

Chapter 5. Rules Applying to Public Universities and/or Health-Related Institutions of Higher Education in Texas
Subchapter B. Role and Mission, Tables of Programs, Course Inventories

§5.21 Purpose

The purpose of this subchapter is to implement rules regarding the development of the role and mission for each public institution of higher education in Texas and for periodic review of the role and mission statements, the table of programs, and all degree and certificate programs offered by a public institution of higher education. Section 5.24(a) of this title (relating to Criteria and Approval of Mission Statements and Tables of Programs) applies to selected Public Colleges.

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§5.22 Authority

The authority for this subchapter is found in Texas Education Code, §§130.0012, 61.002(a) and (b) and Texas Education Code, §61.051(d) and (e).

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§5.23 Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in this subchapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

(4) **Mission Statement**--A narrative description of the general mission of each institution prepared by the institution and approved by its Board of Regents and the Board. The statement should address the fundamental purpose of the institution with respect to its teaching, research, and public service responsibilities. The institution's special concerns for quality and access, liberal arts, admissions, career-oriented programming, extension and articulation with community colleges and public schools, traditional and nontraditional education, and similar issues also may be described. The mission statement must be consistent with the approved Table of Programs and any statutory mission description.

(7) **Role and Mission or Role and Scope**--Equivalent phrases used to refer to the overall purpose of an institution, including its role within the overall system of Texas higher education. The Board-approved role and mission documents for a university or health-related institution are its Mission Statement and Table of Programs.

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§5.24 Criteria and Approval of Mission Statements and Tables of Programs

(c) **Review and Approval Process.**

(1) As provided by Texas Education Code, §61.051(e), at least every four years the Board shall review the role and mission statements, the table of programs and all degree and certificate programs offered by each public senior university or health related institution. Requests for preliminary authority for new degree programs shall be presented as part of this review. The review shall include the participation of the institution's board of regents.

(2) The review process shall be determined by the Commissioner, but shall include a review of low-producing degree programs at the institution.

(3) The Board shall approve or re-approve the mission statement and table of programs of each institution following the review described in paragraph (1) of this subsection. Each institution shall be given an opportunity to be heard by the Board about these matters.

(4) Outside the normal review process described in paragraph (1) of this subsection, an institution may request of the Board an amendment to its authorized role and mission and/or preliminary authority for additional degree programs at any time the Commissioner determines that compelling circumstances warrant.

(5) After approval or re-approval, requests for new programs and administrative changes shall be considered in the context of the approved role and mission for the institution.

(6) The Commissioner may approve minor changes to the mission statement or table of programs of an institution during the period between the reviews referenced in paragraph (1) of this subsection.

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