TITLE: New Academic Programs Approved at KCTCS

DESCRIPTION: Staff have approved three AAS program proposals from KCTCS institutions between June and September 2024 in accordance with the program approval process. No future action is necessary from the Council.

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

KRS 164.020 (15) empowers the Council to define and approve the offering of all technical, certificate, diploma, associate, baccalaureate, graduate, and professional degree at public postsecondary institutions. It also mandates that the Council expedite the approval of requests from KCTCS for new programs of a vocational-technical and occupational nature.

PROGRAM APPROVAL PROCESS FOR KCTCS INSTITUTIONS

Associate Degree Programs of a Vocational-Technical-Occupational Nature (i.e. AAS) undergo the following process for approval:

- KCTCS posts a proposal to the program approval system. Institutions and Council staff have 30 days to respond.
- If no issues are identified, the program is approved by Council staff and reported as an information item to the Council.
- If issues are identified, the institution addresses those through the program approval system, and the review period is extended. Once the issues are resolved, the program is approved by Council staff and reported as an information item at the next Council meeting.

APPROVED PROGRAMS AT KCTCS

Council staff have reviewed and approved the following programs. No further action is needed.

Maysville Community and Technical College
- AAS, Emergency Medical Services - Paramedic (CIP 51.0904) – The program provides a comprehensive course of study preparing graduates for licensure as an Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic (EMT-P). Students must hold current unrestricted

certification as an EMT in Kentucky or current unrestricted registration with the National Registry EMT as an EMT to be eligible for paramedic program admission.

Hazard Community and Technical College
- AAS, Health Science Technology (CIP 51.000) – The program is designed to prepare students for entry-level career opportunities in healthcare and health-related services, as well as provide currently employed individuals with skills needed for career advancement. Embedded in the program are three or more distinct health science certificates that students must complete. This structure allows students to design their educational experience to meet individual career goals.

Hazard Community and Technical College
- AAS, Nuclear Medicine Imaging (CIP 51.0905) – Graduates of the program will develop expertise in the following areas: (a) patient care and monitoring, (b) technical skills related to radiation safety, radiopharmacy, clinical instrumentation, diagnostic and therapeutic procedures (including hybrid imaging and emerging technologies), quality control, and (c) administrative functions related to supplies and equipment, documentation of operations related to disposition of radioactive materials, quality control data, and patient records.