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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, ADVANCED CERTIFICATE, AND BASIC CERTIFICATE IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT: EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION ADVANCED CERTIFICATE IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT: INFANT/TODDLER OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS WILBUR WRIGHT 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 Child Development: Early Child Education Associate in Applied Science, Advanced Certificate, and Basic Certificate, as well as the Child Development: Infant/Toddler Advanced Certificate at Wilbur Wright College has been received and is under review by the Joint Curriculum Development Council for submission; and

WHEREAS, an application for approval of the City Colleges of Chicago Child Development: Early Child Education Programs at Wilbur Wright College to provide students with foundational knowledge and practical skills to support entry-level employment in early childhood education settings as well as supporting the professional development of current early childhood educators by offering stackable credentials and pathways toward career advancement, including opportunities to pursue lead teacher roles, site supervision, or further education in teacher licensure programs; and

WHEREAS, labor market data shows strong demand for early childhood educators, with 4,082 annual openings in Cook County in 2025, with projected growth of 2% over the next 10 years as well as entry-level wages of \$23,503 to \$33,113.

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 – Office of Academic Affairs