BACKGROUND AND REQUEST.

Hocking Technical College

Recommendation
This program clearly meets the Chancellor's standards for associate degree programs. There were no serious concerns raised in the review.

Request: Hocking Technical College proposes an Associate of Applied Science degree in Geoenvironmental Science. The program will prepare students to study and investigate the issues that surround the way people use, change, and are influenced by the environment.

Purpose/Mission: Hocking Technical College is an innovative, experienced-based technical college that offers unique and distinctive programs that serve diverse learners, employers and organizations. The proposed program will foster collaboration between education and industry and promote economic growth in southeastern Ohio.

Enrollment: The college is projecting an enrollment of twenty full-time students in fall 2011, and anticipates enrollment will grow to thirty-two students by fall 2012.

Curriculum: The curriculum includes a co-op experience and includes courses in environmental laws and policy, historical geology, environmental chemistry, geoenvironmental sampling and monitoring, and the geology of Ohio. Graduates of the program will find career opportunities as field geologists, remediation technicians, field chemists, geotechnical researchers, and watershed coordinators, with starting salaries ranging from $32,000 to $45,000 annually.

Faculty/Resource Needs: The college is financially prepared to offer the program. Existing resources are in place to support the program.

Program Duplication: The proposed program is not offered at any public two-year institution in Ohio. The college is willing to collaborate and share best practices with other institutions interested in developing this or similar programs.

End of Comment Period: June 23, 2010
No Comments Received, Recommend Approval

APPROVED

Erj D. Fingerhut, Chancellor

Date 7/2/11