

OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS

Agenda Item 3.5 Lorain County Community College, Associate of Applied
Science degree in Public Administration

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:

Lorain County Community College
Associate of Applied Science degree in Public Administration

BACKGROUND

LORAIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Associate of Applied Science degree in Public Administration

Lorain County Community College has developed an associate degree program in Public Administration in response to the need for trained professionals in social service agencies, non-profit organizations, community action and mental health related agencies, public sector entities and others. Through a needs survey the campus identified over 118 non-profit agencies in Lorain County who indicated a need for a degree program to upgrade the administrative skills of agency personnel. Key competencies needed are how to administer federal funds, ability to implement federal, state and county program regulations and guidelines, develop and administer affirmative action plans, protect privacy rights and ensure client confidentiality for program compliance and accountability.

This new program will meet the educational and training needs of the traditional student who is interested in entering the field of public administration, as well as individuals currently employed in the public sector positions and interested in expanding their education and continuous learning opportunities for career advancement. In addition, individuals working in this field may elect to take the core public administration courses and earn a Certificate of Proficiency. Credits earned to achieve a Certificate of Proficiency can be applied towards earning an Associate of Applied Science degree in Public Administration.

The Public Administration program will provide students with theoretical and practical knowledge on how to develop community based planning strategies, ways to conduct community assessments to determine the community's assets, understand fundraising and grants management, and learn how to research and identify new resources that will support program development and implementation. Students will also have an opportunity to acquire on-the-job learning experience through program practicums and cooperative education arrangements.

Graduates of the program will find career opportunities in social service and human service agencies, non-profit organizations, and the public sector as directors, associate directors, program and training coordinators, intake and outreach workers, annual giving coordinators, as appointed public officials, and others.

