

Procedure 4.1.3.1 Instructional: Curriculum Development

**TRI-COUNTY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

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Having updated and relevant curriculum courses and programs is critically important to the success of both the College and its students. For any curriculum issues not otherwise mandated by the North Carolina State Board of Community Colleges (“State Board”) or by another controlling entity, as it becomes necessary to introduce new courses and programs, the following Procedures shall be followed.

- A. Instructional employees directly involved in teaching a particular class or within a particular program shall assist in the development of new curricula and in the review of anticipated changes to existing curricula.

Regular meetings shall be held by the Academic Affairs Committee at which faculty members can recommend changes in the curricula within the various academic programs of the College. Instructional employees directly involved with instruction in the curriculum are responsible for suggesting changes, based on student and employer needs. These changes will be in line with the state curriculum standards and the Common Course Library of the North Carolina Community College System. Faculty members are also encouraged to make requests for any new curriculum deemed useful to the College and its students.

- B. The Vice President for Instruction (“Vice President”) shall act as the coordinator for curriculum development and shall work with Deans and other faculty members in conducting further feasibility studies, consulting with industry and business representatives concerning course content and length, as well as other activities necessary to develop a curriculum application.
- C. The Academic Affairs Committee will present its recommendation to the Vice President. The Vice President shall determine if the requested change is substantive. If the requested change is minor (e.g., replacing a course in a program of study), the Vice President may make the necessary change. If the requested change is substantive, or if it involves a new program, the Vice President may present his/her recommendation to the President. Prior to making a recommendation to the President, the Vice President shall ensure that the State Board, all accreditation bodies, and the Board’s policies are followed in the development of a curriculum proposal including providing notice to other community colleges.
- D. The President shall examine the fiscal aspects of proposed curricula or changes in existing curricula and ascertain that the budgetary requirements are within the College’s fiscal capabilities. All new curricula must be approved by the President before it is submitted to the Board.
- E. The Vice President shall present the request to the Board or a Board committee regarding the nature of the request, the results of the feasibility study and any other pertinent information

requested. The full Board must formally approve the request prior to submission to the North Carolina Community College System Office (“System Office”).

- F. If approved by the Board, the System Office shall place the College’s request on the agenda of the State Board, where it is reviewed and either approved or disapproved. The College may officially offer the curriculum for credit after it has been approved by the State Board. The Vice President for Instruction is responsible for all reporting to the System Office and State Board.

- G. The continued operation of any curriculum at the College is dependent upon adequate state funds and a sufficient enrollment to make it financially feasible to continue. The College reserves the right to discontinue any program if sufficient funds are not available. In addition, the College shall terminate a curriculum program when there has been no enrollment for two years. The College may request a one-year extension of a curriculum program upon justification of the potential for employment opportunities and student enrollment. If the College plans on terminating a curriculum program, the President or designee shall inform the System Office President by submitting a termination notice. The System Office President shall have the program removed from the College's program approval list.

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