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Agenda Item 3.5 Stark State College of Technology, Associate of Applied Science degree in Computer Networking and Telecommunications Engineering 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:

Stark State College of Technology in Computer Networking and Telecommunications Engineering Technology

## **BACKGROUND**

### **STARK STATE COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY**

Associate of Applied Science Degree in Computer Networking and Telecommunications Engineering Technology

The Computer Networking and Telecommunications Engineering Technology program is being developed to meet the networking and telecommunications needs of area Information Technology industry contractors, equipment manufacturers, wholesalers and suppliers. The program targets new students interested in seeking employment in IT and the retraining of the existing workforce interested in career advancement positions in the IT industry. The shortage of IT workers is hampering the growth of the industry as companies experience completion dates not being met, lost production time, delay in start-up of projects and lost of profits due to the lack of trained IT workers.

Enrolled students in the program will be prepared to successfully complete certification exams for A+ hardware certification, Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer and others.

Career opportunities for Stark State graduates in the IT field will include job titles such as: Computer and Network Specialist, Computer Technician, Telecommunications analyst, and many others.