

**STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES**  
**Basic Skills Plus Program Request for Cleveland Community College**

**Request:** The State Board is requested to approve Cleveland Community College to use up to 20% of its State Literacy Funds to provide Basic Skills Plus programs.

**Background:** The Basic Skills Plus program was developed to provide employability skills, job-specific occupational and technical skills, and adult education instruction to students concurrently enrolled in a community college course leading to a high school diploma or equivalent certificate. Students who are assessed at the adult secondary education level (low or high) and co-enrolled in Basic Skills and occupational (curriculum or continuing education) courses are eligible. Colleges may waive students' in-state tuition and registration fees associated with instruction. The College and Career Readiness Section holds regular webinars and offers technical assistance on the requirements for offering Basic Skills Plus programs.

Cleveland Community College's application for approval is to provide instruction and programs for eligible students in the Welding career pathway (curriculum and continuing education courses). The college demonstrated alignment of the career pathway with local and regional workforce demand for employment of welders. Students will earn the initial college welding certificate which prepares them to pursue National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) certifications for Welding Level I, II, and III. The college's application was reviewed by a staff team from College and Career Readiness, Continuing Education, and Program Services using established rubrics for program and career pathway requirements.

Currently, 57 colleges are approved to offer Basic Skills Plus programs. This approval will increase the number of Basic Skills Plus programs to 58 which means that Basic Skills Plus program has 100% college participation.

**New Basic Skills Plus Program and Career Pathway:**

**Cleveland Community College**

Welding Career Pathway (curriculum and continuing education courses)

**Contact:**

Dr. Cassandra Atkinson  
College and Career Readiness  
Transitions Coordinator