

Technical Degree/Certificate Educational Guarantee (500.19)

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Illinois Eastern Community Colleges, hereinafter referred to as "IECC," as an expression of confidence in the faculty and staff and as a commitment to its students, shall guarantee to the public the educational effectiveness of its technical programs of instruction.

IECC shall guarantee that students graduating with an Associate of Applied Science Degree or Certificate, or upon completion of all program requirements of an occupational program, be guaranteed competency in the technical skills represented in the degree program. Should the student be unable to demonstrate the basic skills expected to his/her employer, the student will be offered additional IECC training, not to exceed fifteen (15) credit hours, subject to the following criteria:

1. The application for additional training at no cost to the student must be submitted within one (1) calendar year of graduation or completion of program requirements for an Associate in Applied Science Degree or Certificate from IECC;
2. The course must have been completed with a grade of "C" or better and the student must have graduated or completed all program requirements within three (3) years of initial program enrollment at IECC;
3. The student must be employed full-time in a job directly related to his/her program of study within one (1) year of graduation or completion of all program requirements from the approved program at IECC;
4. The employer must verify in writing within ninety (90) days of the graduate's initial employment that the graduate lacks competency in specific technical skills, as represented in the degree program;
5. Specific competencies must be identified and verified by the employer in written documentation submitted to IECC;
6. The retraining shall be limited to courses regularly offered by IECC and completed within one (1) calendar year;
7. A written retraining plan must be developed by the employer, the graduate and the appropriate IECC Dean specifying the courses needed and all other costs that might be associated with taking the course;
8. The Board of Trustees will waive tuition, lab, activity, maintenance, and facilities fees for those courses identified in the retraining plan, but the student shall be responsible for all other costs that might be associated with taking the course(s); and,
9. In the case of licensure, the student must attempt to pass the licensure exam at least two (2) times within fourteen (14) months of graduation and submit documentation from the licensing entity of the unsuccessful attempts at passing the licensure exam. This guarantee entitles the student to a maximum of fifteen (15) semester hours of IECC instruction regardless of the number of times the test is taken or failed. However, no guarantee is made that the student will meet other educational licensure requirements.

Furthermore, the sole recourse available to participants enrolled pursuant to this guarantee shall be limited to fifteen (15) credit hours of additional IECC training, with no recourse for damages, court costs, or any associated costs of any kind or right to appeal beyond those specified by Illinois Eastern Community Colleges. This guarantee is given in lieu of any other guarantee expressed or implied.