

**283—15.6(256) Determination of programs of study aligned with high-demand jobs.**

**15.6(1)** *Statewide high-demand jobs.* The commission will utilize the department of workforce development's most recent list of statewide high-demand jobs pursuant to Iowa Code section 84A.1B(14) and align those jobs to eligible programs of study.

**15.6(2)** *Regional high-demand jobs.* The commission will request submissions of regional high-demand jobs that align with eligible programs of study from each Iowa community college. Each Iowa community college may request up to five regional high-demand jobs to be considered for approval for students at that Iowa community college.

**15.6(3)** *Eligible programs of study.* The eligible institution will offer a career and technical education program of study that results in a credential that is aligned with employment in a high-demand job. The eligible program of study will meet similar criteria established for career and technical education programs approved under 281—Chapter 21. The classification of the instructional program code and the standard occupation code will be used to align eligible programs of study to high-demand jobs.

**15.6(4)** *Approved program.* Before an eligible program of study is considered an approved program of study, the department of workforce development and the commission, in consultation with the department of education, will jointly certify that the program of study and credential are aligned with a high-demand job pursuant to Iowa Code section 84A.1B(14).

**15.6(5)** *Grandfather clause.* If the state workforce development board or a community college district removes a high-demand job from the approved list, an eligible applicant who received an award in a program of study aligned with that high-demand job will continue to receive the award as long as the eligible applicant continues to meet all other eligibility criteria.

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