

TITLE: New Academic Program Approved at KCTCS

DESCRIPTION: The Academic and Strategic Initiatives Committee received the report of the one approved AAS program proposal from a KCTCS institution since January 2023, in accordance with the program approval process.

PRESENTER: Karyn Hoover, Chair of the ASI Committee

COMMITTEE'S REVIEW

The Academic and Strategic Initiatives Committee received this information report at their March 21, 2023, meeting. It will not be covered or presented in detail at the March 31 board meeting; however, staff will be available for questions.

APPROVED PROGRAM AT KCTCS

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

Hazard Community and Technical College

- AAS, Education (CIP 13.1501) - The program is designed for students who wish to begin coursework at a community and technical college before transferring to a four-year college to pursue a degree in teaching or for students wishing to be a teacher's aide.

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 will post a proposal to program approval system. Institutions and Council staff will have 30 days to respond to the proposal.
- If no issues are identified with the proposal, the program will be approved by Council staff and reported as an information item at a future Council meeting.

- If issues are identified with the proposal, the institution will address those through the program approval system, and the review period will be extended. Once the issues are resolved, the program will be approved by Council staff and reported as an information item at the next Council meeting.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

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.