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DATE: November 3, 2023

SUBJECT: Program Requests at SOWELA Technical Community College

APPROVED
 12/13/23
LCTCS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

FOR BOARD ACTION

Recommendation: Staff recommends the Board approve the following program requests listed below.

Program Modifications

1. Career and Technical Certificate (CTC) in Resource Management Assistant (CIP 03.0511) with an Industrial Based Certification in Firefighter Type II Crew Member - **3 STARS**
2. Certificate of Technical Studies (CTS) in Forest Harvesting and Planting Assistant (CIP 03.0511) - **3 STARS**
3. Technical Diploma (TD) in Forest Technology (CIP 03.0511) - **3 STARS**

Background: SOWELA is removing a course (ITEC 1000) from the curriculum. This will result in a change in credit hours and clock hours. The revised program lengths are: Forest Technology TD (56 Credit Hours and 1245 Clock Hour); Forest Harvesting and Planting Assistant CTS (23 Credit Hours and 480 Clock Hours); Resource Management Assistant CTC (13 Credit Hours and 270 Clock Hours).

Fiscal Impact: The administrative structure and allocation of departmental funds will be unchanged, unless otherwise noted.

History of Prior Actions: There is a history of revising and creating new programs to meet student and workforce needs.

Benefits to the System: These requests will allow SOWELA to better meet student and workforce needs.



Approved for Recommendation to the Board
Dr. Monty Sullivan, President

12/13/23

Date

Forest Technology - 11/03/2023

TYPE OF PROPOSED CHANGE : Curriculum Modification
PROGRAM NAME : Forest Technology

AWARD LEVEL(S)	
For Board of Regents and LCTCS Review: Name:	For LCTCS Review: Technical Diploma (T.D.) Certificate of Technical Studies (C.T.S.) Career and Technical Certificate (C.T.C) TCA - For Archive Purpose Only

NAME OF PROGRAM(S) and AWARD LEVEL(S)						
Stars : 3 Stars						
Name: Forest Technology				Program Delivery Mode: Standard		
CIP: 030511	Credit Hours: 56.00	Contact Hours: 1245.00	Technical Diploma (T.D.)			
Stars : 3 Stars						
Name: Forest Harvesting and Planting Assistant				Program Delivery Mode: Standard		
CIP: 030511	Credit Hours: 23.00	Contact Hours: 480.00	Certificate of Technical Studies (C.T.S.)			
Stars : 3 Stars						
Name: Resource Management Assistant				Program Delivery Mode: Standard		
CIP: 030511	Credit Hours: 13.00	Contact Hours: 270.00	Career and Technical Certificate (C.T.C)			
IBC: Firefighter Type II Crew Member	Issuing Body: National Wildfire Coordinating Group	Course Title:	Course Prefix:	Course Number:	Credits Awarded: 0.00	IBC Awarded upon Completion? :

PROPOSED CHANGE

a) For New Programs, state the purpose and objective; b) For Curriculum Modifications, state previous credit and clock hours; c) For Program Termination, state program and all award levels; d) For Curriculum Adoption, state the college from which curriculum is being adopted and the date it was approved by LCTCS.

The proposed change to the Forestry Technology TD (CIP 030511), Forest Harvesting and Planting Assistant CTS, and the Resource Management Assistant-CTC at SOWELA is to remove the requirement students complete ITEC 1000. This will result in a change of credit hours and clock hours at each exit point as demonstrated in the table below. The previous structure had the Forest Technology TD at 59 Credit Hours and 1290 Clock Hours, the Forest Harvesting and Planting Assistant CTS at 26 Credit Hours and 525 Clock Hours, and the Resource Management Assistant - CTC at 16 Credit Hours and 315 Clock Hours. The program modification is reflected in the entries in the above chart.

**IMPLEMENTATION DATE
(Semester and Year)**

Spring 2024

HISTORY OF PRIOR ACTIONS

Provide an overview of changes to this program.

JUSTIFICATION FOR THE PROPOSED CHANGE

Include support such as four-year university agreements, industry demand, advisory board information, etc.

The Forest Technology program currently requires too many credits and this action will assist in reducing the academic and financial burden on SOWELA students. The intent is to align program credit requirements to as close to 45 credit hours as possible. This will increase the competitiveness of the program and ease the burden for students and faculty.

SITE(S) OF NEW PROGRAM OR CURRICULUM MODIFICATION:

QUALIFIED FACULTY (Check all that apply)

Use Existing Faculty: No

- Full Time: 1

- Part Time: 0

Hire Adjunct Faculty: No

- 0

Hire Full-Time Faculty: No

- 0

ADMINISTRATION and IMPLEMENTATION COSTS

Department :

How will this change affect the administrative structure and/or allocation of departmental funds in terms of:

Faculty :

Facilities :

Library Resources :

Support :

Related Fields :

Other :

MINIMUM CREDENTIALS REQUIRED FOR FACULTY		
Education:	Experience:	Certification:

FISCAL IMPACT: ADMINISTRATION and IMPLEMENTATION COSTS
Department :
Describe how this change will affect the administrative structure and/or allocation of departmental funds in terms of faculty, facilities, support, and any other resources.

ANTICIPATED ENROLLMENT:					
Students	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five
DAY					
EVENING					
DISTANCE EDUCATION					
Describe Process for Attaining & Estimating Enrollment:					

PROGRAM ACCREDITATION:	
Is Program Accreditation, Licensure or Certification Required?	No Accreditation status:
Type/Name of Program Accreditation, Licensure or Certification Required:	

DESCRIBE IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (Include Faculty, Facilities, Library Resources, etc.)

<p>PROGRAM CURRICULUM Use the template below or insert separate attachment. All modifications should include the OLD and NEW curriculum with changes appropriately noted so that it is visually clear what has been added, deleted and/or changed. Note if any special requirements, such as internships, are part of the curriculum. List all embedded IBCs. If you are adopting curriculum, you do not need to complete this section.</p>

Subject Code	Course Number	Course Title	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Contact Hours	Credit Hours	Clinical Hours
Program, Degree or Concentration:					Credit Hours: 0.00		

BENEFITS TO THE SYSTEM

Discuss how this change will benefit your students, your community, and the LCTCS.

KEYWORDS

Course No.	Course Title	Lecture	Lab	Total Credit Hours	
FRTY 1111	Introduction to Forest Technology	3	0		3
ITEC 1000	Application Basics	3	0		3
FRTY 2720	Wildlife Habitat Ecology and Game	1	1		2
FRTY 2410	Forestry Products	1	1		2
FRTY 2710	Prescribed Burning and Wildlife Control	3	3		6
CTC -	Resource Management (16) (13)			16 13	
FRTY 2420	Introduction to Global Information Systems and Global Positional Systems	2	1		3
FRTY 1330	Timber Harvesting	2	2		4
FRTY 2520	Forest Mensuration I	2	1		3
CTS-	Forest Harvest and Planting Assistant (26)(23)				10
FRTY 1310	Silviculture	3	3		6
FRTY 2510	Forest Insects and Diseases	2	1		3
FRTY 2620	Reforestation	2	2		4
FRTY 1120	Dendrology	3	3		6
HORT 1000	Horticulture Lab	0	3		3
FRTY 1210	Forest Surveying	2	3		5
FRTY 2610	Forest Mensuration II	3	3		6
TD-	Forest Technology (59)(56)				
				CIP Code: 030511	
				Total Clock Hrs: 1290 1245	

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Consent Agenda - Program Requests at SOWELA

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