

## **Academic Program Proposals for January 26, 2018**

The following is a list of academic program proposals being reviewed for possible consideration for approval at the January 26, 2018, 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. Maria Markham, Director** ([maria.markham@adhe.edu](mailto:maria.markham@adhe.edu)) at ADHE no later than **December 1, 2017**.

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### **Arkansas Tech University**

#### **Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice and Criminology**

The proposed Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice and Criminology is designed to meet the demand for and increase the number of criminal justice graduates in the areas of transportation security, policing, security, cyber security and corrections. The proposed 120 credit hour program will be offered completely in an online format as well as face to face. The online format will be especially advantageous to criminal justice professionals seeking to complete an undergraduate degree. Further, the proposed program will provide current Arkansas Tech University students on the Russellville and Ozark campuses who are already pursuing certificates and associate degrees in law enforcement and criminal justice a seamless transition into a four-year program.

### **Arkansas Tech University**

#### **Master of Science in Education in K-12 Literacy**

The proposed Master of Science in Education (M.Ed.) in K-12 Literacy is a 36 credit hour program that will prepare graduates to be advocates of and expert professionals in the science of reading and in various aspects that effect reading development in the school environment. Within the program of studies, candidates will have the opportunity to complete a K-12 Dyslexia Therapist endorsement while pursuing a K-12 Literacy Master of Education degree.

### **Southern Arkansas University – Tech**

#### **Associate of Applied Science in Forest Harvesting Technician**

The proposed Associate of Applied Science in Forest Harvesting Technician is a 60 credit hour program designed to provide students with the hands-on skills needed to fill the need for harvesting technicians in the forestry industry. The program curriculum provides students the opportunity to spend time identifying the different types of trees and logs, reading maps, learning cruising timber methods and logging road layouts, and numerous other activities related to the logging industry. Graduates of the proposed program will possess the skills needed to work as harvesting technicians.

**University of Arkansas at Monticello**  
**Certificate of Proficiency in Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration (HVAC/R) Technology**  
**Technical Certificate in Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration (HVAC/R) Technology**

The proposed Certificate of Proficiency (16 credit hours) and Technical Certificate (37 credit hours) in Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration (HVAC/R) Technology are designed to provide individuals with the knowledge, skills, and technical ability for entry level employment in the installation, operation, maintenance, and repair of heating, air conditioning, ventilation, and refrigeration systems. The proposed program includes the opportunity for supervised internships and work experiences to simulate realistic problems and opportunities. The structure of the proposed programs will allow students three exit levels: Certificate of Proficiency, Technical Certificate, or Associate of Applied Science in General Technology. The proposed programs will be offered at the University of Monticello College of Technology in Crossett.

**University of Arkansas – Pulaski Technical College**  
**Technical Certificate in Emergency Medical Sciences – Paramedic**  
**Associate of Science in Emergency Medical Sciences – Paramedic**

The Technical Certificate and Associate of Science in Emergency Medical Sciences – Paramedic will train and prepare students as paramedics. The certificate program is 43 semester credit hours; the associate program is 78 credit hours. The paramedic is the highest level emergency medical health care professional in the prehospital setting. Students will learn proficiency in anatomy, physiology, pathophysiology, pharmacology, advanced airway management, intravenous therapy, and medication therapy. Paramedics can find career opportunities with ambulance services, fire departments, and industrial companies. In addition, paramedics can be employed by emergency helicopter services, offshore oil companies, and as military combat medics. Students who successfully complete either the certificate or associate's degree are eligible for credentialing examinations offered by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT).

**University of Arkansas – Pulaski Technical College**  
**Associate of Science in Health Information Technology**

The proposed Associate of Science in Health Information Technology (AS in HIT) is an 81 credit hour online program that provides students with knowledge in medical coding for reimbursement and claims billing, data quality of medical information, interpretation and use of health care statistics, confidential management of medical data, and utilization of health care computer systems. Graduates will be prepared to: maintain, collect, and analyze the healthcare data; manage patient health information, administering computer information systems, and coding diagnoses and procedures for healthcare services provided to patients; and works in a variety of positions including Health Information Management Services (HIMS) system trainer, HIM project manager, cancer registrar, documentation and coding specialist, quality improvement analyst, and privacy and security coordinator. Graduates of the program will be eligible to sit for the Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT) national certification exam. The curriculum for the AS in HIT is based upon the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM) standards.

**University of Arkansas – Pulaski Technical College  
Associate of Science in Surgical Technology**

The Associate of Science in Surgical Technology is a 73 semester credit hour program that will train students in the instrumentation and language of the operating room. Students will learn how to perform as surgical technicians in the sterile environment and work closely with surgeons and other members of the surgical team. Surgical technologists provide surgical care to patients in a variety of settings. Graduates of the program will be eligible to sit for the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting examination. The program will seek accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Program (CAAHEP).

**University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences  
Nurse Anesthesia Option in the Doctor of Nursing Practice**

The proposed Nurse Anesthesia Option in the Doctor of Nursing Practice is 96 credit hours and would be one of several advanced practice nursing specialties offered in the existing Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNPP) program. The proposed Nurse Anesthesia Option provides students with 38 credits of core DNP coursework, 25.5 credits of anesthesia practicums (2295 clinical hours) and 32 credits of didactic anesthesia and science courses. Graduates would be eligible to take the national certification examination in nurse anesthesia and apply for licensure as an Advanced Practical Registered Nurse, nurse anesthetists. The DNP nurse anesthesia specialty curriculum is designed to meet accreditation requirements of the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Education Program (COA) and the Council on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

## **Institutional Certification Advisory Committee (ICAC)**

The following applications may be reviewed by ADHE for possible consideration at the AHECB meeting in January 2018.

### **Initial Certifications**

#### Argosy University, Orange, California

Master of Education in Education Administration

#### Champion Christian College, Hot Springs, Arkansas

Associate of Arts in Professional Studies

Bachelor of Science in Professional Studies

#### The Chicago School of Professional Psychology, Los Angeles, California

Master of Arts in Behavioral Economics

Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health

Master of Arts in International Psychology

Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership

Master of Health Services Administration

Master of Science in Applied Behavior Analysis

Master of Science in Clinical Psychopharmacology

Doctor of Education in Educational Psychology and Technology

Doctor of Philosophy in Applied Behavior Analysis

#### Pepperdine University, Malibu, California

Master of Arts in Psychology

Master of Legal Studies

#### Remington College, Little Rock, Arkansas

Diploma in HVAC

#### Simmons College, Boston, Massachusetts

#### Trident University International, Cypress, California

Master of Arts in Education

#### Vista College, Richardson, Texas

Fort Smith Campus

Diploma in Nurse Assistant Training

### **Recertifications**

#### Baptist Health College Little Rock, Little Rock, Arkansas

Associate of Applied Science in Nursing

Associate of Applied Science in Occupational Therapy Assistant

#### Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts

Bachelor of Liberal Studies

Master of Criminal Justice

Master of Laws in Taxation

Master of Science in Computer Information Systems  
Master of Science in Health Communication  
Master of Science in Management  
Master of Social Work

Chamberlain University, Downers Grove, Illinois

Master of Science in Nursing – Family Nurse Practitioner

The Chicago School of Professional Psychology, Los Angeles, California

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology  
Master of Arts in Forensic Psychology  
Master of Arts in Industrial and Organizational Psychology  
Master of Arts in Psychology  
Master of Public Health

MCPHS University, Boston, Massachusetts

Post Baccalaureate Doctor of Pharmacy

Remington College, Little Rock, Arkansas

Associate of Applied Science in Business Administration

Strayer University, Washington, DC

Little Rock Campus  
Bachelor of Science in Accounting  
Bachelor of Science in Information Technology  
Bachelor of Science in Information Systems  
Executive Master of Business Administration  
Master of Information Assurance  
Master of Public Administration  
Master of Science in Accounting

Vista College, Richardson, Texas

Certificate in Phlebotomy for Healthcare Professionals  
Diploma in Business Administration  
Diploma in Dental Assistant  
Diploma in HVAC  
Diploma in Information Technology  
Diploma in Medical Assisting  
Diploma in Industrial Maintenance Mechanic  
Associate of Applied Science in Business Administration  
Associate of Applied Science in Information Technology  
Associate of Applied Science in Medical Assisting  
Associate of Applied Science in Medical Insurance Billing and Coding

Webster University, St. Louis, Missouri

Fort Smith Campus  
Master of Arts in Human Resource Management  
Master of Business Administration

Webster University, St. Louis, Missouri  
Fayetteville Campus  
Master of Arts in Human Resource Management  
Master of Arts in Management and Leadership  
Master of Business Administration