RESOLUTION
APPLICATION FOR NEW PROGRAMS
CPA PREPARATION POST BACCALAUREATE ADVANCED CERTIFICATE
HAROLD WASHINGTON 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 of the CPA Preparation Post Baccalaureate Basic Certificate at Harold Washington College, has been received and has been appropriately reviewed by members of the Joint Curriculum Development Committee for submission; and

WHEREAS, the Business Accounting field affords multiple career paths and employment opportunities, which include occupations such as auditors, controllers, tax preparers, public accountants, and financial consultants. This program provides a structure to ensure that the 30 credit hours in accounting will cover topics and areas on the exam developed in collaboration with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). This Advanced Post Baccalaureate Certificate is designed to provide business school graduate students with the preparation and the required number of accounting credits necessary to sit for the CPA examination in the state of Illinois, and it is based upon the content and knowledge provided by the AICPA (CSO). The AICPA updates the Content Skill and Knowledge on a yearly basis after the rules, principles and procedures are promulgated. An annual review will update course materials. There is an articulation occurring with Loyola University and DePaul University Masters Programs, currently having between 5 and 6 students fulfilling undergraduate accounting and business courses in order to enroll in Master Programs at nearby universities. The Illinois CPA society has been a community partner with Harold Washington College, and the projected Cook County openings for accountants and auditors in the area is 904 per year for the next 10 years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 508, County of Cook 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.

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