

ADDITION TO SPECIAL CURRICULUM PROGRAM APPLICATION LIST
Computer Technology Integration (A25500)

Request:

The North Carolina Community College System Office requests approval to add the Computer Technology Integration (A25500) program to the list of current programs that follow the Special Curriculum Program Application process.

Rationale:

The State Board has delegated to the President of the North Carolina Community College System the authority to approve new curriculum programs utilizing the special application process for the selected titles. Curriculum programs recommended to the State Board for placement on the Special Curriculum Application process list by a college or by System Office staff must meet the following criteria to be eligible:

1. There is a widespread, immediate need for the job training and there will be minimal impact on college programs if multiple colleges offer the program; or
2. The program is a concentration (applying college must be approved to offer the parent program.)

The Computer Technology Integration program prepares graduates for employment as designers, testers, support technicians, administrators, developers, or programmers with organizations that use computers to design, process, manage, and communicate information, depending on the technical path selected within the curriculum. The program incorporates the competencies of industry-recognized certification exams.

Businesses have indicated a need to hire graduates who are well versed in the various Information Technology (IT) areas. The flexibility of the curriculum standard allows colleges to quickly create multiple certificate, diploma and associate in applied science programs or to consolidate existing programs to meet the needs of local businesses. The program also enables colleges to terminate existing technology programs that were not meeting community needs.

All fifty-eight colleges currently have similar programs so there is minimal impact. In addition, as part of the Special Application process, the applying college must send Impact Assessments to any college that is approved to offer the same or similar program and which is contiguous to the counties in the applying college's service area.

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**North Carolina Community College System
Special Curriculum Program Application Procedures for Selected Curriculum Titles**

The following curriculums have been approved by the State Board of Community Colleges for the Special Application process:

- Community Spanish Interpreter (A55370)
- Entrepreneurship (A25490)
- Global Logistics (A25170)
- Industrial Systems Technology (A50240)
- Infant/Toddler Care (Certificate)(C55290)
- Information Systems Security (A25270)
- Lateral Entry (Certificate)(C55430)
- Low Impact Development (A40290)
- Medical Office Administration (A25310)
- Networking Technology (A25340)
- School-Age Care (Certificate)(C55450)
- Sustainability Technologies (A40370)
- Web Technologies (A25290)
- Welding Technology (A50420)

The following curriculums have been approved by the State Board of Community Colleges for the Special Application process, but require that the college have prior approval for the Cosmetology (A55140) program:

- Cosmetology Instructor (Certificate)(C55160)
- Esthetics Instructor (Certificate)(C55270)
- Esthetics Technology (Certificate)(C55230)
- Manicuring Instructor (Certificate)(C55380)
- Manicuring/Nail Tech. (Certificate)(C55400)

The following curriculum has been approved by the State Board of Community Colleges for the Special Application process, but requires that the college have prior approval for the Real Estate (A25400) program:

- Real Estate Licensing (Certificate) (C25480)

The following curriculum has been approved by the State Board of Community Colleges for the Special Application process, but requires that the college have prior approval for the Culinary Arts (A55150) program:

- Foodservice Technology (Diploma) (D55250)

All concentrations have been approved by the State Board of Community Colleges for the Special Application process, but require that the college have prior approval for the parent program. See Section 7 of the Curriculum Procedures Reference Manual for a list of concentration/parent programs.