

**PROGRAM APPLICATION  
SUMMARY EVALUATION REPORT**

**Wilkes Community College  
Simulation and Game Development (A25450)**

**I. Program Planning**

Wilkes Community College (WCC) is seeking approval for the Simulation and Game Development (A25450) program, to begin Fall 2010. The planning area is defined as the college's service area of Wilkes, Ashe, and Alleghany counties, in addition to Caldwell 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:	26 employment positions available
1st graduating class:	23 employment positions available
2nd graduating class:	19 employment positions available

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

**II. Impact of the Proposed Program on Other Programs**

Eight community colleges are currently approved to offer the Simulation and Game Development (A25450) program. An impact assessment was sent to the community colleges approved for the program. No negative impact responses were received.

**III. Feasibility Plan**

Wilkes Community College surveyed current WCC students and students attending high schools in the service area. The results indicated the following:

Full-time:	40 potential students
Part-time:	64 potential students

Projected enrollment for the first two classes:

1st class:	15 full-time	5 part-time
2nd class:	15 full-time	5 part-time

The college has adequate space for classrooms. The approximate start-up costs include \$2,000 for software and equipment and \$24,000 for instructor costs. The ongoing costs include \$6,000 for equipment and \$24,000 for instructor costs. Equipment, faculty salaries, and all additional costs will be funded through the college's regular state budget allocation.

**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.