

STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION

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TOPIC: Bachelor of Applied Science in Health Information Management

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RELATIONSHIP TO THE STRATEGIC PLAN:

- Transform the student experience
- Create education without barriers through transformational partnerships
- Redefine our value proposition through accessibility, affordability, quality, accountability, resource development, and operational excellence

Explanation:

Pursuant to CCCS's role and mission (§23-60-201, C.R.S.), CCCS may offer technical, career, and workforce development Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) degree programs. Authority for the Colorado Community College System to offer BAS degrees was made possible by SB14-004 (Community College Four-year Programs), which was signed by the Governor on February 27, 2014.

As stated on the Board Home page, "BAS degrees continue to be of increasing importance in enabling individuals to qualify for and obtain jobs in specialized fields throughout Colorado. Offering BAS and BSN degrees has allowed the community colleges to provide an opportunity for underserved and first-generation students to continue their educational pathway in a familiar community college setting, thus making it more likely that these students will persist and complete their degrees while furthering statewide goals toward closing the attainment gap for historically underserved populations. In addition, CCCS colleges offer bachelor's degrees in a growing number of specific disciplines designed to enhance graduates' employment opportunities."

Arapahoe Community College (ACC) and Pueblo Community College (PCC) are seeking approval for a BAS in Health Information Management to create further educational opportunities for those with credentials in Health Information Technology (HIT) by reducing student barriers while creating an accessible, affordable, and quality program. In addition, the program will enable students to advance in allied healthcare fields and professions with the BAS degree.

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation to the Board for approval of a BAS degree in Health Information Management for ACC and PCC. The legislative criteria for approval of a BAS degree are set by SB14-004, Additional information is provided in Attachments.

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS LOCATED IN THE RESOURCES SECTION OF ONBOARD:

ACC BAS HIM Key Assessments

ACC BAS HIM Financials

ACC BAS HIM Academic Plan

PCC BAS HIM Assessments

PCC BAS HIM Financials

HIM Course Descriptions

2018 AHIMA Baccalaureate Degree Competencies

2018 Baccalaureate Degree Health Information Management Accreditation Standards