

BACKGROUND AND REQUEST

Clark State Community College

Recommendation

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

Request: Clark State Community College proposes an Associate of Applied Science degree in Cyber Security Technology in response to the growing need for trained cyber security technicians. The Bureau of Labor Statistics anticipates that employment opportunities in the field are expected to increase by eighteen percent over the next decade as companies and organizations continue to place a high priority on the safeguarding of electronic information and data.

Purpose/Mission: The purpose of Clark State Community College is to "foster individual and community prosperity through access to the highest quality, learning-centered education."

Enrollment: The college is projecting an enrollment of nineteen full-time and six part-time students beginning fall 2010, and anticipates enrollment will grow to twenty-two full-time and twelve part-time students by January 2011.

Curriculum: The curriculum is structured to provide students the skills needed to identify and combat Internet/electronic crime, and design and manage computer hardware and software. Graduates of the program will find career opportunities with starting salaries ranging from \$32,000 to \$46,000 a year. In addition, the college is working with the region's College Tech Prep consortium to develop a cyber security career path, thereby offering students a seamless transition to post-secondary education, and articulation agreements with Central State University and Wright State University for those interested in pursuing additional degrees.

Faculty/Resource Needs: The college received a National Science Foundation Advanced Technology Education grant to develop the program and is financially prepared to offer the program. Existing faculty and facilities are in place to support the program.

Program Duplication: In addition to Central State and Wright State universities, Sinclair Community College extended their support for the program. The college is willing to collaborate and share best practices with other institutions interested in developing this or similar programs.