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 new College to Careers programs, comprising a Basic Certificate Program (BC) for Pharmacy Technology at Malcolm X College, has been received and has been appropriately reviewed for submission;

WHEREAS, a review of labor market data suggests a positive employment outlook with more than 100 annual job openings projected over a 10-year time period. 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. The industry for Health and Therapeutic Services includes multiple career paths and employment opportunities, which includes occupations such as Pharmacy Technicians, Pharmacists, Pharmacologist and Pharmaceutical Chemist. The Healthcare industry is experiencing growth in the number of technicians and assistants utilized in the delivery of patient care or support services, and additionally, as concerns about cost containment in healthcare grow, the role of technicians, technologists and assistants continue to expand as they offer alternatives to more expensive providers of care; and

WHEREAS, the Basic Certificate in Pharmacy Technology will be the first component of a stackable Pharmacy Technology curriculum sequence leading to an Advanced Certificate and an Associate of Applied Science;

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 these programs for permanent approval by the Illinois Community College Board and Illinois Board of Higher Education.