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‘Teach Tech’ bachelor’s degree approved

A new bachelor’s degree in Professional Technical Teacher Education will be offered by South Seattle Community College in the fall of 2013. The new “Teach Tech” degree was approved December 6 by the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges.

Associate-degree holders who work in professional-technical fields – such welding or construction – will be able to earn a bachelor’s degree and teaching credential in workforce education, and then teach their trade at a community or technical college or corporation.

It requires years of hands-on experience and expertise to teach professional-technical programs at a community or technical college. The new four-year degree at South Seattle will boost a candidate’s qualifications and increase the quality of instruction for students.

Applied bachelor’s degrees are practical, career-oriented degrees designed to meet the needs of the economy in specific high-demand occupations. They take two-year professional-technical degrees and add on junior and senior levels. The degrees can vary from a two-year management track on top of a two-year technical education, or they can be a continuation of a technical degree.

South Seattle Community College was one of the original four pilot colleges to offer a bachelor’s of applied science degree, and has attained baccalaureate level accreditation from the Northwest Commission of Colleges and Universities.

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