

**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 Electrical Trades Technology in response to the need for trained and credentialed electricians in central Ohio. The proposed program was developed in cooperation with the Newark Electrical Joint Apprenticeship and Training Trust Fund and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 1105.

**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 IBEW Local 1105 and strengthens the college's relationship with the Newark Electrical Joint Apprenticeship and Training Trust Fund.

**Enrollment:** The college projects an enrollment of 10-12 electricians a year, potentially reaching 50-60 students in the program by year five. To accommodate the working schedules of electricians, the technical courses will be taught during the day and evening at the training facility in Newark.

**Curriculum:** Local IBEW chapters are required to customize their specific training and education services based on current and future building construction projects that will require the skills of a trained electrician. The curriculum is structured to provide electricians the skills needed for continued employment and career advancement in the field.

Graduates of the program will be eligible to sit for the Journeyman Electrician certification exam. The starting wage for most electricians is \$25.00 an hour and can vary depending on the electrician's work experience.

**Faculty/Resource Needs:** The college is financially prepared to initiate the program. Existing faculty are in place to teach in the proposed program. In addition, qualified IBEW instructors that meet the Chancellor's faculty standards may also teach some of the technical courses.

**Program Duplication:** Columbus State Community College and Washington State Community College submitted letters of support for the program. Both institutions, which are served by local chapters, have joint agreements with IBEW to identify and serve the regional workforce development needs of their respective areas without the risk of competition and duplication.

End of Comment Period: March 4, 2010  
No Comments Received, Recommend Approval

APPROVED



Eric D. Fingerhut, Chancellor

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