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**COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508**  
**DECEMBER 4, 2025**

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

**RESOLUTION**  
**APPLICATION FOR NEW PROGRAMS**  
**ENTREPRENEURSHIP ADVANCED CERTIFICATE AND ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE**  
**THE OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**  
**DISTRICT-WIDE**

**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 Advanced Certificate and Associate in Applied Science in Entrepreneurship for City Colleges of Chicago has been received and is under review by the Joint Curriculum Development Council for submission; and

**WHEREAS**, the Entrepreneurship programs will provide students with hands-on training to develop, launch, and manage new business ventures and innovations within existing organizations. Programs will equip students with the practical knowledge and skills to assess market opportunities, develop business plans, secure funding, manage operations, and apply digital and social media tools for growth and sustainability; and

**WHEREAS**, labor market data shows strong and growing demand for entrepreneurial and small business management skills across multiple industries, with employment in related occupations, such as Small Business Owners, Sales Managers, Marketing Specialists, and Business Operations Managers, projected to grow by approximately 6% over the next decade, representing more than 9,000 annual openings in Cook County, with median annual wages ranging from \$63,000 to \$85,000.

**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.

**December 4, 2025 – The Office of Academic and Student Affairs**