Collin’s 2014 Texas Core is Approved!

Congratulations! The Collin College 2014 Core Curriculum has been approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB). With one exception, the courses were all approved as submitted. The course selection process and the core assessment process also received the stamp of approval!

Unfortunately, despite the excellent work done by the discipline faculty and the support of CAB, administration and the Collin College Board of Trustees, the PHED courses were denied approval. See the Curriculum Office intranet home page for a complete posting of Collin’s approved 2014 Texas Core.

The new core curriculum will be in effect for all incoming students beginning in fall of 2014. The THECB website (http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/CoreCurriculumSearch) will provide a list of the core curriculum for all Texas state institutions beginning on March 1, 2014.

Existing core curricula for students currently enrolled and completing their core courses will continue to be posted at http://statecore.its.txstate.edu through May, 2019.

Curriculum Office staff are busily integrating and updating the new core information in all catalog postings and in the 2014-2015 catalog pdf. These efforts are critical for a smooth transition to the new core for students, faculty and staff.

The THECB core approval notification letter emphasized that no changes or alterations to the 2014 Core Curriculum may be made. In the future, Collin College may submit a single, comprehensive list of proposed core changes annually. If the submission is received by the THECB prior to March 1 of a given calendar year, any approved changes will be effective for the fall term of that year.

Review and Update Department and Discipline Materials

Now is the time to review and update department and discipline materials that reference the core. Where appropriate, please note that students enrolled prior to fall, 2014, will have the option to complete according to the pre-2014 core.

60 SCH Degree Plans Due to THECB by December 2014

Workforce faculty and directors are reviewing and revising their program curriculum to meet the new 60 Semester Credit Hours (SCHs) limit. In order to move the revised degree plans through all the necessary approval processes, revisions need to be submitted to the Curriculum Advisory Board (CAB) no later than October, 2014.

Each revised degree plan submitted to CAB must be accompanied by a table mapping program outcomes to courses. Ideally, every program outcome will be supported by two or more courses, and every course will support one or more program outcomes.

The Workforce General Education Task Force is currently reviewing the 15-SCH general education requirements for workforce degrees. This review will determine what changes may be made to general education courses within each workforce program. The committee expects to make its final recommendation by March, 2014.

The Curriculum Office is ready to assist with these program revisions. The sooner programs come to CAB, the easier the transition will be for everyone!

The 60-SCH workforce degree changes are required to take effect in fall, 2015.