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**Attachments: WTCS ESM 2026 0331; WTCS Credential Credit Range Rules 2026 0330**

## Notes for the March 2026 release:

### ESM Chapters

#### **Chapter 3 Creating a New Program:**

- Modernized career cluster list and associated CCP Portal codes forecasted for implementation FY26-27 (p.28).

#### **Chapter 4 Creating Embedded Technical Diploma and WTCS Pathway Certificates from Existing Approved Programs:**

- Formatting changes implemented for clarity and accessibility compliance.

#### **Chapter 6 Making Program Changes:**

- Removed all references to Form 6-5 Curriculum Modification; form has been retired for years.
- Updated the Program Discontinuance language to include information concerning the administrative discontinuance process and timelines.

#### **Chapter 7 Course Standards:**

- Tables updated for accessibility compliance.

#### **Chapter 15 Advanced Technical Certificates:**

- Removed paragraph referencing the old CCP Portal and aid code 11. Aid code 11 is included and available for use in the new CCP Portal. ATCs follow all standard program submission procedures as noted in Chapter 3.

### ESM Related Guidance

**WTCS Credential Credit Range Rules:** Document updated to better clarify and streamline General Education Core and Additional Requirements within the Associate of Arts (AA) and Associate of Science (AS) degrees. Document is attached to this email and also published on myWTCS under the [ESM Landing Page](#), Related Guidance section.

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