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Agenda Item 3.3 Southern State Community College, Associate of Applied  
Science degree in Corrections

**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:

Southern State Community College  
Associate of Applied Science degree in Corrections

## **BACKGROUND**

### **SOUTHERN STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Associate of Applied Science degree in Corrections

Southern State Community College has developed this new associate degree in response to the growing need for trained personnel and officers in the corrections field. Ohio's labor market information indicates that the number of individuals involved in occupations requiring training in corrections is expected to increase by more than 24% percent over the next five years.

Recently a needs assessment questionnaire was distributed to law enforcement agencies within the service delivery area of Southern State Community College. The results of the survey confirmed the need to hire more trained correction personnel for city, county and state correction positions. Human resource personnel in correction facilities prefer to hire trained correction officers avoiding the need to provide costly and timely on-job training sometimes needed for low skilled and untrained workers.

The Corrections Program will provide students a foundation in corrections and will prepare them for employment in a variety of correction facilities and agencies. Students will have a better understanding of the evolution of corrections in both institutional and non-institutional agencies, learn about criminal law, probation programs, and parole requirements and the court's role in the probation process and more.

Career opportunities for graduates will include positions with local and state correction facilities as well as prisoner transport, investigations, probation services, and others.