

STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES

**CURRICULUM PROGRAM APPLICATION
(Existing Program)**

The State Board will be asked to approve the curriculum program at the college listed on the condition that equipment funds are available to the college and operating funds generated by the budget formula will permit the offering of this program without any special allocation of funds.

Lenoir Community College
Gunsmithing (A30200)

**PROGRAM APPLICATION
SUMMARY EVALUATION REPORT**

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I. Program Planning

Lenoir Community College is seeking approval for the Gunsmithing (A30200) program to begin Fall 2010. The planning area is defined as the College's service area of Greene, Jones, and Lenoir counties, in addition to Onslow County.

All colleges were notified of the planning process for this program, and a planning meeting was held. The college conducted an employment availability survey within the planning area:

Currently:	9 full-time employment positions available
1st graduating class:	11 full-time employment positions available
2nd graduating class:	13 full-time employment positions available

In addition to the employment survey data, it is noted that a career in gunsmithing is especially suitable for self-employment.

The average entry-level salary is \$28,000 per year.

II. Impact of the Proposed Program on Other Programs

There are two community colleges approved to offer Gunsmithing programs. An impact assessment was sent to each college. Both colleges were in agreement with the impact assessment provided by Lenoir Community College, however, they did question whether the System could support three gunsmithing programs.

III. Feasibility Plan

Lenoir Community College surveyed potential students. The results indicated the following:

Full-time:	19 potential students
Part-time:	131 potential students

Projected enrollment for the first two classes:

1st class:	12 full-time
2nd class:	12 full-time

The college has adequate space for classrooms and labs. The approximate start-up costs include \$5,900 for equipment and \$48,500 for instructor costs. The ongoing costs include \$2,500 for equipment and \$48,500 for instructor costs. The funds necessary to operate the program will come from regular budget FTE. The college anticipates additional support from a National Rifle Association grant in the amount of \$4,500.

IV. Implementation of Collaborative Plan

Not Applicable

V. Curriculum Design

The advisory committee participated in the development of the program competencies and skills. The proposed program of study is in compliance with the State Board approved curriculum standard.