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Associate of Applied Science in Technical Studies: Questions and Answers

Q: What is an Associate of Applied Science in Technical Studies credential and how does it differ from the Associate of Applied Science degree that we offer today?

A: The proposed Associate of Science in Technical Studies credential is composed of elements of ***two or more*** distinct programs united under a unifying theme or topic which is not typically integrated into a single discipline or occupational field.

Q: Will this proposed credential replace our current AAS degree offerings?

A: No, the credential would be an additional option an institution which currently offers an AAS degree could elect to use, to meet the needs of students pursuing emerging occupations or to meet the needs of employers seeking skill sets in graduates from multiple technical disciplines.

Q: Would this AAS credential be eligible for Perkins funding?

A: The proposed credential would ***not*** be eligible for Perkins funding.

Q: How would this credential impact the proposed Technical Education Tiered Funding Model?

A: Courses from existing approved certificate programs used to meet the credit hour requirements of the proposed AAS in Technical Studies credential would carry the “tier” rate previously assigned to them. The AAS in technical studies, itself, is not considered a technical program for tiered technical funding purposes.

Q: How should Perkins completers from existing technical certificate programs be reported to KBOR?

A: The institution would be responsible for reporting Perkins completers in accordance with established guidelines. Institutions must be cognizant of the minimum number of completers required to sustain Perkins program eligibility in existing programs when reporting students as completers.

Q: Is the proposed credential transferable to state 4-year colleges and universities?

A: The proposed credential is an Associate of Applied Science degree which is primarily intended to prepare graduates for employment. Selected courses may transfer to a college or university upon validation of applicable coursework.

Q: What CIP code would be assigned to the proposed program?

A: CIP Code 30.9999

Title: Multi-/Interdisciplinary Studies, General.

Definition: A program that derives from two or more distinct programs and that is integrated around a unifying theme or topic that cannot be subsumed under a single discipline or occupational field.