

**Council on Postsecondary Education
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Academic Program Approval and Review Policies

The current policies concerning academic program approval and program review for public institutions date back to 1999. At that time, the Council replaced the policies of its predecessor organization, the Council on Higher Education.

It has been more than a decade since the policies related to academic programming have been reviewed, and the postsecondary environment has changed dramatically over the years. State-level policies are being reexamined in light of this changed landscape with the knowledge that:

- Program approval and program review policies must be connected to create a complementary and mutually reinforcing set of policies at the state level.
- Council and institutional policies must be complementary and mutually reinforcing in order to create a more coordinated approach to academic programming statewide.
- State and institutional policies should be grounded in best practices from around the country.

Council staff is working with representatives from each public university and the Kentucky Community and Technical College System to update these policies. The target date for Council review of these policies is early 2011.