Academic Program Proposals for April 23, 2021

The following is a list of academic program proposals being reviewed for possible consideration for approval at the April 23, 2021, Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board Meeting.

The Institution's Name, Program Title, and Program Summary are listed below. Contact ADHE for a copy of the proposals.

If you have concerns, objections, questions or comments concerning a specific proposal, please send them to **Dr. Jessie Walker, Assistant Director for Academic Affairs (Jessie.walker@adhe.edu)** at ADHE no later than **March 1, 2021**.

Northwest Arkansas Community College
Associate of Applied Science in Health Sciences
The Associate of Applied Science in Health Sciences prepares student for entry level position is specific areas of Health Professions that include direct patient care. Students will also be prepared to apply to Health Profession programs at NWACC and apply to programs at other colleges and universities offering Health Profession programs not offered at NWACC. The degree provides a foundation needed to understand modern health care delivery, and includes a base in general education requirement options as well as a science core.

Associates of Applied Science in General Technology
The Associates of Applied Science in General Technology degree will enable students to design an individualized program of study to fulfill workforce training goals that cannot be met through the completion of any single degree program presently offered at the college. With the approval of a workforce advisor, the student will select from multiple technical disciplines and develop a program containing a major technical focus and related technical support courses, to include possible PLE credit gained from prior completion of industry recognized credentials and/or experience.

Technical Certificate in Bicycle Assembly and Repair Technician
The Technical Certificate in Bicycle Assembly and Repair (39-40 credit hours), will be designed to prepare students for immediate employment in technical positions in the bicycle industry, including preparing students with the skills needed to meet challenges, think critically, solve problems, serve customers and position themselves for future success as bike technicians, retailers, and manufacturers The TC in Bicycle Assembly and Repair stacks completely into the Associate of Applied Science in General Technology, which transfers completely to the University of Arkansas – Fort Smith's Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership.

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University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
Masters in Nursing Science-Case Management
The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) College of Nursing currently offers a Master of Nursing Science (MNSc) degree with tracks in nurse administration and six nurse-practitioner specialties (adult-gerontology acute care, adult-gerontology primary care, family, pediatric acute care, pediatric primary care, and psychiatric mental health) for registered nurses with baccalaureate degrees or higher. The curriculum for these tracks ranges from 40–43 credits. The case-management specialty would be a track in our existing MNSc program. This curriculum consists of 38 credits, including 22 credits of existing didactic courses with students in other MNSc tracks and 16 credits specifically for students in the case management track. The MNSc case management curriculum is designed to meet the accreditation requirements of the Council on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and to prepare students for eligibility to take national certification exams in case management. Graduates would need one year of work experience in case management to meet eligibility criteria to take the national certification exams.

Accelerated Bachelors of Science in Nursing (A-BSN)
The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) College of Nursing offers multiple nursing education programs, including a traditional Bachelor's of Science in Nursing (BSN), a Registered Nurse (RN) to BSN program, and multiple graduate programs. Both the traditional BSN program and the RN-to-BSN program are offered from the main Little Rock campus of UAMS. The UAMS College of Nursing traditional BSN program has had 95% or higher pass rates on the NCLEX exam for several consecutive years, with the highest pass rate in the state in 2019. The current curriculum of the traditional BSN program requires 120 credit hours, with 62 credit hours of nursing focused coursework and 58 credit hours of pre-requisite coursework. The proposed Accelerated BSN (A-BSN) program is a concept-based curriculum, with 62 credits of nursing-focused coursework.

University of Arkansas – Fort Smith
Associate of Applied Science in Network Engineering Technology
Technical Certificate in Network Engineering Technology
Certificate of Proficiency in Supporting Technology
The University of Arkansas – Fort Smith, proposing the addition of a new Associate of Applied Science degree in Network Engineering Technology (60 credit hours), to support industry, government, and academic uses of networked systems. The program incorporates customer service, cyber devices, programming, network software and hardware infrastructure, cloud computing, and computer security. This program will address customer service and technology transfer required by many positions, from help desk to technical support to security administration to cloud computing across practically every type of organization. The coursework in the program will be offered through the Peak Innovation Center (PIC) in partnership with high schools in our service region. While many of the students will begin concurrently through PIC, they will continue their studies on the campus of UAFS utilizing existing resources, classrooms, and laboratories. The program will also be available to traditional college enrolled students. In addition to the

Associate of Applied Science Degree will include two stackable credentials, a Technical Certificate in Network Engineering Technology (31 credit hours) as well as a Certificate of Proficiency in Supporting Technology (12 credit hours). The existing Electronics Technology program will also support these programs.

Associate of Applied Science in Computer Integrated Machining
Technical Certificate in Computer Integrated Machining
Certificate of Proficiency in Machining Technology
Certificate of Proficiency in Computer Numerical Control (CNC) Machining
The University of Arkansas – Fort Smith, proposes the addition of a new degree, the Associate of Applied Science in Computer Integrated Machining (60 credit hours). As part of this new degree, we propose the addition of nine new classes. There are seven Machining classes still in the course catalog from the previously deleted Machine Technology program and we propose to delete five of those classes. The existing classes were 5 credit hours, and we are going to deliver the new courses as 4 credit hour classes. In addition, the Associate of Applied Science in Computer Integrated Machining, will include two stackable credentials, a Technical Certificate in Computer Integrated Machining (30 credit hours), as well as two Certificates of Proficiency (12 credit hours); one in Machining Technology and the other in Computer Numerical Control (CNC) Machining (8 credit hours). The coursework in the programs will be offered through the Peak Innovation Center (PIC) in partnership with high schools in our service region. While many of the students will begin concurrently through PIC, they will continue their studies on the campus of UAFS utilizing existing resources, classrooms, and laboratories. The programs will also be available to traditional college enrolled students. To support the programs, 9 courses will be added. The existing Electronics Technology program will also support this program.

Institutional Certification Advisory Committee (ICAC)
The following applications may be reviewed by ADHE for possible consideration at the AHECB meeting in April 2021.

Initial Certifications

The Chicago School of Professional Psychology, Los Angeles, California
Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health

Drury University, Springfield, Missouri
Conway Campus
Bachelor of Science in Organizational Communication and Development

Ultimate Medical Academy, Tampa, Florida
Associate of Applied Science in Healthcare Information Management

University of California Davis, Davis, California
Master of Business Administration

University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California
Certificate in Academic Medicine
Graduate Certificate in Geospatial Leadership

Graduate Certificate in Remote Earth Sensing
Master of Academic Medicine
Master of Business Taxation
Master in Community Oral Health
Master of Arts in Medical Gerontology
Master of Science in Computer Science
Master of Science in Electrical Engineering
Master of Science in Food Industry Leadership
Master of Science in Global Supply Chain Management

<u>Vincennes University, Vincennes, Indiana</u>
New Location – Arkansas Employment Career Center, Little Rock
Associate of Science in General Studies

<u>William Jessup University, Rocklin, California</u>
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
Bachelor of Science in Computer Science
Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice
Bachelor of Science in Health Administration
Master of Arts in Leadership
Master of Business Administration
Master of Science in Kinesiology

Recertifications

<u>Blue Cliff College, Baton Rouge, Louisiana</u>
Fayetteville Campus
Diploma in Medical Office Administration
Diploma in Health Information Management, Billing, and Coding