



Cincinnati State wins state approval for two applied Bachelor Degree programs



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CINCINNATI — Cincinnati State Technical and Community College is one of three community colleges in Ohio to win approval from the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

They are one step close to offering a Bachelor of Applied Science in land surveying and a Bachelor of Applied Science in culinary and food science.

Cincinnati State President, Dr. Monica Posey, said the need for these skills in the workplace has been statistically proven.

"It is really about employer needs. We talked to many companies, especially in land surveying that there is increased demand and it is highly technical," Posey said. "Individuals are retiring and we need an inflow of new employees and new trained people. They are very much so supported."

A bachelor's degree is required for licensure as a professional land surveyor per Ohio revised code -- but there is no current degree offered in southwest Ohio.

Cincinnati State already had an associate's degree program.

Land surveying skills are in demand. Fifty-four percent of currently licensed land surveyors earn between \$80,000 and \$100,000 per year.

There are no universities within 100 miles of Cincinnati State offering a bachelor of food science program.

"We currently offer an associate degree in culinary arts and students learn how to be a chef, work for manufacturing companies, but there is another level of education we can provide, where they can complete a bachelor's and have more in-depth chemistry for science experience," Posey said. "They can work for food manufacturers, labor companies. It is going to be great. Our mission is to be affordable and open access which means that we look at individual background. We work to place them in the right courses. But we work very hard to keep our tuition low."

Sinclair Community College in Dayton and Lorain Community college in Elyria also received program approvals.

The applied bachelor's degree program applications can move on to the Higher Learning Commission for consideration. The programs will need to have HLC approval before they can be offered at Cincinnati State.