

**Captive Curriculum Program Approval:**  
*Review of State Board of Community Colleges Policy*

The State Board of Community Colleges is asked to approve the following policy related to curriculum programming in the correctional setting:

*As long as a course/program is of appropriate quality and meets Southern Association of Colleges and Schools standards, it may be offered by a college in a correctional setting (if approved by the State Board of Community Colleges for the facility) even if the college does not offer the course/program on campus.*

**Implications:**

- Approval of the above statement will **reinstate** a policy originally approved by the State Board on September 16, 1994, as part of *A Plan for Appropriate Community College Education in North Carolina's Correctional Facilities*.
- Approval of the above statement will **supersede** the following policy statement that was amended and approved by the State Board on November 15, 2002:

*A college shall not offer any curriculum program in a captive/co-opted setting that the college does not have prior State Board of Community Colleges approval to offer to its on-campus student population.”*

- Approval of the above statement **does not negate** the requirement that colleges receive prior State Board approval for any instruction offered to students who are classified as captive/co-opted, per the North Carolina Administrative Code (NCAC) excerpted below:

*23 NCAC 02E .0403 INSTRUCTION TO CAPTIVE OR CO-OPTED GROUPS  
A college shall obtain State Board approval prior to providing instruction to students who are classified captive or co-opted. Captive or co-opted groups of students are defined as inmates in a correctional facility ...”*

*Note:* Additional information can be found in ATTACHMENT POL. 1 (For Information), State Board of Community Colleges agenda, March 14, 2008.