

**PROGRAM APPLICATION
SUMMARY EVALUATION REPORT
Tri-County Community College**

Human Services Technology/Animal Assisted Interactions (A4538x)

I. Program Planning

Tri-County Community College is seeking approval for the new-to-the-system Human Services Technology/Animal Assisted Interactions (A4538x) program to begin Fall 2010. The planning area is defined as the college's service area of Cherokee, Clay, and Graham counties.

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: 0 full-time employment positions available
1st graduating class: 30 full-time employment positions available
2nd graduating class: 35 full-time employment positions available

The average entry-level salary is \$23,000 per year.

II. Impact of the Proposed Program on Other Programs

An impact assessment was sent to the twenty-seven community colleges approved to offer the parent program Human Services Technology. No negative impact responses were received.

III. Feasibility Plan

Tri-County Community College surveyed potential students enrolled in the local high schools, their early college high school and current college students. The results indicated the following:

Full-time: 23 potential students
Part-time: 36 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 on campus to accommodate the program. No start-up cost is projected for equipment and supplies and \$10,738 for adjunct faculty. There is no ongoing annual cost for equipment and supplies and \$10,738 for faculty. The funds necessary to operate the program will come from regular budget FTE.

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 curriculum standard is in compliance with 23 NCAC 02E.0204 (3). The proposed program of study is in compliance with the proposed curriculum standard.