



NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

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TO: Presidents
Chief Academic Officers

FROM: Thomas A. Stith III
System President

RE: Curriculum Standard Revision Approval

DATE: November 30, 2021

Per 1D SBCCC 400.9 (b) *A revision of an existing curriculum standard shall:*

- (1) Have written concurrence by two-thirds of colleges approved to offer the curriculum program; and*
- (2) Be in alignment with criteria outlined in 1D SBCCC 400.10(e).*
- (3) The President of the North Carolina Community College System shall have the authority to approve or deny the revision of an existing curriculum standard.*

I am pleased to approve the requested revisions for the following curriculum standards which are in compliance with 1D SBCCC 400.9 (b):

Advanced Medical Coding (D45530)
Associate in Fine Arts in Music (A10700)

An outline of the specific curriculum standard revisions is attached for your convenience. You may view all curriculum standards by visiting the Academic Programs website at:

<https://www.nccommunitycolleges.edu/academic-programs/curriculum-standards>

If you have any questions concerning the curriculum standard revisions, please contact Dr. Lisa Eads at eadsl@nccommunitycolleges.edu.

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Outline of Curriculum Standard Revision

Advanced Medical Coding (D45530)

Revision:

- Revised curriculum description for entry requirements.

Rationale: Per the current curriculum description, enrollment in this program is limited to graduates of an associate degree in a healthcare field or health informatics from a regionally accredited college or university. The proposed revisions will provide colleges the opportunity to offer the program to a greater student population by removing this requirement, which has been a barrier for enrollment. This change is in line with industry standards as the professional association, American Health Information Management Association, recently released a micro credential in coding that is very similar to the curriculum standard and does not require any entry requirements. In addition, this curriculum standard will continue to meet credentialing requirements for the Certified Coding Specialist (CCS) and Certified Coding Specialist-Physician (CCS-P) by removing this requirement.

Associate in Fine Arts in Music (A10700)

Revision:

- Added MAT 152 Statistical Methods I and MAT 271 Calculus I to the mathematics options.

Rationale: This change will align with math requirements for Associate in Fine Arts in Visual Arts (A10600) and Associate of Fine Arts in Theatre (A10800) keeping the Associate in Fine Arts programs consistent. The existing Career and College Promise pathway (P1072C) already includes MAT 152 and MAT 271 so the proposed changes align with the CCP and parent programs.