

CURRICULUM

The programs and curricula of the District shall be of high quality, relevant to community and student needs, and evaluated regularly to ensure quality and currency.

Pursuant to Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations, a curriculum committee shall be established at each college by the mutual agreement of the College President and the Academic Senate. The procedures established shall include the requirement that courses of instruction and educational programs shall be written by faculty teaching in instructional and educational programs. The college will provide training opportunities for persons involved in all aspects of curriculum development. All programs and courses approved by the Academic Senate shall be forwarded to the College President for review. The President shall forward the approved programs and courses and recommendations for program deletions to the Chancellor for his/her review and to the Board of Trustees for its review and final approval. Individual degree-applicable credit courses offered as part of a permitted educational program shall be approved by the Board. Non-degree applicable credit and degree-applicable courses that are not part of an existing approved program must satisfy the conditions authorized by Title 5 regulations and shall be approved by the Board.

Pursuant to BP-2100.1, the Board shall rely primarily upon the advice of the Academic Senates regarding appropriate action for curriculum. All courses of instruction and educational programs shall be submitted to the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office for approval, except as provided in California Code of Regulations.

The Academic Senates, in consultation with the curriculum committees, shall regularly monitor college curriculum to assure that it is current and appropriate pursuant to the Program and Course Approval Handbook published by the Chancellor's Office of the California Community Colleges and job market and other related information for vocational and occupational programs. The Academic Senates shall report to the Board of Trustees annually in February on the currency and appropriateness of curriculum for each program and course under review.

The colleges shall not offer programs and courses that fail to meet the curriculum standards in the Program and Course Approval Handbook, relevant state laws and regulations, and accreditation standards. If such a failure occurs, the College President shall direct the appropriate faculty to immediately conduct and complete curriculum review and bring the programs and courses into compliance.

References:

Education Code Sections 70901(b), and 78016;
Title 5 Sections 51000, 51022, 55100, 55130 and 55150;

U.S. Department of Education regulations on the Integrity of Federal Student Financial Aid Programs under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended.

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