

STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES

CURRICULUM PREFIX -TIERED FUNDING FORMULA RECOMMENDATION

- **New Tiered Funding Request**

The State Board of Community Colleges is asked to assign Tier 2 to the following new curriculum prefix:

Tier 2:

TOM – Trucking Operations Management

Rationale: The TOM prefix aligns with other content areas (business, management and logistics) which are currently classified as Tier 2 funding. The prefix does not currently align with a priority occupation or high cost area.

Background:

On August 15, 2014, the State Board of Community Colleges adopted the 2014-2015 State Aid Allocations and Budget Policies, which included the implementation of a four-tiered funding model. To implement the Tiered Funding Forming Model, all existing curriculum and continuing education course prefixes were assigned to one of four funding levels as defined below:

Tier 1A: Includes curriculum budget FTE in health care and technical education courses that train North Carolinians for immediate employment in priority occupations that have documented skills gaps and pay higher wages. This tier also includes FTE in a limited number of continuing education courses that train students for the exact same third-party certification as curriculum courses in Tier 1A.

Tier 1B: Includes curriculum budget FTE in other high cost areas of health care, technical education, lab-based science, and college-level math courses. With the implementation of Closing the Skills Gap, Tier 1B also includes FTE in short-term, workforce continuing education courses that help prepare students for jobs in priority occupations and lead to competency-based industry credentials.

Tier 2: Includes

- a) all other curriculum budget FTE,
- b) all Basic Skills budget FTE, and
- c) budget FTE associated with other continuing education courses that are scheduled for 96 hours or more and are mapped to a third-party credential, certification, or industry-designed curriculum.

Tier 3: Includes all other continuing education budget FTE. This weighted allocation model is designed to provide a funding differential between each tier.

Tier 1A is funded at a level equal to 30% higher than Tier 2, while Tier 1B is funded at a level that is 15% higher than Tier 2. Tier 3 is funded at a rate that is 15% less than Tier 2.

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