	CNC Production Technician II (300 clock hours)	This new course is part of the proposed CNC Production Specialist PSAV program.