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NEW UNITS OF INSTRUCTION AT PUBLIC COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Submitted for: Action.

Summary: This item requests approval of five new associate degree programs to be offered at five community colleges.

Action Requested: That the Illinois Board of Higher Education approves the following programs at the colleges indicated:

Kaskaskia College

- Associate in Applied Science in Illinois Department of Corrections Corrections Officer: Youth Supervisor Option

Prairie State College

- Associate in Applied Science in Physical Therapy Assistant

Shawnee Community College

- Associate in Applied Science in Construction Laborer

Southeastern Illinois College

- Associate in Applied Science in Outfitter Wildlife Management

Wilbur Wright College

- Associate in Fine Arts in Art (Studio)

STATE OF ILLINOIS
BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION

NEW UNITS OF INSTRUCTION AT PUBLIC COMMUNITY COLLEGES

By statute, the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) is responsible for approving new associate degree programs proposed by public community colleges. The Board's approval criteria, defined in administrative rules, address relevance to college mission, academic control, faculty and staff, support services, financial resources, student demand, employer demand, curriculum, and congruence with IBHE policies and priorities. Before a recommendation for approval of an associate degree program is submitted to the IBHE for approval, staff of the IBHE and the Illinois Community College Board review the proposal. Once agreement is reached on a proposal having met the approval criteria, a recommendation for approval is presented to each board.

Executive Summary

Kaskaskia College

- Associate in Applied Science in Illinois Department of Corrections Corrections Officer: Youth Supervisor Option

Kaskaskia College is seeking approval to offer a 66 credit hour Associate in Applied Science in Illinois Department of Corrections Corrections Officer: Youth Supervisor Option. This degree will provide students with the knowledge and skills for employment and advancement opportunities into leadership and management roles within the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC). The curriculum consists of 18 credit hours of required general education coursework, and 42 credit hours of required career and technical education coursework. Students may receive between 18 and 21 credit hours of proficiency credit for coursework completed at the IDOC Training Academy. Graduates of the degree program will be prepared for supervisory-level positions in IDOC. There are policies in place to ensure faculty members possess the training, credentials, and qualifications to provide instruction in the proposed program. The College has sufficient library, technology, staff, and financial resources in place to support the proposed program.

Approval request summary, including staff conclusion, follows in Attachment A.

Prairie State College

- Associate in Applied Science in Physical Therapy Assistant

Prairie State College is seeking approval to offer a 74 credit hour Associate in Applied Science in Physical Therapy Assistant. This degree will prepare students for a career in the physical therapy field as a physical therapist assistant. The program combines courses in general education and physical therapist assistant technical courses with off campus clinical education learning experiences. Students will master selected skills in data collection and interventions commonly used in different physical therapy settings. Graduates of the Associate of Applied Science degree

program may apply to take the National Physical Therapy exam for licensure as a physical therapy assistant. There are policies in place to ensure faculty members possess the training, credentials, and qualifications to provide instruction in the proposed program. The College has sufficient library, technology, staff, and financial resources in place to support the proposed program.

Approval request summary, including staff conclusion, follows in Attachment B.

Shawnee Community College

- Associate in Applied Science in Construction Laborer

Shawnee Community College is seeking approval to offer a 60 credit hour Associate in Applied Science in Construction Laborer. This degree will prepare construction apprentices to work in a supervisory or managerial role within the construction trades. The degree program requires 16 credit hours of general education coursework and 46 credit hours of required career and technical education coursework in construction. Graduates of the degree program will be ready for supervisory and management roles in the construction trades industry. There are policies in place to ensure faculty members possess the training, credentials, and qualifications to provide instruction in the proposed program. The College has sufficient library, technology, staff, and financial resources in place to support the proposed program.

Approval request summary, including staff conclusion, follows in Attachment C.

Southeastern Illinois College

- Associate in Applied Science in Outfitter Wildlife Management

Southeastern Illinois College is seeking approval to offer a 62 credit hour Associate in Applied Science in Outfitter Wildlife Management. This degree will provide students with the knowledge and skills for employment and advancement opportunities in the wildlife hunting and guiding industry, focusing on management and leadership. The degree program consists of 16 credit hours of general education coursework, and 36 credit hours of required career and technical education coursework. Graduates of the degree program will be ready for entry-level and management positions within the wildlife management industry. There are policies in place to ensure faculty members possess the training, credentials, and qualifications to provide instruction in the proposed program. The College has sufficient library, technology, staff, and financial resources in place to support the proposed program.

Approval request summary, including staff conclusion, follows in Attachment D.

Wilbur Wright College

- Associate in Fine Arts in Art (Studio)

Wilbur Wright College is seeking approval to offer a 61 credit hour Associate in Fine Arts in Art (Studio) as a baccalaureate transfer degree. This program will provide a pathway for students to transfer into a baccalaureate program. There are policies in place to ensure faculty members possess the training, credentials, and qualifications to provide instruction in the proposed program. The College has sufficient library, technology, staff, and financial resources in place to support the proposed program.

Approval request summary, including staff conclusion, follows in Attachment E.

The staff recommends adoption of the following resolutions:

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The Illinois Board of Higher Education hereby grants authority to Kaskaskia College to offer the Associate in Applied Science in Illinois Department of Corrections Corrections Officer: Youth Supervisor Option subject to the institution's implementation and maintenance of the conditions that were presented in its application and that form the basis upon which this authorization is granted.

The Illinois Board of Higher Education hereby grants authority to Prairie State College to offer the Associate in Applied Science in Physical Therapy Assistant subject to the institution's implementation and maintenance of the conditions that were presented in its application and that form the basis upon which this authorization is granted.

The Illinois Board of Higher Education hereby grants authority to Shawnee Community College to offer the Associate in Applied Science in Construction Laborer subject to the institution's implementation and maintenance of the conditions that were presented in its application and that form the basis upon which this authorization is granted.

The Illinois Board of Higher Education hereby grants authority to Southeastern Illinois College to offer the Associate in Applied Science in in Outfitter Wildlife Management subject to the institution's implementation and maintenance of the conditions that were presented in its application and that form the basis upon which this authorization is granted.

The Illinois Board of Higher Education hereby grants authority to Wilbur Wright College to offer the Associate in Fine Arts in Art (Studio) subject to the institution's implementation and maintenance of the conditions that were presented in its application and that form the basis upon which this authorization is granted.

Kaskaskia College
27210 College Road
Centralia, IL 62801-7878
President: Mr. George Evans

Proposed Program Title: Associate in Applied Science in Illinois Department of Corrections
Corrections Officer: Youth Supervisor Option (66 credit hours)

Program Purpose

This program prepares employees of the Illinois Department of Corrections for advancement opportunities into leadership and management roles.

Catalog Description

This program is designed to prepare Correctional Officers in continuing their education. This degree was developed by the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) in conjunction with the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) to meet the needs of their employees, especially those who seek advancement to supervisory positions. Students who have completed IDOC basic training are eligible to seek entry to this degree program and receive proficiency credit. Academy courses will be applied after 15 credit hours of program specific courses are completed at Kaskaskia College (Kaskaskia or the College).

Curricular Information

The curriculum consists of 18 credit hours of required general education coursework, and 42 credit hours of required career and technical education coursework. Students may receive between 18-21 credit hours of proficiency credit for coursework completed at the IDOC Training Academy. Career and technical education coursework includes: orientation to corrections; security procedures; crisis management; human relations; weapon proficiency; youth supervision; introduction to criminal justice; criminal justice ethics and law; introduction to investigations; air and blood borne pathogens; criminology; justice administration; court procedures and evidence; report writing for criminal justice; and community based corrections.

Accrediting Information

Specialized accreditation is not required for this program.

Justification for Credit Hours Required for the Degree

Due to the requirements outlined by IDOC for all Corrections Officer employees pursuing advancement through the Upward Mobility path, the curriculum requires general education content beyond the minimum of 15 credit hours for an AAS degree. The curriculum, including the general education component, was developed and agreed upon statewide by IDOC and ICCB and includes transferrable coursework in English composition, psychology, sociology, mathematics, speech communications, life science, and human health and wellness.

Supporting Labor Market Data (including employer partners)

Labor market information provided by the college supports the interest in and the need for this program. With a state budget in place, the college has experienced a resurgence of interest in

IDOC employees seeking to continue their education. IDOC staff continue to report a need to fill leadership and management positions within their facilities. The proposed degree meets the criteria for continuing education necessary for IDOC employees participating in the Upward Mobility program. According to the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES), growth in the employment of “corrections officers” is expected to be around 6.4 percent statewide through the year 2024.

Table 1: Employer Partners

Employers	Location
Bond County Sheriff’s Department	Greenville, IL
Fayette County Sheriff’s Department	Vandalia, IL
Marion County Sheriff’s Department	Salem, IL
Clinton County Sheriff’s Department	Carlyle, IL
Washington County Sheriff’s Department	Nashville, IL
IDOC – Vandalia Correctional Center	Vandalia, IL
IDOC – Centralia Correctional Center	Centralia, IL
Greenville Federal Prison	Greenville, IL

Table 2: Projected Enrollments

IDOC Corrections Officer AAS	First Year	Second Year	Third Year
Full-Time Enrollments:	-	-	-
Part-Time Enrollments:	7	6	7
Completions:	0	3	2

Financial / Budgetary Information

The program will require one existing full-time and one existing part-time faculty the first year. Qualified faculty hold at least a master’s degree in education or related workforce area, at least 18 credit hours of criminal justice specialization, over 20 years of related work experience in law enforcement/corrections, and over six years teaching experience. The program has been in operation under temporary status for the last several years, therefore, no new costs will be incurred to operate the program. All facilities are adequately in place to support the program. The program will be supported fiscally through student tuition and fees.

Table 3: Financial Information

	First Year	Second Year	Third Year
Faculty Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0
Administrator Costs	0	0	0
Other Personnel costs	0	0	0
Equipment Costs	0	0	0
Library/LRC Costs	0	0	0
Facility Costs	0	0	0
Other (specify)	0	0	0
TOTAL NEW COSTS	\$0	\$0	\$0

Table 4: Faculty Requirements

	First Year		Second Year		Third Year	
	Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time
New Faculty	0	0	0	0	0	0
Existing Faculty	1	1	1	1	1	1

Staff Conclusion

Kaskaskia College and its proposed program meet the criteria to implement the Board of Higher Education Act (110 ILCS 205) as set forth in 23 Ill. Adm. Code 1050.30 and the Illinois Board of Higher Education policies pertaining to assessment and accreditation for licensure.

Prairie State College
202 South Halsted Street
Chicago Heights, IL 60411-8226
President: Dr. Terri Winfree

Proposed Program Title: Associate in Applied Science in Physical Therapy Assistant (74 credit hours)

Program Purpose

The proposed degree program will prepare graduates for entry-level employment, national credentialing and State licensure as a physical therapy assistant.

Catalog Description

This degree will prepare students for a career in the physical therapy field as a physical therapist assistant (PTA). The program combines courses in general education and physical therapist assistant technical courses with off campus clinical education learning experiences. Students will master selected skills in data collection and interventions commonly used in different physical therapy settings. Graduates of the Associate of Applied Science degree program may apply to take the National Physical Therapy exam (NPTE) for licensure as a physical therapy assistant.

Curricular Information

The degree program requires 16 credit hours of general education coursework and 58 credit hours of required career and technical education coursework, which include work-based learning. Career and technical coursework include instruction in introductory physical therapy theory and skills, introductory therapeutic exercise, kinesiology for the PTA, conditions/diseases/disorders, introductory through advanced levels of therapeutic interventions and data collection, physical agents, contemporary topics in physical therapy, clinical experience seminar for the PTA student, clinical practical experience for the PTA student, and career preparation for the PTA student.

The curriculum was developed according to standards that will prepare students for national certification and State licensure. The Commission on Accreditation for Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) sets forth curricular standards for PTA programs. Students who complete the program will be prepared for the NPTE through the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy. Assessment of student learning will be achieved through evaluation of the student's performance during her or his work-based clinical practical experience and achievement on a NPTE practice exam.

Justification for Credit Hours Required for the Degree

Content and subsequent credit hours required in the proposed curriculum meet requirements for program accreditation and student certification/licensure. The curriculum was developed in compliance with the Illinois Physical Therapy Act to include a minimum of 29 credit hours in specific life sciences and 680 contact hours of clinical education. The proposed program falls within the range of credit hours for like programs being offering at other Illinois Community Colleges.

Accrediting Information

Program accreditation is required for graduates of educational programs to be eligible for national certification and State licensure. The CAPTE accredits PTA programs. The college plans to seek accreditation once the program has been approved by both the Illinois Community College Board and the Illinois Board of Higher Education. No students can be enrolled until after the program is approved by all State Boards, a full-time program director is hired, and CAPTE begins its review process.

Supporting Labor Market Data (including employer partners)

Labor market information provided by the college supports the interest in and the need for a two-year degree program in this field of study. According to the Illinois Department of Employment Security, overall growth in employment of “physical therapy assistants” is expected to increase by 22.3 percent statewide and by 20.9 percent locally through 2024.

Table 1: Employer Partners

Employers	Location
Advanced Physical Medicine Centers	Chicago, IL
Westside Children’s Therapy	Frankfort, IL
METT Therapy at Franciscan Health	Olympia Fields, IL
ATI	Multiple District locations
ManorCare	Palos Heights locations
Marcotte Medical Group	Dyer, IL
Athletico	Multiple District locations
Advanced Orthopedic & Spine Care	Oak Lawn & Tinley Park, IL
South Suburban Nursing & Rehab	Homewood, IL
Maximum Rehab Services	Evergreen Park, IL
Rehab Connections	Homer Glen, IL
Goodlife Physical Therapy	Orland Park, IL
NovaCare Rehabilitation	Tinley Park, IL
Palos Health	Palos Heights, IL
PTSIR	Hazel Crest & Tinley Park, IL
Great Lakes Physical Therapy	St. John, IL
Ingalls Memorial Hospital	Harvey, IL

Table 2: Projected Enrollments

Physical Therapy			
Assistant AAS	First Year	Second Year	Third Year
Full-Time Enrollments:	24	24	24
Part-Time Enrollments:	0	0	0
Completions:	0	20	20

Financial / Budgetary Information

Two new full-time and two new part-time faculty will be necessary to implement the program. Full-time faculty qualifications are a master’s degree in Physical Therapy, licensure as a Physical Therapist or PTA, five years of related work experience, and one year teaching including clinical teaching experience. Part-time faculty qualifications are at least an associate’s degree in Physical Therapy Assisting, PTA licensure, three years related work experience, and one year

teaching including clinical teaching experience. All facilities are adequately in place to support the program. The program will otherwise be fiscally supported through student tuition and fees.

Table 3: Financial Information

	First Year	Second Year	Third Year
Faculty Costs	\$147,713	\$201,728	\$207,780
Administrator Costs	0	0	0
Other Personnel Costs	0	0	0
Equipment Costs	\$60,000	0	0
Library/LRC Costs	0	0	0
Facility Costs	0	0	0
Other (Accreditation and Consumable supplies)	\$27,000	\$6,500	\$6,500
TOTAL NEW COSTS	\$234,713	\$208,228	\$214,280

Table 4: Faculty Requirements

	First Year		Second Year		Third Year	
	Full-Time	Part-time	Full-Time	Part-time	Full-Time	Part-time
New Faculty	2	0	0	2	0	0
Existing Faculty	0	0	2	0	2	2

Staff Conclusion

Prairie State College and its proposed program meet the criteria to implement the Board of Higher Education Act (110 ILCS 205) as set forth in 23 Ill. Adm. Code 1050.30 and the Illinois Board of Higher Education policies pertaining to assessment and accreditation for licensure.

Shawnee Community College
8364 Shawnee College Road
Ullin, IL 62992-9725
President: Dr. Peggy F. Bradford

Program Title: Associate in Applied Science in Construction Management (62 credit hours)

Program Purpose

The program will prepare graduates for supervisory and management roles in the construction trades industry.

Catalog Description

The Construction Management Associate in Applied Science degree program prepares construction apprentices to work in a supervisory or managerial role within the construction trades. Students will engage in both classroom learning and hands-on site experiences to foster applicable knowledge and skill sets. Students will sharpen their trade skills and acquire the knowledge to effectively manage, supervise and assume a leadership position in a team environment.

Curricular Information

The degree program requires 16 credit hours of general education coursework and 46 credit hours of required career and technical education coursework. Career and technical coursework component includes instruction in construction craft laborer orientation, mason tending, asphalt technology and construction, blueprint reading, concrete specialist I and II, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Introduction to Workplace Safety and OSHA 30-hour General Industry certification, asbestos and lead awareness, pipe laying, bridge construction/renovation/demolition, hazardous waste operations, leadership principles, principles of management, introductory management, supervision, and a mid-management work-based learning experience. Assessment of student learning will be achieved through evaluation of the student's performance during the apprenticeship training and work-based learning component of the curriculum by program faculty and/or worksite supervisor. The career and technical education component of this curriculum was developed according to the U.S. Department of Labor – Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training curriculum for the trade Construction Craft Laborer. The program is being delivered in conjunction with Illinois Laborers' and Contractors Union.

Justification for Credit Hours Required for the Degree

The program includes a course in Business and Computer Systems that equates to four credit hours. Faculty, in collaboration with local employers in the construction trades, felt strongly this course would be helpful for apprenticeship students, particularly those looking to advance into leadership positions.

Accrediting Information

Specialized accreditation is not required for this program.

Supporting Labor Market Data (including employer partners)

Labor market information provided by the college supports the interest in a two-year degree program in this field of study. According to the Illinois Department of Employment Security, overall growth in employment of occupations in construction supervision and management is expected to increase between 2.3-8.6 percent statewide through 2024.

Table 1: Employer Partners

Employers	Location
Illinois Laborers' & Contractors Union	Mt. Sterling, IL / Multiple Locals

Table 2: Projected Enrollments

Construction Management AAS degree	First Year	Second Year	Third Year
Full-Time Enrollments:	30	30	30
Part-Time Enrollments:	-	-	-
Completions:	-	10	15

Financial / Budgetary Information

Eight existing full-time and three existing part-time faculty will be necessary to implement the program. Faculty qualifications for construction trades coursework are completion of the Construction Laborer's and Contractors Apprenticeship training program and Journey-person level mastery. Faculty qualifications for construction management coursework includes at least an associate's degree in a construction management-related field. For teaching either content area, candidates should possess five years of related work experience and one year teaching experience. All facilities are adequately in place to support the program. The program will otherwise be fiscally supported through student tuition and fees.

Table 3: Financial Information

	First Year	Second Year	Third Year
Faculty Costs	\$29,383	\$29,383	\$29,383
Administrator Costs	0	0	0
Other Personnel Costs	0	0	0
Equipment Costs	\$387	\$387	\$387
Library/LRC Costs	0	0	0
Facility Costs	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
TOTAL NEW COSTS	\$29,770	\$29,770	\$29,770

Table 4: Faculty Requirements

	First Year		Second Year		Third Year	
	Full-Time	Part-time	Full-Time	Part-time	Full-Time	Part-time
New Faculty	0	0	0	0	0	0
Existing Faculty	8	3	8	3	8	3

Staff Conclusion

Shawnee Community College and its proposed program meet the criteria to implement the Board of Higher Education Act (110 ILCS 205) as set forth in 23 Ill. Adm. Code 1050.30 and the Illinois Board of Higher Education policies pertaining to assessment and accreditation for licensure.

Southeastern Illinois College
3575 College Road
Harrisburg, IL 62946-4925
President: Dr. Jonah Rice

Proposed Program Title: Associate in Applied Science in Outfitter Wildlife Management (62 credit hours)

Program Purpose

The proposed degree will prepare individuals for entry-level employment and advancement opportunities in the wildlife hunting and guiding industry, focusing on management and leadership.

Catalog Description

The Outfitter Wildlife Management degree is a two-year, 62-hour degree program that prepares students for both worker and management positions in the outdoor wildlife industry.

Curricular Information

The degree program consists of 16 credit hours of general education coursework and 36 credit hours of required career and technical education coursework. The career and technical component includes instruction in hunting education, wildlife business basics, guiding in outdoors, firearms safety, bow hunting safety, freshwater fishing, big game management, waterfowl management, upland game bird management, habitat and food plot installation, range management, a required work-based learning experience with a wildlife outfitter or outdoor recreation employer, and related technical electives.

Accrediting Information:

Specialized accreditation is not required for this program.

Justification for Credit Hours Required for the Degree

The program requires general education content that exceeds three credit hours for a single course, Mathematics and Environmental Science. These courses were identified as critical for students in this program of study by local employers.

Supporting Labor Market Data (including employer partners)

Labor market information provided by the college supports the interest in and the need for programs in this field of study. According to the Illinois Department of Employment Security, growth in the employment of outdoor recreation and related workers is expected to increase between two and nine percent statewide through the year 2024. Local employers indicate strong support for this type of educational program.

Table 1: Employer Partners

Employers	Location
All Around Outfitters, LLC	Golconda, IL
The Boneyard Outfitters	Whittington, IL
Burns' Hunting Club	Carbondale, IL
Campbell Illinois Whitetails	Carmi, IL
Cedar Ridge Whitetails, LLC	Karnak, IL
Green Acres Sportsman's Club	Roberts, IL
Harpole's Heartland Lodge	Nebo, IL
The Hunt Club	Percy, IL
Illinois' Ohio River Outfitters	Elizabethtown, IL
Illinois Ohio Valley Trophy Hunts, LLC	Eddyville, IL
Keck's Marsh	Vandalia, IL
Lamont Outdoors	Crossville, IL
Mazonia Hunt Club	Gardner, IL
Nilo Farms	Brighton, IL
Northbrook Sports Club	Hainesville, IL
Prairie Lake Hunt Club	Marseilles, IL
Rack & Wing	Lanark, IL

Table 2: Projected Enrollments

Outfitter Wildlife Mgt AAS	First Year	Second Year	Third Year
Full-Time Enrollments:	5	8	9
Part-Time Enrollments:	3	3	4
Completions:	-	7	5

Financial / Budgetary Information

The program will require one new full-time and one existing part-time faculty the first year. Qualified faculty will hold at least an associate's degree in Wildlife Management, Outdoor Recreation or a closely related field, at least five years of related occupational experience, and one year teaching experience. All facilities are adequately in place to support the program. Some new equipment will be purchased during the first year of program implementation. The program will otherwise be supported fiscally through student tuition and fees.

Table 3: Financial Information

	First Year	Second Year	Third Year
Faculty Costs	\$50,320	\$51,530	\$52,300
Administrator Costs	0	0	0
Other Personnel costs	0	0	0
Equipment Costs	\$70,075	0	0
Library/LRC Costs	0	0	0
Facility Costs	0	0	0
Other (specify)	0	0	0
TOTAL NEW COSTS	\$120,395	\$51,530	\$52,300

Table 4: Faculty Requirements

	First Year		Second Year		Third Year	
	Full-Time	Part-time	Full-Time	Part-time	Full-Time	Part-time
New Faculty	1	0	0	0	0	0
Existing Faculty	0	1	1	1	1	1

Staff Conclusion

Southeastern Illinois College and its proposed program meet the criteria to implement the Board of Higher Education Act (110 ILCS 205) as set forth in 23 Ill. Adm. Code 1050.30 and the Illinois Board of Higher Education policies pertaining to assessment and accreditation for licensure.

Wilbur Wright College
4300 North Narragansett
Chicago, IL 60634-1591
President: Dr. David Potash

Proposed Program Title: Associate in Fine Arts in Art (Studio) (61 credit hours)

Program Purpose

This program will provide a pathway for students to transfer into a baccalaureate program.

Catalog Description

The Associate in Fine Arts (AFA) degree offers courses required for transfer to a four-year college or university for students majoring in art (studio). Completion of the AFA degree does not fulfill requirements of the General Education Core Curriculum of the Illinois Articulation Initiative. A student must complete the general education requirements of the college or university to which she/he transfers. The City Colleges of Chicago requires that the degree is inclusive of a minimum of 28 to 35 credit hours of general education.

Curricular Information

The proposed requirements for the AFA in Art (Studio) fall within acceptable limits as defined by the Administrative Rules of the Illinois Community College Board and are consistent with the Illinois Articulation Initiative Art Major Panel recommendations. The proposed degree mirrors the existing AFA in Art degree programs offered at two other City Colleges of Chicago: Harold Washington and Harry S. Truman Colleges. The proposed AFA degree is closely aligned with lower division coursework at universities offering bachelor's degree programs in fine arts, offering students a seamless articulation process when transferring to a fine arts program at a four-year institution. Students must complete 31 credit hours of required general education coursework and 21 credit hours of required art major coursework; nine credit hours are allowable in related art electives. Assessment of student learning will be achieved through evaluation of a student portfolio prior to program completion/transfer by Wilbur Wright College (the College) faculty and, as an option to all students, by representatives from various art schools where the majority of transfer articulation exists. All facilities and equipment are currently in place to support the program including studios for drawing, watercolor, printmaking, architecture, photography, painting, design, and sculpture. While not required for implementation, the college indicates plans to expand existing studio and gallery facilities that will support the program. The program will require four full-time and 12 part-time faculty to implement the program. All faculty meet the requirements for teaching baccalaureate/transfer courses. The College has successfully transferred over 50 students to accredited art schools in the past ten years through the completion of the existing AA degree with augmented coursework in studio art. Because of this success, the college proposes the specialized AFA in Studio Art to improve articulation for more students as well as to increase cost-efficiency for the institution and district.

Accrediting Information

Wilbur Wright College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. Specialized accreditation is not required.

Staff Conclusion

Wilbur Wright College and its proposed program meet the criteria to implement the Board of Higher Education Act (110 ILCS 205) as set forth in 23 Ill. Adm. Code 1050.30 and the Illinois Board of Higher Education policies pertaining to assessment and accreditation for licensure.