

## **1D SBCCC 400.6 Curriculum Program Approvals and Terminations**

(a) Curriculum Program Approvals. Community colleges shall issue degrees, diplomas, and certificates to individuals who satisfactorily complete course and program requirements.

(1) The approval of a college to award the associate degree, diploma, or certificate shall be by individual curriculum program title. The State Board shall grant a college the approval to award the associate in applied science degree, diploma, or certificate when the college has provided the following:

(A) Evidence that the program will provide graduates with opportunities for employment;

(B) Local board of trustees' signed certification of the following:

(i) The program will enhance the workforce of North Carolina;

(ii) The program will provide educational and training opportunities consistent with the mission of the college, and will not duplicate the opportunities currently offered;

(iii) The college has assessed the need for the program and the resources required to maintain a viable program;

(iv) The college can operate the program efficiently and effectively within the resources available to the college; and

(v) The college shall provide an Accountability Report consistent with 1D SBCCC 400.6(a)(1)(J) to the State Board of Community Colleges three years after implementation of the program;

(C) Program of study which is in compliance with the curriculum standard of the proposed program;

(D) Local Board of Trustee meeting minutes documenting discussion and approval of addition of the program;

(E) Notification to all colleges of intent to apply for the program;

(F) Impact assessment of program addition;

(G) Resolution of any negative impact assessments from colleges approved to offer the same or similar programs in a contiguous service area or any colleges with the same or similar programs which contain a clinical site;

- (H) The application signed by the college president and the chairman of the college's board of trustees upon authority of the full board of trustees.
  - (I) The President of the North Carolina Community College System shall recommend action on the college's curriculum program application to the State Board of Community Colleges.
  - (J) An Accountability Report documenting student enrollment, completion rates, employment and program outlook shall be provided to the State Board of Community Colleges three years after implementation of the program.
- (2) The State Board shall grant a college the approval to award the Associate in Engineering program when a college has provided the following:
- (A) Local Board of Trustees' signed certification that:
    - (i) The program will enhance the workforce of North Carolina;
    - (ii) The program will provide educational and training opportunities consistent with the mission of the college;
    - (iii) The college has assessed the need for the program and the facilities and resources required to maintain a viable program and can operate the program efficiently and effectively within the resources available to the college;
    - (iv) The college has evidence of sufficient student demand to offer the program; and
    - (v) The college will provide master's credentialed faculty for each course provided under the Associate in Engineering degree.
  - (B) Program of study which is in compliance with the Associate in Engineering curriculum standard.
  - (C) Local Board of Trustee meeting minutes documenting discussion and approval of addition of the Associate in Engineering degree.
- (3) Colleges shall obtain approval from the President of the North Carolina Community College System to add an associate in arts, associate in science, and associate in fine arts degrees, associate in general education, associate in general education nursing, health science: therapeutic and diagnostic services program majors, and the general occupational technology curriculum programs.

- (4) The State Board delegates to the President of the North Carolina Community College System the authority to grant a college the approval to award the associate degree, diploma, or certificate for program titles that have been approved for this delegation by the State Board of Community Colleges based upon a widespread immediate need for the job training and minimal impact upon other colleges.
- (5) The State Board delegates to the President of the North Carolina Community College System the authority to grant a college the approval to award a curriculum program which is classified as a concentration if the applying college already has approval to offer the parent program.
- (b) Curriculum Program Terminations. The college shall terminate a curriculum program when there has been no enrollment for two consecutive years or if the college has not offered the program or has not had enrollment in the program within two years of the date the program was approved by the State Board of Community Colleges. A college may request a one-year extension of a curriculum program upon justification of the potential for employment opportunities and student enrollment. Each college planning to terminate a curriculum program shall inform the President of the North Carolina Community College System by submitting a termination notice. The President of the North Carolina Community College System shall have the program removed from the college's program approval list. Program terminations shall be reported to the State Board of Community Colleges a minimum of twice a year.

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