

Academic Program Proposals for January 29, 2021

The following is a list of academic program proposals being reviewed for possible consideration for approval at the January 29, 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, Senior Associate Director for Academic Affairs/Research & Analytics** (Jessie.walker@adhe.edu) at ADHE no later than **December 1, 2020**.

Arkansas State University- Jonesboro

Bachelor of Science in Occupational and Environmental Safety and Health

The proposed Bachelor of Science in Occupational and Environmental Safety and Health will be an interdisciplinary degree program to prepare occupational and environmental health professionals to effectively meet the needs of both private and public sector employers in the fields of manufacturing, industry, hospital settings, and the fields of oil and gas. Upon completion of the program, graduates will be prepared to complete certification examinations required for career advancement. The program will be 120 credit hours. New costs to support the degree program over three years include two faculty lines and a ½ time administrative assistant.

Arkansas State University- Mid-South

Certificate of Proficiency, Technical Certificate, Associate of Applied Science in Computer Programming & Certificate of Proficiency in Database

The proposed 16 credit hour Certificate of Proficiency, 33 credit hour Technical Certificate and 60 credit hour Associate of Applied Science in Computer Programming are designed to prepare students for a career in computer programming and applications development, providing instruction in the technical knowledge and problem-solving skills needed to create software solutions that harness the ever-expanding capabilities of computer systems. The proposed 16 credit hour Certificate of Proficiency in Database Programming will allow students to obtain industry-based skills in database concepts and programs. The programs will help to prepare students to take certification examinations for career attainment and advancement.

Ozarka College

Certificate of Proficiency & Technical Certificate in Precision Machining Technology

The proposed 15 credit hour Certificate of Proficiency and 30 credit hour Technical Certificate in Precision Machining Technology will prepare students for entry-level positions in the field of precision machining and manufacturing. The proposed programs were requested by local industry officials who recognized the need for a better-trained workforce. The program will address the imminent need for training for a facility that will be bringing over 200 jobs to the Sharp County area, which is expected to significantly impact the local economy.

University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff
Master of Education (M.Ed.) in Computer Science

The proposed 36 credit hour M.Ed. in Computer Science is designed to provide graduates with the necessary skills and competencies to teach computer science education in grades 4-12. The desired candidates for the proposed program will be educators who have a teaching license in a STEM discipline who desire to further their career by teaching computer science.

Master of Business Administration

The proposed Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree will combine a strong balance of theory and practice enabling aspiring managers to develop strong communication, analytical, problem-solving and interpersonal skills that can be creatively deployed in the business world. The MBA program will be comprised of 36 credit hours including courses in accounting, economics management and organizational behavior.

Master of Education (M.Ed.) in Vocational Rehabilitation

The proposed 36 credit hour M.Ed. in Vocational Rehabilitation, will contain an emphasis in Addiction Counseling. The program will be designed to train individuals to obtain positions as rehabilitation counselors in public and private sector agencies.

Northwest Arkansas Community College
Associate of Applied Science in General Technology

The proposed 60 credit hour Associate of Applied Science Degree is a two-year degree designed for students who seek occupational, technical, and vocational skills primarily for employment or advancement. Students who desire to receive training in more than one skill set and earn an associate degree may find this degree appealing.

Associate of Applied Science in Health Science

The proposed 60 credit hour Associate of Applied Science in Health Sciences prepares students to enter direct care careers and to apply (transfer) to a variety of health care training programs. The degree will provide the foundation needed to understand modern health care delivery, and includes a base in general education requirement options as well as a science core.

Southern Arkansas University-Tech
Technical Certificate & Associate of Applied Science in Cybersecurity

The proposed 30 credit hour Technical Certificate, 60 credit hour Associate of Applied Science in Cybersecurity programs will be designed to provide students with an understanding of the techniques used to compromise and infiltrate systems as well as the proven methods to protect data. The rise in cyber threats has created an unprecedented demand for cybersecurity specialists. Data breaches, malware infections, and software vulnerabilities are common in today's technology and it is critical to fully understand how these attacks occur, how to prevent them, and how to recover.

Technical Certificate & Associate of Applied Science in Medical Assisting

The proposed 30 credit hour Technical Certificate, 60 credit hour Associate of Applied Science in Medical Assisting programs will offer students a broad foundation in medical assisting skills, including a period of practical experience in a medical facility working under the supervision of clinic personnel and the Medical Assisting Program Director/Instructor. The Associate of Applied Science program will be designed with a stop-out point for students, upon completion of the specified 30 credit hours, students will be awarded a TC Medical Assisting.

Associate of Applied Science in Medical Sonography

The proposed 65 credit hour Associate of Applied Science in Medical Sonography, will be designed to provide students with the necessary knowledge, skills, values, and competencies for a career in diagnostic ultrasound. The curriculum is based on requirements of the American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonography (ARDMS). A selective admissions process will be used to select candidates for enrollment in the program.

Institutional Certification Advisory Committee (ICAC)

The following applications may be reviewed by ADHE for possible consideration at the AHECB meeting in January 2021.

Initial Certifications

Brandman University, Irvine, California

Associate of Arts in General Business
Bachelor of Science Information Technology

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

University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California

Master of Arts in Senior Living and Hospitality
Master of Education in Enrollment Management and Policy
Master of Science in Computer Science, Scientist and Engineers
Master of Science in Human Resource Management
Global Executive Doctor of Education

Recertifications

Jefferson Regional Medical Center School of Nursing, Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Pine Bluff Campus
Associate of Applied Science in Nursing

National University, La Jolla, California

Bachelor of Arts in History

Bachelor of Arts in Management

Bachelor of Science in Construction Management

Bachelor of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering

Master of Arts in Human Behavior

Master of Arts in Human Resource Management

Master of Arts in Strategic Communications

Master of Science in Applied Behavioral Analysis

Master of Science in Organizational Leadership

Strayer University, Washington, DC

Little Rock Campus

Bachelor of Business Administration

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

Master of Business Administration

Master of Science in Human Resource Management

Master of Science in Information Systems

Master of Science in Management

University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California

Master of Science in Integrated Design, Business and Technology

Master of Science in Nursing

Master of Social Work