Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board



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Tables of Programs and Mission Statements

The Coordinating Board keeps records of the Mission Statements and Tables of Programs of public institutions of higher education across the state and posts them on its public website.

As a result of changes to statute passed by the 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, the Coordinating Board is no longer charged with reviewing and approving Mission Statements and Tables of Programs every four years. If changes are needed to either the Table of Programs or Mission Statement, the institution must gain approval from its governing board before sending them to the Coordinating Board for recording and posting.

Mission Statement

The Mission Statement is the formal statement of the mission of an institution of a public university or health-related institution. The Mission Statement takes the form of a narrative that addresses the fundamental purpose of the institution with respect to its teaching, research, and public service responsibilities from a regional, state, and national perspective. Current Mission statements can be viewed here: http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/AAR/missions.cfm

When a Board of Regents approves a revised mission statement for an institution, that Board or the institution should send a copy of that revised statement to the division of Workforce, Academic Affairs and Research. There is no standard form for proposed changes to an institution's mission statement. Proposed changes to a mission statement should be submitted in the form of a letter to the Assistant Commissioner, along with documentation confirming Board of Regents approval.

Preliminary Planning Notification

Table of Programs

Following Board action on July 30, 2009, preliminary notifications from universities and health-related institutions need only be submitted for the following:

- · doctoral programs in any discipline and
- engineering (CIP code 14) programs at any level, i.e., bachelor's, master's, and doctoral.

Community and technical colleges authorized by the Legislature to offer baccalaureate programs must submit preliminary notification for such programs.

Any requested changes to the Table of Programs must be submitted through the online submission portal. Such requests may take the form of a letter to the Assistant Commissioner, and should include the title, degree designation, and CIP code of the degree program being planned, as well as the anticipated date of submission of the degree proposal.

Background:

Tables of Programs are arranged according to a system of instructional program identifiers developed by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) called the Classification of Instructional Programs, commonly referred to as the "CIP Codes." The national taxonomy is available here: http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cipcode. Texas CIP Codes are derived from the national codes, but may indicate degree programs that do not appear in the national taxonomy. Texas CIP Codes use a system of up to eight-digit identifying numbers, while the national CIP Codes use only six identifying numbers. More information about federal and Texas CIP Codes is available here: http://www.txhighereddata.org/Interactive/CIP/.

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