

OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS

Agenda Item 3.6 North Central State College, Associate of Applied Science degree in Electric Utility Technology

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the 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:

North Central State College
Associate of Applied Science degree in Electric Utility Technology

BACKGROUND

NORTH CENTRAL STATE COLLEGE

Associate of Applied Science degree in Electric Utility Technology

FirstEnergy Corporation continues to work with Ohio community and technical colleges to meet their current and future need for trained electric power utility technicians. After the implementation of successful programs at Stark State College of Technology and Lakeland Community College, FirstEnergy has approached North Central State Community to partner with them to further meet their training needs. The program will provide students with a competitive edge in obtaining employment with FirstEnergy and will reduce the number of students leaving the area to find employment offering higher wages. The fast changing technology and a retiring workforce is a major concern with FirstEnergy as they plan for company growth and customer satisfaction. As a company specific program it will have a positive impact on the economics of the region with trained skilled employees prepared to enter the workforce.

Upon completion of the two-year degree program, graduates would be eligible for union employment at FirstEnergy with a minimum starting salary of \$18.00/hr. The program will provide career mobility for employees as employees can move from line technicians into management.

The degree is designed to build upon the FirstEnergy Technician Training Program by awarding 39 semester hours of technical credit for successful completion of that program.