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Agenda Item: 3.9 University of Cincinnati Clermont College, Associate of Applied Science degree in Surgical Technology

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED: upon recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Initiatives Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following new degree program is approved:

University of Cincinnati Clermont College
Associate of Applied Science degree in Surgical Technology

BACKGROUND

University of Cincinnati Clermont College

Associate of Applied Science Degree in Surgical Technology

Advancements in technology and medical procedures performed in the operating room have made an impact on the need and demand for Surgical Technologists. The University of Cincinnati Clermont College has developed an Associate Degree program in Surgical Technology responding to the growing need for qualified surgical technicians in the southwest region of the state. Currently, surgical technology is one of the ten fastest growing occupations in the nation. The Occupational Outlook Handbook projects that the number of surgical technologists will increase 56% by the year 2006.

Students enrolled in the program will be trained to become an integral part of a surgical team, learn how to perform some pre-operative medical procedures and practice safe patient care, and be able to communicate effectively with hospital staff, families and members of the surgical team. Many students are expected to enter this program as part of a career pathway established by the Greater Cincinnati College Tech-Prep Consortium.

After successful completion of the program students will be prepared to take the Associate of Surgical Technologists' certification exam to become a Certified Surgical Technologist (CST).

Graduates of the Surgical Technology program will find career opportunities in hospitals, acute care facilities, clinics, physician's offices and others.