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

### RESOLUTION APPLICATION FOR NEW PROGRAMS ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE IN BIOTECHNOLOGY THE OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS KENNEDY-KING 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); and

**WHEREAS**, an application for approval of the City Colleges of Chicago Biotechnology Associate in Applied Science (AAS) degree for Kennedy-King College has been received and is under review by the Joint Curriculum Development Council for submission; and

**WHEREAS**, Kennedy-King College received a grant in 2021 from the National Science Foundation for Developing a Biotechnology Degree Program to Train Skilled Biotechnicians in Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, the Biotechnology AAS will prepare students for employment as entry-level biotechnologists, including jobs as Biological Technicians, Food Science Technicians, Environmental Science Technicians, and Clinical Laboratory Technologists and Technicians. The Program also prepares students for specialized jobs in the drug and pharmaceutical industry. The Program further will provide additional educational support to City Colleges students in related programs; and

**WHEREAS**, labor market data shows strong demand for biological technicians in Cook County, with 127 annual openings (Lightcast Q4 2022). This number is expected to increase within the next ten years based on the pharmaceutical industry development and work in research universities, including three major institutions in Cook County. The entry-level salary for biological technicians in Cook County is \$35,916.

**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 and Illinois Board of Higher Education, pending completion of Proposed Academic Curriculum Changes (PACC) process per Academic Policy 9.02.

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