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ADOPTED – BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO.
508 AUGUST 5, 2021

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

**RESOLUTION
APPLICATION FOR NEW PROGRAMS
BASIC CERTIFICATE CANNABIS PROCESSING TECHNICIAN
OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS
OLIVE-HARVEY COLLEGE AND WILBUR WRIGHT COLLEGE**

WHEREAS, new educational programs require approval of the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 508, the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) and the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE); and

WHEREAS, Olive-Harvey College is developing an Urban Agriculture Department to serve as Chicago’s leading partner for cannabis and urban agriculture education and a gateway to careers in the cannabis industry; and

WHEREAS, an application for approval of the City Colleges of Chicago Basic Certificate, Cannabis Processing Technician, Olive-Harvey College and Wilbur Wright College is under review by the Joint Curriculum Development Council for submission; and

WHEREAS, the Cannabis Processing Technician Program will prepare students for employment as processing technicians, growers, trimmers, lab technicians, quality control, concentrate processors, and packagers with a Basic Certificate from City Colleges of Chicago, and a field practicum with industry partners; and

WHEREAS, labor market data shows strong demand for Cannabis Processing technicians in Cook County, with over 100 new licenses being released in Illinois in 2021, there will be thousands of positions opening up in the next two years. These positions pay \$16-\$19 per hour (Indeed, June 2021).

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 this program for permanent approval by the Illinois Community College Board, pending completion of Proposed Academic Curriculum Changes (PACC) process per Academic Policy 9.02.

August 5, 2021– Office of Academic and Student Affairs