

BACKGROUND

Lakeland Community College Associate of Applied Science in Health Information Management Technology

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY/RECOMMENDATION

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

Request: Lakeland Community College requests approval for an Associate of Applied Science degree in Health Information Management Technology.

Program Purpose/Mission: The healthcare industry is the largest employer in Northeast Ohio. Lakeland Community College through the years has established an excellent collaborative relationship with the various health care providers and has been responsive to their needs for a trained educated workforce. To further support the regions health care industry, Lakeland's Health Care Pathway Program funded through the KnowledgeWorks Foundation is addressing the regions unemployed, underemployed, incumbent worker and worker advancement training needs for the health care industry.

Health Information Management Technology is a profession that focuses on healthcare data and the management of healthcare information resources. The Health Information Management Technician collects, stores, processes, analyzes, disseminates and communicates information related to the research, planning, provision, financing and evaluation of health care services.

The program was developed in response to the need for Registered Health Information Technicians and Registered Health Information Administrators in Northeast Ohio. A regional needs assessment was conducted of the twenty-seven medical care providers affirming their need for current and future trained Health Information Management (HIM) Technicians and Registered Health Information Technicians and Administrators. The college will seek accreditation for the new Health Information Technology program through the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) Commission on Accreditation Health Information Management (CAIIM).

Students successfully completing the program will be eligible to take the national certification examination to become a Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT).

Enrollment: The College is projecting an enrollment of 13 full-time and 22 part-time students beginning January 2008 and projects an increase in enrollment to 21 full-time students in 2009.

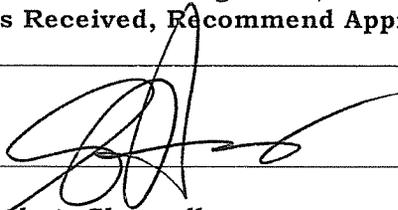
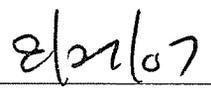
Curriculum: The Health Information Management Technology Program will be organized under the Science and Health Technologies Division of the College. The program curriculum builds from existing courses and meets the general education requirements and technical course requirements for this specific degree. Students enrolled in the program must meet some specific admission requirements which include the completion of high school algebra, chemistry and biology with a "C" grade or better.

Faculty/Resource Needs: A new full time faculty/program director will be hired to over-see the program. No additional space will be needed and the College is financially prepared to offer this program and incur the start-up costs needed based on the projected student enrollment.

Program Duplication: Cuyahoga County Community College offers a degree in Health Information Management Technology and maintains a waiting list for this program. The institutions plan to work in collaboration with each other to address the current and long-term needs of the region's health care industry while reducing the waiting list at Cuyahoga County Community College. Several of the healthcare providers have agreed to expand their clinical site placements ensuring that all students enrolled in either program will have the clinical learning and experiences needed for completion of this degree.

Employment Opportunities: Graduates of the program will find career opportunities as Health Information Management Technicians in various community, regional, and federal medical and health care facilities, assisted living and nursing home facilities, physician offices and others.

End of Comment Period: August 22, 2007
No Comments Received, Recommend Approval

Approved		
Eric D. Fingerhut, Chancellor	Date	