

**KANSAS POSTSECONDARY
TECHNICAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY**
Technical Program and Curriculum Committee
MINUTES
December 5, 2024

The Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority's Technical Program and Curriculum Committee met virtually via Zoom on December 5, 2024. Proper notice was given according to the law.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Beene, Chair
 Cindy Hoover, Vice Chair
 Debra Mikulka
 Ray Frederick, Jr.
 Natalie Clark
 Mark Hess

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Tiffany Anderson

Chair Beene called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Beene called for a motion and a second to endorse the minutes from the meeting conducted on October 17, 2024. Member Ray Frederick made the motion for approval, which was seconded by Member Cindy Hoover. The motion was carried.

CONSIDERATION OF DISCUSSION AGENDA

I. ACT ON CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY ARTICULATED CREDIT WITH KANSAS STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Crystal Roberts, Associate Director for Workforce Development, presented essential details regarding the objectives of Program Alignment, which aims to improve technical education by aligning specific technical programs across five distinct phases.

The realignment of the construction technology program by the Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR) and the update of the construction and design pathway by the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) are scheduled for implementation in the fall of 2025. Following the approval from the TEA, the crosswalk presented in the committee packet will be transformed into the statewide Construction Technology Articulation Map, facilitating the alignment of secondary coursework with postsecondary coursework.

The KSDE to KBOR Articulated Credit Alignment grant utilizes a representative, or representatives, from the selected program area with experience in the postsecondary alignment process and in the review of the secondary level pathway courses to lead the articulation discussions. The individual chosen as the grant recipient for this project was Joseph Dobbs from Hays Tech Northwest.

Faculty and administrators from sixteen institutions involved in the Construction Technology program, along with staff from KSDE and KBOR, convened to discuss the proposed articulated credit crosswalk. The session featured guest speaker PJ Riley, who represented the Build Up Kansas Initiative and offered further insights into the crosswalk being presented. Over the past 15 months, he has visited approximately 100 schools, many of

which lack dual credit agreements for college courses. He emphasized the advantages of enabling students across the board to articulate credit for courses that correspond with construction technology programs.

Member Mark Hess moved to approve the Construction Technology Articulated Credit Crosswalk and place it on the consent agenda for the full TEA meeting. Member Natalie Clark seconded, and the motion carried.

II. ACT ON REQUEST(S) FOR DEGREE AND/OR CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS FROM COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES

Charmine Chambers, the Director of Workforce Development, presented the proposal from Hutchinson Community College (HCC) to provide a Technical Certificate B for 38 credit hours, and a 62-credit hour Associate of Applied Science degree in Barbering. At present, there are no public institutions that offer a comparable program according to the CIP code and/or program title.

Kansas Department of Labor data is not available for Barbering, and HCC worked with employers to provide data regarding hiring needs. The college intends to launch the proposed program in January 2025, with an estimated total initial cost of \$124,028. HCC anticipates enrollment of 10 students the first year, and 20 full-time and 20 part-time students in years two and three. Jillene Cunningham, Co-Chair of the Department of Agriculture, Business, Computer, and Technology will oversee the program.

Committee members discussed the procedures established by the Kansas State Board of Barbering, including contact hours required, and the current number of private barbering colleges within the state. Curriculum requirements from the Kansas Board of Barbering have been included in the proposed program, and HCC explained that the program is nearing the conclusion of their application process to become a licensed training provider approved by the Board of Barbering.

Chair Mike Beene requested a motion to approve Hutchinson Community College's application for a Certificate B and an Associate of Applied Science degree in Barbering, pending accreditation from the Kansas State Board of Barbering, and to include this item on the consent agenda. Vice Chair Cindy Hoover proposed the motion, which was seconded by Member Mark Hess, and the motion carried.

NEXT MEETING REMINDER

Chair Mike Beene announced that the next Technical Program and Curriculum Committee Meeting would occur on Thursday, January 16, 2025. He also reminded the group that the upcoming TEA meeting, scheduled for December 19th, will be held via Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT

Mike Beene expressed his gratitude to the staff for their contributions before concluding the meeting at 3:43 p.m.