

Distance Education Policies

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Distance Education

- The formal educational process that occurs when students and instructors are not in the same physical setting for the majority (more than 50 percent) of instruction.
- The educational process that occurs when the student and instructor are in the same physical location and away from the main campus for the majority (more than 50 percent) of instruction.

Distance Education Statute & Rules

Texas Education Code (TEC) 61.0512 (g)

Texas Administrative Code TAC Ch. 4, Sub. P

- Approval of Distance Education Courses and Programs for Public Institutions
- Sections 4.255 through 4.264

Texas Administrative Code TAC Ch. 4, Sub. Q

- Approval of Off-Campus and Self-Supporting Courses and Programs for Public Institutions
- Sections 4.270 through 4.279

Distance Education Modalities

- Electronic-to-Individual (Online)
 - Hybrid/Blended (51-84%)
 - Fully Online (85-100%)
 - 100% Online
- Off-Campus Face-to-Face
- Electronic-to-Group
- Self-Supporting

Off-Campus Educational Units

- Higher Education Teaching Sites
- Higher Education Centers
 - Single Institution Center
 - Multi-Institutional Teaching Center
 - University System Center
- Branch and Special Purpose Campuses

Distance Education Approval Processes

Bachelor's and Master's Programs

(Hybrid/Blended, Fully Online, 100% Online)

New

- 50-Mile radius area notification at least 30 days prior to proposed implementation date and any objections resolved
- Institution submits new program request with Certification Form for Electronically Delivered and Off-Campus Education Programs
- THECB staff review and recommendation to Commissioner/Board

Existing

- Notification to the THECB that the program will be delivered online
- Certification Form for Electronically Delivered and Off-Campus Education Programs

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- THECB staff review and recommendation to Commissioner/Board

Existing

- 50-Mile radius area notification 60 days prior to proposed implementation date including 30 day objection period
- Notification to the THECB that the institution is requesting approval for off-campus face-to-face, electronic-to-group, or self-supported delivery
- Certification Form for Electronically Delivered and Off-Campus Education Programs
- Approved, if no objections or when all objections are resolved

Distance Education Approval Processes for Doctoral Programs

New

- Submit planning notification
- 50-Mile radius area notification and 30 day objection period
- Complete and submit proposal form offer a new doctoral program via distance education
- Staff review
- Learning Technology Advisory Committee (LTAC) review and recommendation
- CAWS/Board consideration at regular quarterly meeting

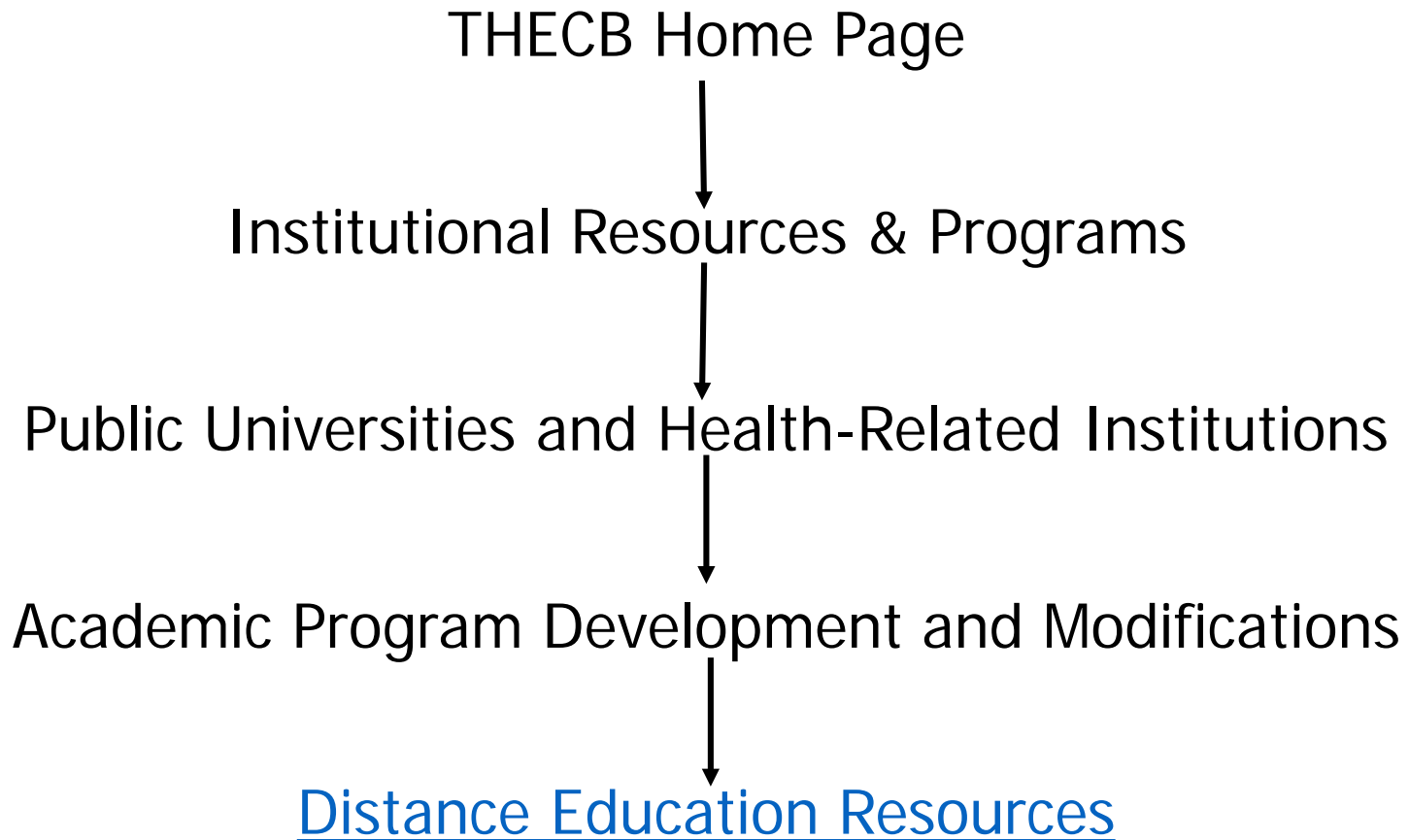
Existing

- 50-Mile radius area notification 60 days prior to proposed implementation date including 30 day objection period (off-campus only)
- Complete and submit proposal form to offer an existing doctoral program via distance education
- Learning Technology Advisory Committee (LTAC) review and recommendation
- Staff review and consideration of approval

Study-Abroad and Study in America Courses

- Study-Abroad Courses
 - Off-campus, academic credit instruction which is delivered outside the United States primarily to regular on-campus students.
- Study-in America Courses
 - Off-campus, academic credit instruction which is delivered outside Texas, but in the United States primarily to regular on-campus students.
- Institution must certify the courses meet the THECB Standards for Out-of-State and Out-of-Country Courses through the [Study-Abroad and Study-in-America reporting site](#).

Distance Education Webpage



Distance Education Portal

- Database of institutional distance education program offerings tied to the institutional program inventory
- Searchable inventory of institutional distance education program offerings

Distance Education Program Search Link:

<http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/apps/programinventory/DESearchForm.cfm>

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