



NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
H. Martin Lancaster, President

July 25, 2007

RESPONSE DEADLINE: August 15, 2007

MEMORANDUM

TO: Select Chief Academic Officers

FROM; Delores A. Parker, Vice President
Academic and Student Services

SUBJECT: Requested Revision in General Occupational Technology (A55280)

The System Office has proposed a revision in the following curriculum standard:

General Occupational Technology (A55280)

Attached is a form requesting your approval or disapproval of the proposed change.
Please complete and return the form to Peggy Teague by Wednesday, August 15. You may fax your response to (919) 807-7164. Once the responses have been received at the System Office, the request will be presented to the State Board of Community Colleges.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have questions, please contact Peggy Teague at (919) 807-7122 or teaguep@nccommunitycolleges.edu.

DAP/pst

Attachments

c: Select Presidents
Dr. Judith C. Mann
Ms. Jennifer Frazelle
Dr. Peggy S. Teague

S07-029

Email

MAILING ADDRESS: 5016 MAIL SERVICE CENTER ~ RALEIGH, NC 27699-5016

Street Address: 200 West Jones ~ Raleigh, NC 27603 ~ 919-807-7100 ~ Fax 919-807-7164

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

**College Recommendation
Reply Form – Please Return By August 15, 2007**

(Fax Number: 919-807-7164)

Curriculum Standard Revision Request: General Occupational Technology (A55280)

Proposed Revision (see attachment for current standard with proposed change noted):

- Remove restriction of using courses numbered 190-199 and 290-299 (seminar and selected topics)

Rationale of Request: Removing this restriction gives a college more flexibility in responding to current workforce needs.

Please indicate your recommendation below (check one):

_____ We have reviewed the proposed revision and **recommend** adoption

_____ We have reviewed the proposed revision and **do not recommend** adoption for the following reason(s):

_____ We do not offer this program and wish to decline from making a recommendation.

College: _____

Signature of President: _____ **Date:** _____

Please return form to:

Peggy S. Teague, Program Coordinator
Program Services
NC Community College System
5016 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-5016
Fax Number: (919) 807-7164

Curriculum Program	General Occupational Technology	Code	A55280
Title			
Concentration	(Not Applicable)		

Curriculum Description

The General Occupational Technology curriculum provides individuals with an opportunity to upgrade skills and to earn an associate degree, diploma, and/or certificate by taking courses suited for individual occupational interests and/or needs.

The curriculum content will be customized for students according to occupational interests and needs. A program of study for each student will be selected from any non-developmental level courses (~~100-189~~ or ~~200-289~~) offered by the College.

Graduates will become more effective workers, better qualified for advancements within their field of employment, and become qualified for a wide range of entry-level employment opportunities.

Curriculum Requirements*

- I. General Education.** Degree programs must contain a minimum of 15 semester hours including at least one course from each of the following areas: humanities/fine arts, social/behavioral sciences, and natural sciences/mathematics. Degree programs must contain a minimum of 6 semester hours of communications. Diploma programs must contain a minimum of 6 semester hours of general education; 3 semester hours must be in communications. General education is optional in certificate programs.
- II. Major Hours.** AAS, diploma, and certificate programs must include courses which offer specific job knowledge and skills. Work experience, including cooperative education, practicums, and internships, may be included in a degree or diploma program up to a maximum of 8 semester hours and in a certificate program up to a maximum of 2 semester hours. *(see back of page for Major Hours requirements)*
- III. Other Required Hours.** A college may require other subjects or courses to complete graduation requirements. These requirements may include electives, orientation, study skills courses, or other graduation requirements.

	AAS	Diploma	Certificate
Minimum General Education Hours	15	6	0
Minimum Major Hours	49	30	12
Other Required Hours	0-7	0-4	0-1
Total Semester Hours Credit in Program	64-76	36-48	12-18

Major Hours

- A. Core.** The subject/course core is comprised of subject areas and/or specific courses which are required for each curriculum program. A diploma program offered under an approved AAS program standard or a certificate which is the highest credential level awarded under an approved AAS program standard must include a minimum of 12 semester hours credit derived from the subject/course core of the AAS program.
- B. Concentration** (*if applicable*). A concentration of study must include a minimum of 12 semester hours credit from required subjects and/or courses. The majority of the course credit hours are unique to the concentration. The required subjects and/or courses that make up the concentration of study are in addition to the required subject/course core.
- C. Other Major Hours.** Other major hours must be selected from prefixes listed on the curriculum standard. A maximum of 9 semester hours credit may be selected from any prefix listed, with the exception of prefixes listed in the core or concentration. Work experience, including cooperative education, practicums, and internships, may be included in associate in applied science degree and diploma curriculum programs up to a maximum of 8 semester hours credit and in certificate programs up to a maximum of 2 semester hours credit.

General Occupational Technology A55280

	AAS	Diploma	Certificate
Minimum Major Hours Required	49 SHC	30 SHC	12 SHC
A. CORE Required Courses: None Required Subject Areas: None			
B. CONCENTRATION (<i>Not applicable</i>)			
C. OTHER MAJOR HOURS <i>To be selected from the following prefixes:</i> Prefixes for major courses for curriculums approved to be offered by the college.			