

**STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES
Basic Skills Plus Program Requests**

Request

The State Board is requested to approve the following four colleges to use up to 20% of their State Literacy Funds to provide Basic Skills Plus Programs: **Halifax Community College, James Sprunt Community College, Surry Community College, and McDowell Technical Community College.**

The Basic Skills Plus program was developed to provide employability skills, job-specific occupational and technical skills, and developmental education instruction to students concurrently enrolled in a community college course leading to a high school diploma or equivalent certificate. Colleges may waive the tuition and registration fees associated with this instruction.

The College and Career Readiness Section holds regular webinars and offers technical assistance for non-Basic Skills Plus colleges on the requirements for offering Basic Skills Plus programs. The above four colleges have submitted applications for approval of a Basic Skills Plus program. The colleges' applications were reviewed by a team of staff members from Basic Skills Plus, Continuing Education (CE), and Curriculum Programs (CU). Currently, 53 colleges have been approved to offer Basic Skills Plus programs. These approvals will increase the number of Basic Skills Plus programs to 57.

New Basic Skills Plus Colleges and Career Pathways to be Approved:

Halifax Community College

Welding Technology (C50420) CU

James Sprunt Community College

Electrical Systems Technology (C35130) CU

McDowell Technical Community College

Nurse Aide (C45840) CU

Surry Community College

Welding Technology (C50420) CU

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