BACKGROUND AND REQUEST

Central Ohio Technical College

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

Request: Central Ohio Technical College proposes an Associate of Applied Science in Culinary Science degree that integrates the study of culinary arts with food service and technology. For the past two years representatives from the college, The Ohio State University at Newark, and Zane State College have worked collaboratively to develop a non-duplicative program that emphasizes a "scientific approach" to the preparation of food.

Purpose/Mission: The mission of the college is "to meet the technical education and training needs of students and employers in the area." The proposed program supports the college's mission by meeting the needs of businesses in the region and students interested in earning a bachelor's degree in this growing field. The program ensures a seamless transfer from the college to The Ohio State University at Newark, where students can earn a bachelor's degree in Food Science and Technology.

Enrollment: The college projects an enrollment of sixteen full-time students beginning fall semester 2010, and anticipates enrollment will grow to forty-six full-time students by January 2011. Part-time enrollment is also expected to come from individuals working in the food industry.

Curriculum: The curriculum, which includes an internship, is structured to provide students the skills necessary for the field. Upon approval from the Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents, the college plans to pursue accreditation from the American Culinary Federation (ACF). With this accreditation, graduates of the program will be eligible to take the examinations for all fourteen ACF professional designations.

Graduates of the program will find careers as head restaurant chefs, food preparation and service managers, hospital food service chefs, catering company chefs, and chefs and food personnel in schools and resorts. Starting salaries range from $36,800 to $48,000 annually.

Faculty/Resource Needs: The institution is financially prepared to offer the program. The college and The Ohio State University at Newark, as co-located institutions, will share classroom and lab space, teaching aids, and equipment and materials. Further, Zane State College is willing to team-teach with the college, jointly recruit and market the program, and share training labs and other resources needed to ensure student success.

Program Duplication: The program has the support and the cooperation of Zane State College and The Ohio State University. The college has expressed its willingness to share "best practices" and to explore opportunities for collaboration with other campuses in the region and across the state interested in offering this or a similar program.

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

APPROVED

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Eric D. Fingerhut, Chancellor

Date