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ADOPTED – BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508
OCTOBER 9, 2025

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

RESOLUTION
APPLICATION FOR NEW PROGRAMS
DATA CENTER OPERATIONS ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY BASIC CERTIFICATE,
ADVANCED CERTIFICATE AND ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE
OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
RICHARD J. DALEY 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 Basic Certificate, Advanced Certificate, and Associate in Applied Science Data Center Operations Engineering Technology has been received and is under review by the Joint Curriculum Development Council for submission; and

WHEREAS, the Data Center Operations Engineering Technology programs at Richard J. Daley College will provide students with hands-on training in critical systems such as HVAC, electrical distribution, backup power, and structured cabling—skills that are essential for maintaining uptime and operational integrity in modern data centers; and

WHEREAS, labor market data shows strong demand for electro-mechanical, and electrical and electronic engineering technologists and technicians, and computer network support specialists with 293 projected annual openings in Cook County over the next 10 years, as well as entry-level wages between \$50,000 and \$60,000 annually.

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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