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Mark Wilson, Director
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Dear Mr. Wilson:

We are formally requesting a program name change for our Programming/Application Development program and our Programming and Computer Networking program to an all-inclusive name "Computer Science". We would like to combine these programs under one umbrella to include both degree and diploma specialty options. The following is the proposed structure for Computer Science:

Computer Science – AAS or Diploma
Network Administration & Security
Programming and Application Development

The new system would allow for our students to either obtain an AAS or a diploma in Computer Science with a specialty in either Network Administration & Security or Programming & Application Development.

For reporting purposes the specialties would use the same CIP code of 11.0901. This method will help WDT with overall retention figures as many of our students who change programs tend to stay within the computer arena but switch from programming to networking or vice versa. The change will also bring these programs into a more unified structure.

If you have any questions concerning this request, please contact me at cathy.anderson@wdt.edu.

Sincerely,

Dr. Cathy Anderson, Vice President
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Mission

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