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ADOPTED – BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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
BASIC CERTIFICATE IN CANNABIS DISPENSARY OPERATIONS SPECIALIST
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 City Colleges of Chicago Cannabis Dispensary Operations Specialist, Basic Certificate has been received and is under review by the Joint Curriculum Development Council for submission; and

WHEREAS, the Cannabis Dispensary Operations Specialist Basic Certificate at Wilbur Wright College is designed to prepare students for employment in Illinois' regulated cannabis industry, specifically in licensed dispensary settings. The program equips students with essential knowledge of state compliance, customer service, inventory management, and product handling. Through targeted coursework and hands-on learning, students will gain the competencies needed to support safe and legal cannabis distribution, positioning them for entry-level roles such as dispensary associate or inventory specialist. This program reflects Wright College's commitment to aligning academic offerings with emerging workforce needs and industry standards; and

WHEREAS, labor market data shows strong demand for dispensing organization roles, with 1,688 total job postings for Cook County from June 2024 - June 2025, as well as median wages of \$21.11/hr.

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, pending completion of Proposed Academic Curriculum Changes (PACC) process per Academic Policy 9.02.

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