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HIGHER LEARNING COMMISSION CHANGE REQUEST TO ADD A CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Higher Learning Commission Liaison:

INSTITUTION:	Northwest Technical College
	905 Grant Ave SE
	Bemidji, MN 56601
CONTACT:	
PROGRAM NAME:	
AWARD TYPE	
(Certificate or	
Diploma):	

Northwest Technical College requests approval for the above-listed program. This program meets all six criteria for programs needing Higher Learning Commission Approval:

- 1. The certificate or degree program is freestanding and does not require enrollment in a concurrent degree program.
- 2. The courses are credit-bearing.
- 3. The courses are at any degree level or at the pre-associate's degree level.
- 4. 50 percent of more of the courses supporting the program have been developed for the certificate or diploma program, and are not drawn from those courses supporting an existing degree program or a previously-approved certificate or diploma program; and
- 5. The certificate/diploma program is Title IV eligible (eligible for financial aid).

The following information supports our request:

- 1. Briefly describe the nature of the certificate program. ("Certificate" includes diplomas.)
- 2. Briefly describe any contractual or cooperative agreements associated with the certificate program. (NOTE: If NTC is partnering or contracting with a corporation or institution either not accredited or accredited by an agency not recognized by the U.S. Department of Education to offer a percentage of the academic content, including course content, instructional design, academic services or related aspects, the application must identify the information or services provided by the entity and the percentage or portion of the educational program the entity is providing.)
- 3. Briefly describe the necessary qualifications of the faculty teaching in this certificate program. How are these qualifications being met with new or additional faculty?
- 4. Briefly describe the processes for the assessment of student learning, including development and measurement of learning objectives and continuous quality improvement.

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- 5. Briefly describe the processes to ensure academic control of the program, such as admission, program content and quality.
- 6. List the courses that make up the certificate and specify the number of credits to be earned in each course.

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