

**PROGRAM APPLICATION
SUMMARY EVALUATION REPORT
Beaufort County Community College
Agribusiness (A15100)
Captive/Co-opted: Hyde Correctional Institute (4180)**

Program Planning: Beaufort County Community College (BCCC) is seeking approval for the Agribusiness program (A15100) to begin Spring 2022 at Hyde Correctional Institute (HCI), a state correctional facility in the college's service area.

The proposed program was approved by the Board of Trustees of Beaufort County Community College on August 3, 2021. Minutes from this Board meeting were attached to the program application. The President and the Board of Trustees of Beaufort have certified the following:

- They are supportive of providing this proposed program to inmate students at Hyde Correctional Institute as part of an education partnership with the state's Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice (DACJJ) of the NC Department of Public Safety.
- They have assessed the need for the proposed program and the resources required to maintain a viable program and certify that the college can operate the proposed program efficiently and effectively within the resources available to the college.
- They understand that the proposed program will require a program accountability report that will include items such as student success measures, enrollment trends, and completion rates three years after implementation of the program.
- Prison officials have committed to providing appropriate classroom and lab space and to identifying enough students who meet the admissions requirements to participate; the college has committed to funding the cost of faculty, equipment, and classroom supplies; and tuition, fees, and textbooks for inmate students will be funded through a pilot Pell Grant program for incarcerated students.

Program Rationale: Beaufort County Community College indicates the following:

- According to NC State University, agriculture and agribusiness related jobs comprise 17% of all jobs in North Carolina. According to data from JobsEQ there is an annual demand for over 4400 jobs in the agribusiness/agricultural business operations and agricultural worker areas. The average wages range from slightly over \$27,00 to \$75,000 annually. The wages earned by workers in this area are a livable wage that increases as responsibility increases. The College is already approved to offer an Associate of Applied Science in Agribusiness Technology and has been successfully enrolling and graduating students since the program was implemented in 2014. The current application seeks to expand the curriculum program in the captive setting at HCI.

- HCI has expressed strong support for the start-up of this program as evidenced by a recently authorized Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between BCCC and HCI. Student interest in the proposed program is evidenced by 22 student who have completed an Agribusiness focused Human Resource Development (HRD) career exploration through Workforce Continuing Education. Moreover, the BCCC workforce continuing education division has offered horticulture classes at HCI to over 180 students since 2017.

Impact of the Proposed Program on Other Programs: The program is restricted to inmates housed in a prison facility within Beaufort County Community College's service area, so it will not impact other colleges' programs.

Implementation of Collaborative Plan: Not Applicable

Curriculum Design: The proposed program of study is in compliance with the State Board approved curriculum standard.

Curriculum Description as Designated on Curriculum Standard: This curriculum is designed to provide the entrepreneurial and technical skills necessary to manage a profitable, environmentally sound, community based small farm or agricultural business. The objective is the development of a workforce knowledgeable in sustainable agriculture practices. Students will learn the fundamentals of agriculture, focusing on crop production and business. Emphasis is placed on entrepreneurial and field training. Students will also learn the basic principles of our economic system, government policies and programs relating to agriculture. Graduates should qualify for a variety of jobs in agricultural businesses such as equipment, feed, and agricultural supply sales, store management, farm operations, wholesale and retail produce management, nursery operations, and environmental and agricultural education.

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