

**Los Angeles Regional Consortium
Program Recommendation Minutes**

February 16, 2023

8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Zoom Meeting

<https://pasadena-edu.zoom.us/j/99493008099>

Voting Members Present:

- Nick Real, Cerritos College
- Terry Adams (alternate), Citrus College
- Lynell Wiggins (alternate), Compton College
- Kendra Madrid, East LA College
- David Gonzales, El Camino College
- Freddy Saucedo, Glendale Community College
- Dr. Armando Rivera-Figueroa, LA City College
- Dr. Chelvi Subramaniam (alternate), LA Harbor College
- Marla Uliana, LA Mission College
- Mon Khat, LA Pierce College
- Laura Perez, LA Southwest College
- Dr. Marcia Wilson, LA Trade-Tech College
- Dr. Laurie Nalepa, LA Valley College
- Anthony Pagan (alternate), Long Beach City College
- Jennifer Galbraith, Mt. San Antonio College
- Dr. Armine Derdarian, Pasadena City College
- Bruce Noble (alternate), Rio Hondo College
- Tiffany Miller, West LA College

I. Call to Order

The Los Angeles Regional Consortium (LARC) Workforce Council Business Meeting was called to order at 8:34 a.m. by Dr. Narineh Makijan, Los Angeles Regional Consortium (LARC) Chair & AVP, Pasadena City College.

II. LA Workforce Council Roll Call

The roll call was completed by Gray Rakow, Administrative Assistant, LARC, Pasadena City College. They confirmed that a quorum of participating members was present.

III. Approval of Previous Month’s Minutes

- a. Minutes from the January 19, 2022, LARC Meeting

Motion: Marla Uliana, LA Mission College
No abstentions.

Second: Kendra Madrid, East LA College

Approved: Yes No

IV. Informational Items.....Dr. Narineh Makijan

- a. Program Data Requests

Jennifer Galbraith asked that the Speech and Language Pathology Assistant Program data request be moved from the College/District Program Review category to the New Program category. The edit was made on the minutes.

Program Title	TOP Code	College	Contact
<i>New Program (Regional Program Recommendation)</i>			
1. Social Media (A.A. Degree, A.S. Degree, Certificate)	0614.00 Digital Media	Compton College	Lynell Wiggins lwiggins@compton.edu
2. Cell and Gene Therapy Technician (Certificate)	0430.00 Biotechnology and Biomedical Technology	LA Mission College	Chander Arora aroracp@lamission.edu
3. Limited Permit X-ray Technician (Certificate)	1225.00 Radiologic Technology	Long Beach City College	Gene Carbonaro gcarbonaro@lbcc.edu
4. Speech and Language Pathology Assistant Program (A.S. Degree)	1220.00 Speech/Language Pathology and Audiology	Mt. San Antonio College	Valentina Gaete vgaete@mtsac.edu
5. Cybersecurity Essentials (Associate Degree & Certificate)	0708.10 Computer Networking	West LA College	Anna Chiang Chiangas@wlac.edu
6. Data Analytics (Certificate)	0702.00 Computer Information Systems	West LA College	Anna Chiang Chiangas@wlac.edu
7. Data Science (Certificate)	0707.00 Computer Software Development	West LA College	Anna Chiang Chiangas@wlac.edu
<i>Existing Low-Unit, Local Certificate for State Chaptering</i>			
8. Basic Police Academy Preparation (Certificate)	2105.00 Administration of Justice	LA Mission College	Kelly Enos enoskw@lamission.edu

9. Crime Scene Technology (Certificate)	2105.40 Forensics, Evidence and Investigation	LA Mission College	Kelly Enos enoskw@lamission.edu
<i>College/District Program Review</i>			
10. Computer Programming (A.S. Degree)	0707.10 Computer Programming	Mt. San Antonio College	Barry Andrews bandrews@mtsac.edu
<i>Program Modification (Substantial Change)</i>			
11. Library Technician (A.A. Degree, Certificate)	1602.00 Library Technician (Aide)	Long Beach City College	Gene Carbonaro gcarbonaro@lbcc.edu
12. Accounting (A.A. Degree, Certificate)	0502.00 Accounting	West LA College	Jason Liberande libranjr@wlac.edu
13. Business (A.A. Degree, Certificate)	0501.00 Business and Commerce, General	West LA College	Jason Liberande libranjr@wlac.edu
14. Fire Technology (A.S. Degree, Certificate)	2133.00 Fire Technology	West LA College	Jason Liberande libranjr@wlac.edu
15. Hospitality (A.A. Degree)	1307.00 Hospitality	West LA College	Jason Liberande libranjr@wlac.edu
16. Hospitality Event and Convention Planning (Certificate)	1307.00 Hospitality	West LA College	Jason Liberande libranjr@wlac.edu

V. Action Items..... Dr. Narineh Makijan

a. [Program Recommendation](#)

Motion: Marla Uliana, LA Mission College
No abstentions.

Second: Dr. Marcia Wilson, LA Trade-Tech College Recommended: Yes No

Luke Meyer asked that the TOP code for the Cybersecurity Essentials program be updated from 0708.00 to 0708.10. The edit was made to the minutes.

Program Title	TOP Code	College	Contact	Type of LMI Endorsement	LMI Criteria			Emerging*
					Supply Gap	Living Wage	Ed Atmnt	
1. A.A. Degree: Automotive Collision Repair Structural Damage	0949.00	Cerritos College	Nick Real yreal@cerritos.edu	ES	Y	N	Y	N
2. Certificate of Achievement: Automotive Collision Repair Structural Damage Certificate	0949.00	Cerritos College	Nick Real yreal@cerritos.edu	ES	Y	N	Y	N
3. Certificate of Achievement: Automotive Multi-Coat and Custom Paint	0949.00	Cerritos College	Nick Real yreal@cerritos.edu	ES	Y	N	Y	N
4. Certificate of Achievement: Aides, Assistants and Caregivers	1309.00	Long Beach City College	Gene Carbonaro gcarbonaro@lbcc.edu	EA	Y	Y	Y	N
5. Certificate of Achievement: Family Violence Specialist	2104.00	Long Beach City College	Gene Carbonaro gcarbonaro@lbcc.edu	EA	Y	Y	Y	N
6. Certificate of Achievement: Cybersecurity Essentials	0708.10	West LA College	Tiffany Miller millerts@wlacl.edu	EA	Y	Y	Y	N

Key	
EA = Endorsed: All Criteria Met	Y = Yes
ES = Endorsed: Some Criteria Met	N = No
NE = Not endorsed	* Emerging denotes there are gaps in the traditional labor market information.
PA = Pre-approved	

b. [Modified Programs](#)

Motion: Jennifer Galbraith, Mt. San Antonio College
No abstentions.

Second: Lynell Wiggins, Compton College

Recommended: Yes No

Bruce Noble asked for clarification regarding why the modified programs were not stackable. He wondered if someone would be able to be employed with the current number of units, or if the additional units were necessary for employment. Sheri Galvanized, a faculty member at Long Beach City College, informed the council that the additional educational units required for a student pursuing an A.A. degree would need to take that number of units regardless. Bruce clarified that he hoped to learn why the changes were being made if students were already employable at the current unit number. He noted that the change would make sense if it were amplifying the program. Sheri noted that the certificate and degree would provide a competitive edge for students looking for jobs. Luke added that target occupations in social work at the community college level were more accurately social work assistants and other similar roles. Those pursuing those positions would be bumped up in priority with a certificate while looking for a job. Typically, social work positions required more education (bachelors or masters).

Jennifer Galbraith asked if the certificate used to have three (3) optional courses that were then being required. Sheri confirmed that the degree and certificate had initially had three (3) required courses and the option to pick three (3) courses from the list of six (6) optional courses. Participants in the program would now have a list of all required courses to complete the degree or certificate. Sheri noted that many participants were people currently employed who were returning to school to increase their knowledge base. They wanted to think of both students who were brand new to the field and those currently employed in the field. Lynell Wiggins asked if all the units were transferable. Sheri noted that not all of them would be transferable. She further clarified that the courses had been optional so that students could select a population to focus on in their studies (e.g., domestic violence, people with disabilities, conflict resolution). By taking all the classes, students would have a well-rounded understanding of the various populations with whom they would be working in the field. There would be pros and cons to both ways of structuring the program. Lynell noted his appreciation for the model. Compton College had a social services pre-apprenticeship program, and the mapping of Long Beach City College was a great model for colleges who did not have the next connecting point. Sheri noted that many of the people in the program plan to transfer to university to pursue further education. The degree and certificate would make them more competitive applicants for transferring. Dr. Makijan thanked Sheri for participating in the call.

1. [A.A. Degree: Social Work](#), Long Beach City College

- Program name
- The Social Work program is updating the Social Work A.A. Degree and Certificate of Achievement to require 27 units instead of 18. No new classes are being added; instead, students will be required to take three classes that were previously optional

2. [Certificate of Achievement: Social Work](#), Long Beach City College

- Program name
- The Social Work program is updating the Social Work A.A. Degree and Certificate of Achievement to require 27 units instead of 18. No new classes are being added; instead, students will be required to take three classes that were previously optional

VI. Action Item.....Dr. Narineh Makijan

a. Approval of Minutes Reflecting Today's Program Recommendation Vote

Motion: Dr. Marcia Wilson, LA Trade-Tech College Second: Jennifer Galbraith, Mt. San Antonio College Approved: Yes No
No abstentions.