



NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

Peter Hans

President

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MEMORANDUM

To: Presidents
Chief Academic Officers

From: Peter Hans
President

Subject: Curriculum Standard Revision Approval

Per 1D SBCCC 400.9 (b) *A revision of an existing curriculum standard shall:*

- (1) Have written concurrence by two-thirds of colleges approved to offer the curriculum program; and*
- (2) Be in alignment with criteria outlined in 1D SBCCC 400.10(e).*
- (3) The President of the North Carolina Community College System shall have the authority to approve or deny the revision of an existing curriculum standard.*

I am pleased to approve the requested revision for the following attached curriculum standard which is in compliance with 1D SBCCC 400.9 (b):

Geospatial Technology (A40220)

An outline of the specific curriculum standard revision is attached for your convenience. You may view all curriculum standards by visiting the Academic Programs website at:

<https://www.nccommunitycolleges.edu/academic-programs/curriculum-standards>

If you have any questions concerning the curriculum standard revision, please contact Dr. Frank Sculetta at 919.807.7114 or sculettaf@nccommunitycolleges.edu.

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Outline of Curriculum Standard Revision

Geospatial Technology (A40220)

Revision:

- Added an optional core track which includes courses in Unmanned Aircraft Systems

The use of unmanned aircraft has become increasingly popular as a mechanism for collecting aerial images and geospatial data.

Curriculum Standard for Engineering and Technology: Geospatial Technology

Career Cluster: Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics**

Cluster Description: Planning, managing, and providing scientific research and professional and technical services (e.g., physical science, social science, and engineering) including laboratory and testing services, and research and development services.

Pathway: Engineering and Technology

Effective Term: Fall 2019 (2019*03)

Program Majors Under Pathway

Program Major / Classification of Instruction Programs (CIP) Code	Credential Level(s) Offered	Program Major Code
Geospatial Technology	CIP Code: 45.0702	AAS/Diploma/Certificate

Pathway Description: These curriculums are designed to prepare students through the study and application of principles from mathematics, natural sciences, and technology and applied processes based on these subjects.

Course work includes mathematics, natural sciences, engineering sciences and technology.

Graduates should qualify to obtain occupations such as technical service providers, process improvement technicians, engineering technicians, construction technicians, industrial and technology managers, or research technicians.

Program Description: Choose one of the following 4th paragraphs to use in conjunction with the first three paragraphs of the pathway description above for documentation used to identify each Program Major:

Geospatial Technology: A course of study that prepares students to use technical skills and advanced computer hardware and software for programming, database management and internet applications using geographic data and geographic information systems. Includes instruction in mathematics, computer-assisted cartography, geographic information systems, map design and layout, photogrammetry, air photo interpretation, remote sensing, spatial analysis, geodesy, cartographic editing, global navigation satellite system technology and applications to specific industrial, commercial, research, and governmental mapping problems. Graduates should find employment as field technicians or as database and mapping assistants.

*Within the degree program, the institution shall include opportunities for the achievement of competence in reading, writing, oral communication, fundamental mathematical skills, and basic use of computers.

I. General Education Academic Core

[Curriculum Requirements for associate degree, diploma, and certificate programs in accordance with 1D SBCCC 400.10]: 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.

Engineering and Technology: Geospatial Technology

General Education Academic Core	AAS	Diploma	Certificate
Minimum General Education Hours Required:	15 SHC	6 SHC	0 SHC
<i>Courses listed below are recommended general education courses for this curriculum standard. Colleges may choose to include additional or alternative general education courses to meet local curriculum needs.</i>			
<i>*Recommended certificate and diploma level curriculum courses. These courses may <u>not</u> be included in associate degree programs.</i>			
Communications:	6 SHC	3-6 SHC	Optional
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * COM 101 Workplace Communication 3 SHC COM 110 Introduction to Communication 3 SHC COM 120 Intro Interpersonal Com 3 SHC COM 231 Public Speaking 3 SHC * ENG 101 Applied Communications I 3 SHC * ENG 102 Applied Communications II 3 SHC ENG 110 Freshman Composition 3 SHC ENG 111 Expository Writing 3 SHC ENG 114 Professional Research & Reporting 3 SHC ENG 116 Technical Report Writing 3 SHC 			
Humanities/Fine Arts:	3 SHC	0-3 SHC	Optional
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * HUM 101 Values in the Workplace 2 SHC HUM 110 Technology and Society 3 SHC HUM 115 Critical Thinking 3 SHC HUM 230 Leadership Development 3 SHC PHI 230 Introduction to Logic 3 SHC PHI 240 Introduction to Ethics 3 SHC 			
Social/Behavioral Sciences:	3 SHC	0-3 SHC	Optional
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ECO 151 Survey of Economics 3 SHC ECO 251 Prin of Microeconomics 3 SHC GEO 110 Introduction to Geography 3 SHC GEO 111 World Regional Geography 3 SHC GEO 131 Physical Geography I 4 SHC * PSY 101 Applied Psychology 3 SHC * PSY 102 Human Relations 2 SHC PSY 118 Interpersonal Psychology 3 SHC PSY 135 Group Processes 3 SHC PSY 150 General Psychology 3 SHC * SOC 105 Social Relationships 3 SHC SOC 210 Introduction to Sociology 3 SHC SOC 215 Group Processes 3 SHC 			
Natural Sciences/Mathematics:	3 SHC	0-3 SHC	Optional
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MAT 110 Math Measurement & Literacy 3 SHC MAT 121 Algebra/Trigonometry I 3 SHC MAT 143 Quantitative Literacy 3 SHC MAT 152 Statistical Methods I 4 SHC MAT 171 Precalculus Algebra 4 SHC MAT 223 Applied Calculus 3 SHC MAT 271 Calculus I 4 SHC 			

II. Major Hours. AAS, diploma, and certificate programs must include courses which offer specific job knowledge and skills. Work-based learning may be included in associate in applied science degrees up to a maximum of 8 semester hours of credit; in diploma programs up to a maximum of 4 semester hours of credit; and in certificate programs up to a maximum of 2 semester hours of credit. Below is a description of each section under Major Hours.

- A. Technical Core.** The technical core is comprised of specific courses which are required for all Program Majors under this Curriculum Standard. 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 curriculum core courses or core subject area of the AAS program.
- B. Program Major(s).** The Program Major must include a minimum of 12 semester hours credit from required subjects and/or courses. The Program Major is in addition to the technical core.
- C. Other Major Hours.** Other major hours must be selected from prefixes listed on the curriculum standard. A maximum of 9 semester hours of credit may be selected from any prefix listed, with the exception of prefixes listed in the core.

Engineering and Technology: Geospatial Technology	AAS	Diploma	Certificate
Minimum Major Hours Required:	49 SHC	30 SHC	12 SHC
<i>Courses required for a diploma are designated with *</i>	15 SHC	15 SHC	
A. Technical Core:			
* GIS 111 Introduction to GIS 3 SHC			
* GIS 121 Georeferencing & Mapping 3 SHC			
* <i>Choose one of the groups:</i>			
GIS 112 Introduction to GPS 3 SHC			
GIS 245 Intro to Spatial Analysis 3 SHC			
GIS 255 Advanced Spatial Analysis 3 SHC			
<i>OR</i>			
GIS 120 Introduction to Geodesy 3 SHC			
GIS 125 CAD for GIS 3 SHC			
GIS 240 Air Photo Interpretation 3 SHC			
<i>OR</i>			
GIS 230 GIS Data Creation 3 SHC			
UAS 111 Unmanned Aircraft Systems 3 SHC			
UAS 230 UAS Aerial Photo Surveys 3 SHC			
B. Program Major(s): Not Applicable			
C. Other Major Hours. To be selected from the following prefixes:			
BUS, CEG, CET, CIS, CIV, CSC, CTI, CTS, DBA, DEA, DFT, EGR, ENV, FOR, GEO, GIS, MAT, NET, NOS, PHY, SEC, SGD, SST, SRV, UAS, WBL and WEB			
<i>Up to two semester hour credits may be selected from ACA.</i>			
<i>Up to three semester hour credits may be selected from the following prefixes: ARA, ASL, CHI, FRE, GER, ITA, JPN, LAT, POR, RUS and SPA.</i>			

III. Other Required Hours

A college may include courses to meet graduation or local employer requirements in a certificate (0-1 SHC), diploma (0-4 SHC), or an associate in applied science (0-7 SHC) program. These curriculum courses shall be selected from the Combined Course Library and must be approved by the System Office prior to implementation. Restricted, unique, or free elective courses may not be included as other required hours.

IV. Employability Competencies

Fundamental competencies that address soft skills vital to employability, personal, and professional success are listed below. Colleges are encouraged to integrate these competencies into the curriculum by embedding appropriate student learning outcomes into one or more courses or through alternative methods.

- A. Interpersonal Skills and Teamwork** – The ability to work effectively with others, especially to analyze situations, establish priorities, and apply resources for solving problems or accomplishing tasks.
- B. Communication** – The ability to effectively exchange ideas and information with others through oral, written, or visual means.
- C. Integrity and Professionalism** – Workplace behaviors that relate to ethical standards, honesty, fairness, respect, responsibility, self-control, criticism and demeanor.
- D. Problem-solving** – The ability to identify problems and potential causes while developing and implementing practical action plans for solutions.
- E. Initiative and Dependability** – Workplace behaviors that relate to seeking out new responsibilities, establishing and meeting goals, completing tasks, following directions, complying with rules, and consistent reliability.
- F. Information processing** – The ability to acquire, evaluate, organize, manage, and interpret information.
- G. Adaptability and Lifelong Learning** – The ability to learn and apply new knowledge and skills and adapt to changing technologies, methods, processes, work environments, organizational structures and management practices.
- H. Entrepreneurship** – The knowledge and skills necessary to create opportunities and develop as an employee or self-employed business owner.

An **Employability Skills Resource Toolkit has been developed by NC-NET for the competencies listed above.*

Additional information is located at: <http://www.nc-net.info/employability.php>

***The North Carolina Career Clusters Guide was developed by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction and the North Carolina Community College system to link the academic and Career and Technical Education programs at the secondary and postsecondary levels to increase student achievement. Additional information about Career Clusters is located at: http://www.nc-net.info/NC_career_clusters_guide.php or <http://www.careertech.org>.*

Summary of Required Semester Hour Credits (SHC) for each credential:

	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 (SHC)	64-76	36-48	12-18