

# HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR CERTIFICATE PROGRAM REVIEW SUMMARY AND ACTIONABLE INSIGHTS



## A. Summary of Program Strengths

- Students clock in and out helps students learn accountability at work
- Instructors are viewed as an important resource for students
- Assesses students based on what they learn; it is a skilled based program, and it is important to learn how to use the equipment properly
- The size of the program is a strength to provide more attention to students
- Community and industry partnerships; brings in guest speakers to talk about real world applications
- Strong advisory committee
- Instructor is a strong mentor for other faculty at the CTE programs
- High completion rates for the program
- Current instructor has CDL endorsement
- ND CTE evaluation showed no recommendations.

## B. Summary of Program Challenges

- It is a seasonal program; at the whim of mother nature
- We need a new scraper; equipment is expensive and difficult to find
- Cost of technology can inhibit growth to keep up with current industry
- One person supervising many people on the equipment.

## C. Actionable Insights

- Instructor is looking for a scraper to purchase; the financial resources have been allocated
- A CDL certificate is planned for AY 2022-23 as a separate program of study.

## D. Program Action

- Retain program of study as is
- Expand program of study to another level, specialty, or delivery option
- Revise program of study to better meet the needs of students, current labor market or industry
- Consolidate program of study with another program
- Terminate program of study

## E. Institutional Support Needed and/or Committed to Carry Out Action

None indicated other than what has already been allocated.

## F. Follow Up

Follow Up Date: Academic Year 2026-2027

Next Full Review Year: Academic Year 2026-2027