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**ADOPTED – BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508**  
**APRIL 2, 2026**

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

**RESOLUTION**  
**APPLICATION FOR NEW PROGRAMS**  
**ADVANCED CERTIFICATE IN SURGICAL FIRST ASSISTANT**  
**THE OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**  
**MALCOLM X 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 Advanced Certificate in Surgical First Assistant has been received and is under review by the Joint Curriculum Development Council for submission; and

**WHEREAS**, the Advanced Certificate in Surgical First Assistant at Malcolm X College will prepare a diverse population of credentialed Certified Surgical Technologists (CST) with the necessary knowledge and skills to secure employment as a surgical First Assistant in a variety of healthcare settings where surgical procedures are performed; and

**WHEREAS**, labor market data shows strong demand for Surgical First Assistants, with 560 annual openings in Cook County in 2025, with projected growth of 2.4% over the next 10 years as well as entry-level wages of \$61,655 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, pending completion of Proposed Academic Curriculum Changes (PACC) process per Academic Policy 9.02.

**April 2, 2026 – Office of Academic Affairs**