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ADOPTED – BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508
AUGUST 4, 2016

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

RESOLUTION

APPLICATION FOR NEW PROGRAMS

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

**ASSOCIATE APPLIED SCIENCE (AAS), ADVANCED CERTIFICATE (AC), AND BASIC
CERTIFICATE (BC)**

OFFICE OF STRATEGY AND ACADEMIC GOVERNANCE

MALCOLM X COLLEGE

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 a stackable sequence (Associate of Applied Science, Advanced Certificate, and Basic Certificate) of Health Information Technology programs at Malcolm X College, has been received and has been appropriately reviewed for submission. The Basic Certificate is designed to stack into the Advanced Certificate which stacks into the Associate of Applied Science program; and

WHEREAS, the industry for Health Information Technology includes multiple career path and employment opportunities, which includes occupations such as medical billers, medical coders, medical records technicians, health information technicians, insurance billing specialists, medical records manager, and adjusters. Professionals in the field find employment opportunities in a variety of healthcare facilities including hospitals, clinics, private physician offices, clearinghouses, research centers, and skilled nursing facilities. This field is expected to continue to grow as the demand for health services is expected to increase as the population ages. Research at each level of education shows the following trends in employment, based on credentials:

- A. At the Basic Certificate (BC) level, there are projected to be approximately 127 average annual openings for medical records technicians in Cook County with 11% projected growth for the occupation between 2015-2024.
- B. At the Advanced Certificate (AC) level, there are projected to be approximately 127 average annual openings for health information technicians in Cook County with 11% projected growth for the occupation between 2015-2024.

- C. At the Associate's Degree (AAS) level, there are projected to be approximately 227 average annual openings for medical and health service managers in Cook County with 11% projected growth for the occupation between 2015-2024;

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.

August 4, 2016 – Office of Strategy and Academic Governance