

NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

Dr. James C. Williamson President

August 21, 2017

MEMORANDUM

TO: Presidents

Chief Academic Officers

FROM: Wesley E. Beddard, Associate Vice President

Programs

SUBJECT: State Board Action on August 18, 2017

Revised, New and Archived Curriculum Standards

Career and College Promise Updates

On August 18, 2017, the State Board of Community Colleges approved archiving the following curriculum standards as part of the recommendations provided by the Accounting and Finance Alignment Project (AFAP) participants:

Accounting (A25100) Financial Services (A25330)

These two archived standards will now be combined into the new, attached curriculum standard, Accounting and Finance (A25800). All colleges that currently have approval for either Accounting (A25100) or Financial Services (A25330) will receive automatic approval for Accounting and Finance (A25800).

We wish to extend our appreciation to Kim Alexander for serving as the AFAP Coordinator and Isothermal Community College for serving as the lead college for this alignment project. In addition, we would like to express our appreciation to the community college AFAP participants for the time and expertise they contributed in review, revision and development of the new Accounting and Finance curriculum standard.

The State Board of Community Colleges also approved the requested revision to the following curriculum standard:

Heavy Equipment Operator (Diploma) (D35240)

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

http://www.nccommunitycolleges.edu/academic-programs

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Please be aware that you must implement the revised and new curriculum standards no later than one year after the effective term. You must update your college's electronic program of study and receive approval from the System Office prior to implementation of the programs.

In addition, the State Board of Community Colleges approved updates to the following section of *Curriculum Procedures Reference Manual:*

Section 14 – Career and College Promise

A summary of the Career and College Promise updates is attached. You may view all of the sections of the *Curriculum Procedures Manual* by visiting the Academic Programs website at:

http://www.nccommunitycolleges.edu/academic-programs/curriculum-procedures-reference-manual-cprm

Please contact Dr. Lisa Eads at 919.807.7133 or at eadsl@nccommunitycolleges.edu if you have questions concerning the Career and College Promise updates. If you have any questions concerning the other August State Board action items, please contact Ms. Jennifer Frazelle at 919.807.7120 or frazellei@nccommunitycolleges.edu.

WB/JF/gr Attachments

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Outline of Curriculum Standard Revision State Board of Community Colleges August 18, 2017

Heavy Equipment Operator (Diploma) (D35240) (Original Title/Code)
Heavy Equipment Operation, Management and Service (A35340) (Revised Title/Code)

Revisions:

- Revised the curriculum title to Heavy Equipment Operation, Management and Service.
- Revised the curriculum description.
- Expanded the curriculum standard from a diploma to an associate's degree.
- Revised the curriculum core by adding options to current course requirements:

Currently required: HEO 113 Grades and Drawings

Proposed Option: HEO 114 Erosion Control & Regulations

Currently required: ISC 115 Construction Safety and ISC 121 Environmental Health & Safety

Proposed Options: HET 150 MSHA for Equip Tech & Operator

Added the following prefixes to the "Other Major" area:
 ACC, BUS, CEG, CIV, CMT, EGR, HET, HYD, ISC, PME, PMT, SRV, TRN, and WLD

Note: The program code has been changed to A35340 due to the revision in title and degree level. All colleges that have approval for D35240 will receive automatic approval for A35340.

Career and College Promise Operating Procedures Updates Section 14 of the *Curriculum Procedures Reference Manual*

Update

Added the Workforce Continuing Education pathway based on legislative action SB 257 Section 9.10; Included information concerning student eligibility, student coding, program of study filing process, and available course options

Update provided to clarify provisional status eligibility

Update provided to clarify required signatures and clarification for concurrent pathway enrollment

Added information to clarify pathway changes and verification

Added clarification concerning CCP students auditing courses

Added clarification concerning CCP and Adult High School, Adult Basic Education, and Adult Secondary Education

Added clarification concerning students who complete a CTE pathway

Added clarification for Cooperative Innovative High School students taking additional hours beyond the associate degree

Update provided to clarify ADN pathway and the Associate in General Education – Nursing

Added additional numbered memo reference

Added PSAT 10 as an assessment option for transfer pathway eligibility. Added the three digit cut scores for the PSAT 10 and 2015 PSAT

Added AFA Visual Arts transfer pathway

CURRICULUM STANDARD

Effective Term Fall 2018 [2018*03]

Curriculum Program Title
Accounting and Finance
Code
A25800
Concentration
(not applicable)
CIP Code 52.0304

Curriculum Description

The Accounting and Finance curriculum is designed to provide students with the knowledge and the skills necessary for employment and growth in the accounting and finance profession. Accountants and finance professionals assemble and analyze, process, and communicate essential information about financial operations.

Course work may include accounting, finance, ethics, business law, computer applications, financial planning, insurance, marketing, real estate, selling, and taxation. Related skills are developed through the study of communications, computer applications, financial analysis, critical thinking skills, and ethics.

Graduates should qualify for entry-level accounting and finance positions in many types of organizations including accounting firms, small businesses, manufacturing firms, banks, hospitals, school systems, and governmental agencies.

Curriculum Requirements*

[for associate degree, diploma, and certificate programs in accordance with 1D SBCC 400.97 (3)]

- **General Education.** Degree programs must contain a minimum of 15 semester hours including at least one course from each of the following areas: humanities/fine arts, social/behavioral sciences, and natural sciences/mathematics. Degree programs must contain a minimum of 6 semester hours of communications. Diploma programs must contain a minimum of 6 semester hours of general education; 3 semester hours must be in communications. General education is optional in certificate programs.
- **II. Major Hours**. AAS, diploma, and certificate programs must include courses which offer specific job knowledge and skills. Work-based learning may be included in associate in applied science degrees up to a maximum of 8 semester hours of credit; in diploma programs up to a maximum of 4 semester hours of credit; and in certificate programs up to a maximum of 2 semester hours of credit. (See second page for additional information.)
- **III. Other Required Hours.** A college may include courses to meet graduation or local employer requirements in a certificate, diploma, or associate in applied science program. These curriculum courses shall be selected from the *Combined Course Library* and must be approved by the System Office prior to implementation. Restricted, unique, or free elective courses may not be included as other required hours.

	AAS	Diploma	Certificate
Minimum General Education Hours	15	6	0
Minimum Major Hours	49	30	12
Other Required Hours	0-7	0-4	0-1
Total Semester Hours Credit (SHC)	64-76	36-48	12-18

^{*}Within the degree program, the institution shall include opportunities for the achievement of competence in reading, writing, oral communication, fundamental mathematical skills, and basic use of computers.

		Accounting an	d Finance (A25800	D)	
Minimum Ger	neral Edu	ication Hours Required:		,	
curriculum sta	andard.	are recommended general educati Colleges may choose to include add rses to meet local curriculum needs.	•		
Communication	on:				
СОМ	110	Introduction to Communication	3 SHC		
COM	120	Intro Interpersonal Com	3 SHC		
COM	231	Public Speaking U	3 SHC		
ENG	111	Writing and Inquiry U	3 SHC		
ENG	112	Writing/Research in the Disc U	3 SHC		
ENG	114	Prof Research & Reporting	3 SHC		
ENG	116	Technical Report Writing	3 SHC		
Humanities/F	ine Arts:				
ART	111	Art Appreciation U	3 SHC		
HUM	110	Technology and Society	3 SHC		
HUM	115	Critical Thinking	3 SHC		
HUM	230	Leadership Development	3 SHC		
MUS	110	Music Appreciation U	3 SHC		
PHI	230	Introduction to Logic	3 SHC		
PHI	240	Introduction to Ethics U	3 SHC		
Social /Behavi	ioral Scie	ancos:			
ECO	151	Survey of Economics	3 SHC		
ECO	251	Prin of Microeconomics U	3 SHC		
ECO	252	Prin of Macroeconomics U	3 SHC		
POL	120	American Government U	3 SHC		
PSY	118	Interpersonal Psychology	3 SHC		
PSY	150	General Psychology U	3 SHC		
SOC	210	Introduction to Sociology U	3 SHC		
Natural Calant	/N/a+l	homotics.			
Natural Science MAT	tes/iviati 110	Math Measurement and Literacy	3 SHC		
MAT	121	Algebra/Trigonometry I	3 SHC		
MAT	143	Quantitative Literacy U	3 SHC		
MAT	152	Statistical Methods I U	4 SHC		
MAT	171	Precalculus Algebra U	4 SHC		
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		e sixteen University of North Carolina n defined distribution limits.	senior institutions as		

Major Hours

[ref. 1D SBCCC 400.97 (3)]

- **A. Core.** The subject/course core is comprised of subject areas and/or specific courses which are required for each curriculum program. A diploma program offered under an approved AAS program standard or a certificate which is the highest credential level awarded under an approved AAS program standard must include a minimum of 12 semester hours credit derived from the subject/course core of the AAS program.
- **B. Concentration** (*if applicable*). A concentration of study must include a minimum of 12 semester hours credit from required subjects and/or courses. The majority of the course credit hours are unique to the concentration. The required subjects and/or courses that make up the concentration of study are in addition to the required subject/course core.
- **C. Other Major Hours.** Other major hours must be selected from prefixes listed on the curriculum standard. A maximum of 9 semester hours of credit may be selected from any prefix listed, with the exception of prefixes listed in the core or concentration. Work-based learning may be included in associate in applied science degrees up to a maximum of 8 semester hours of credit; in diploma programs up to a maximum of 4 semester hours of credit; and in certificate programs up to a maximum of 2 semester hours of credit.

Accounting and Finance (A25800)						
				AAS	Diploma	Certificate
Minimum	Major Hou	rs Required		49 SHC	30 SHC	12 SHC
A dipi		nder this AAS degree requires a minimum of 12 SHC o area or core of the AAS degree.	extracted from	30-32 SHC	12 SHC	
Required	l Courses:					
AC		Principles of Financial Accounting	4 SHC			
ACC	121	Principles of Managerial Accounting	4 SHC			
BU:	5 115	Business Law	3 SHC			
Finance A	pplications					
Select one	?:					
BAI	143	Financial Planning	3 SHC			
BU:	5 125	Personal Finance	3 SHC			
BU:	5 225	Business Finance	3 SHC			
Compute Select one	Application	ns				
CIS		Introduction to Computers	3 SHC			
CIS	111	Basic PC Literacy	2 SHC			
OS ⁻	Г 137	Office Applications I	3 SHC			
Spreadsh	eet Applicat	ions				
Select one	?:					
ACC	149	Intro to ACC Spreadsheets	2 SHC			
CTS	130	Spreadsheet	3 SHC			
Economic						
Select one			2 (116			
ECC		Survey of Economics	3 SHC			
ECC		Principles of Microeconomics	3 SHC			
ECC	252	Principles of Macroeconomics	3 SHC			
ECO 151,	ECO 251, or	ECO 252 must be taken to meet this requ	uirement			
-	-	ken one of these ECO courses to meet the				
Social/Be	havioral Scie	ence requirement.				

Requ	uired Su	ıbject Ar	reas (Select one subject area):	
Gene	ral Acco	ounting a	nd Finance	
		selected		
ACC	, BAF, B	US, and/o	or INS prefixes	
Acco	unting			
	ACC	220	Intermediate Accounting I	4 SHC
	Select	one:		
	ACC	140	Payroll Accounting	2 SHC
	ACC	150	Accounting Software Appl	2 SHC
	Select	one:		
	ACC	129	Individual Income Taxes	3 SHC
	ACC	130	Business Income Taxes	3 SHC
	ACC	131	Federal Income Taxes	3 SHC
Finar	icial Ser	vices		
			om the following:	
	ACC	210	Enterprise Risk Management	3 SHC
	BAF	143	Financial Planning	3 SHC
	BUS	125	Personal Finance	3 SHC
	BUS	147	Business Insurance	3 SHC
	BUS	225	Business Finance	3 SHC
	RLS	220	Real Est Invest Analysis	3 SHC
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	INS	121	Life Insurance	3 SHC
	INS	122	Accident and Health Insurance	3 SHC
	INS	125	Risk Management	3 SHC
	INS	127	Claims Adjusting	3 SHC
	INS	128	Med Sup/Long-Term/Est Plan	3 SHC
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	ACC. A	IB. ARA.	ASL, BAF, BAS, BUS, CHI, CIS, CJC, CRT,	CSC. CSV. CTI.
	-		ECO, ETR, FRE, GER, HRM, INS, INT, ISO	
			OMT, OST, PAD, POR, RLS, RUS, SPA, V	
	lln to	two como	star hour cradits may be selected from	ACA
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Employability Competencies

Fundamental competencies that address soft skills vital to employability, personal, and professional success are listed below. Colleges are encouraged to integrate these competencies into the curriculum by embedding appropriate student learning outcomes into one or more courses or through alternative methods.

- **A. Communication** The ability to effectively exchange ideas and information with others through oral, written, or visual means.
- **B.** Integrity and Professionalism Workplace behaviors that relate to ethical standards, honesty, fairness, respect, responsibility, self-control, criticism and demeanor.
- **C.** Interpersonal Skills and Teamwork The ability to work effectively with others, especially to analyze situations, establish priorities, and apply resources for solving problems or accomplishing tasks.
- **D. Initiative and Dependability** Workplace behaviors that relate to seeking out new responsibilities, establishing and meeting goals, completing tasks, following directions, complying with rules, and consistent reliability.
- **E. Problem-solving** The ability to identify problems and potential causes while developing and implementing practical action plans for solutions.
- **F. Information processing** The ability to acquire, evaluate, organize, manage, and interpret information (Planning and Organizing).
- **G.** Adaptability and Lifelong Learning The ability to learn and apply new knowledge and skills and adapt to changing technologies, methods, processes, work environments, organizational structures and management practices.
- **H. Strategic Planning** Prioritizing various competing tasks and performing them quickly and efficiently according to their urgency.
- **I. Entrepreneurship** The knowledge and skills necessary to create opportunities and develop as an employee or self-employed business owner.

**The Employability Competencies were determined as part of the Accounting and Finance Alignment Project (AFAP). The North Carolina Career Clusters Guide, along with AFAP Industry/Employer Surveys, AFAP College Representative Surveys, and College Advisory Board input were used to determine these competencies.

The North Carolina Career Clusters Guide was developed by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction and the North Carolina Community College system to link the academic and Career and Technical Education programs at the secondary and postsecondary levels to increase student achievement. Additional information about Career Clusters is located at:

http://www.nc-net.info/NC_career_clusters_guide.php or http://www.careertech.org.

CURRICULUM STANDARD

Effective Term Fall 2017 [2017*03]

Curriculum Program Title Heavy Equipment Operation, Management, and Service		Program Code	A35340
Concentration	(not applicable)	CIP Code	49.0202

Curriculum Description

The Heavy Equipment Operation, Management, and Service curriculum prepares students to efficiently operate heavy equipment such as dozers, loaders, scrapers, and graders, to perform maintenance on various types of heavy equipment, and to manage equipment systems.

Course work includes construction safety, proper equipment operation, grades, drawings, environmental concerns, heavy equipment design characteristics and features, equipment maintenance and service, and common equipment systems.

Graduates of this program may find employment with state and local government agencies and private contractors engaged in highway or other construction activities.

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- **B. Program Major(s).** The Program Major must include a minimum of 12 semester hours credit from the required subjects and/or courses. The Program Major is in addition to the technical core.
- **C. Other Major Hours.** Other major hours must be selected from prefixes listed on the curriculum standard. A maximum of 9 semester hours of credit may be selected from any prefix listed, with the exception of prefixes listed in the core or concentration. Work-based learning may be included in associate in applied science degrees up to a maximum of 8 semester hours of credit; in diploma programs up to a maximum of 4 semester hours of credit; and in certificate programs up to a maximum of 2 semester hours of credit.

					AAS	Diploma	Certificate
Mini	imum Ma	jor Hour	s Required		49 SHC	30 SHC	12 SHC
Α.	CORE					28-30 SHC	
Req	uired Co	urses:					
	HEO HEO	111 112	Heavy Equipment Operations I Heavy Equipment Operations II	12 SHC 12 SHC			
Safe	ety:						
(Sel	ect One C	iourse):					
	HET ISC ISC	150 115 121	MSHA for Equip Tech & Operator Construction Safety Environmental Health & Safety	2 SHC 2 SHC 3 SHC			
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	HEO HEO	113 114	Grades and Drawings Erosion Control & Regulations	3 SHC 2 SHC			
В.	CONCE	NTRATIO	(Not applicable)				
C.	OTHER MAJOR HOURS To be selected from the following prefixes:						
ACC, BUS, CEG, CIV, CMT, EGR, HEO, HET, HYD, ISC, PME, PMT, SRV, TRN, WLD, and WBL							
	Up to two semester hour credits may be selected from ACA.						
Up to three semester hour credits may be selected from the following prefixes: ARA, ASL, CHI, FRE, GER, ITA, JPN, LAT, POR, RUS, and SPA.							