

**Background and Request
Terra State Community College**

Recommendation

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

Request: Terra State Community College has developed an Associate of Applied Science in Medical Assisting in response to the growing need for medical assistants. Rapid growth in the region's healthcare delivery system has increased the need for trained medical assistants who can perform administrative and clinical functions under the supervision of a physician or other healthcare administrators.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor/Bureau of Labor Statistics, medical assistants, one of the top ten fastest growing occupations, is expected to grow thirty-five percent from 2006-2016. In addition, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services *Industry Employment Project Report* states that by 2012, the State of Ohio will need 62,500 health care professionals to work in ambulatory facilities and other health care settings.

Purpose: The college is committed to excellence in teaching, training and lifelong learning. The proposed program complements existing allied health programs offered at the college and provides students another opportunity for employment and advancement in Ohio's growing healthcare industry.

Graduates of the program will find employment in physician offices, ambulatory facilities, internal medicine clinics, outpatient care centers, nursing homes and other healthcare related facilities. Starting salaries range from \$26,200 to \$32,000 based on the facility and its location.

Enrollment: The college anticipates twelve full-time and eighteen part-time students in 2009-2010, and an additional six full-time and four part-time students in 2010-2011.

Curriculum: The curriculum includes the required general education and technical courses, a hands-on laboratory component, and a supervised directed practice experience. Graduates of the program will be qualified to sit for the Registered Medical Assisting examination through the American Medical Technologists.

Faculty/Resource Needs: The college is financially prepared to implement the program. A certified medical assistant will be hired to teach and serve as program coordinator, and additional faculty will be hired as program enrollment grows.

Program Duplication: Lorain County Community College and Terra State Community College collaborated in the development of the program, sharing faculty expertise, curricula, program resources and equipment, and best practices. In addition, Owens Community College also partnered with the college and supports the development of the program.

End of Comment Period: September 15, 2009
No Comments Received, Recommend Approval

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| Eric D. Fingerhut, Chancellor | Date |

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