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COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508
FEBRUARY 1, 2024

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

APPLICATION FOR NEW PROGRAMS
SOCIAL SERVICE FAMILY SPECIALIST BASIC CERTIFICATE
SOCIAL SERVICE FAMILY SPECIALIST ADVANCED CERTIFICATE
YOUTH SERVICES BASIC CERTIFICATE
THE OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS
KENNEDY-KING COLLEGE COLLEGE

WHEREAS, new educational programs require approval of the Board of Trustees of Community College District 508, the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB); and

WHEREAS, an application for approval of the City Colleges of Chicago Social Services Family Specialist Advanced and Basic Certificate and the Youth Services Basic Certificate has been received and are under review by the Joint Curriculum Development Council for submission; and

WHEREAS, the Social Services Family Specialist Advanced & Basic Certificates and the Youth Services Basic Certificate at Kennedy-King College, along with the existing Associate in Applied Science Degree and Associate in Arts transfer pathway in Social Work, will allow students to earn stackable credentials that align with recent changes to state certification requirements and allow students to receive the necessary training to earn the Family Specialist Credential through the Illinois Network of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (INCRRAA); and prepares students for the increase employment projections for Youth Workers in Illinois.); and

WHEREAS, all currently employed family support specialists and home visitors serving children birth to five are required by the Department of Family Support Services (DFSS) to have the Family Specialist Credential by 2024; and

WHEREAS, labor market data shows strong and growing demand for Social and Human Services Assistants, with a projected 937 average annual openings over the next ten years, with median annual earnings of \$42,232 (Lightcast 2023 Q4).

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

February 1, 2024 – The Office of Academic and Student Affairs