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**ADOPTED – BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508
DECEMBER 11, 2014**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508
COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS**

**RESOLUTION
APPLICATION FOR NEW PROGRAMS
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT
ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE (A.A.S.) DEGREE
MALCOLM X COLLEGE
OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

WHEREAS, new educational programs require approval of the Board of Trustees of Community College District 508, the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) and the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE);

WHEREAS, an application for approval for a new College to Careers program, comprising an Associate of Applied Science Degree Program for Occupational Therapy Assistant at Malcolm X College, has been received and has been appropriately reviewed for submission; and

WHEREAS, the industry for Health and Therapeutic Services includes multiple career paths and employment opportunities, which includes occupations such Occupational Therapy Assistants, Occupational Therapy Aides and Occupational Therapists. The Healthcare industry is experiencing growth in the number of technicians and assistants utilized in the delivery of patient care or support services. Additionally, as concerns about cost containment in healthcare expand, the role of technicians and assistants continues to expand as they offer alternatives to more expensive providers of care. This program is designed to provide students with the instructional training needed for entry-level positions in hospitals and other healthcare facilities where operative procedures are performed or where physicians and surgeons are employed. Employment of occupational therapy assistants and aides is projected to grow 41 percent from 2012 to 2022, much faster than the average for all occupations. Occupational Therapy will continue to be an important part of treatment for people with various illnesses and disabilities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Community College District No 508, Cook County and State of Illinois, hereby approves the submission of this program for permanent approval by the Illinois Community College Board and Illinois Board of Higher Education.

December 11, 2014 – Office of Academic Affairs