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# Update on Program Approval

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# Update on Rule Implementation

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## Goals

- Better aligning degree and certificate approval processes to the agency’s refreshed Strategic Plan.
- Bringing agency rules and procedures in line with statute.
- Minimizing institutions’ regulatory burden and supporting innovation.
- Prioritizing the board meetings on the most meaningful program approval questions.
- Achieving the policy objective of having a comprehensive catalog of all credentials offered in the state; and
- Improving administrability of program review and approval with policies and processes that are feasible, efficient, and flexible.

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## Progress to Date

- ✓ Launched 2 online approval forms in the new Data Submission Portal that are live for institutional submissions.
- ✓ Finalized initial academic certificate form and published on website (will eventually move to an online form).
- ✓ Division of Digital Learning launched the Institutional Plan for Distance Education (IPDE) form for renewals or new submissions.
- ✓ Developed resources for institutions submitting IPDEs (submission instructions, approval process flowcharts, etc.)

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## Current Implementation Priorities

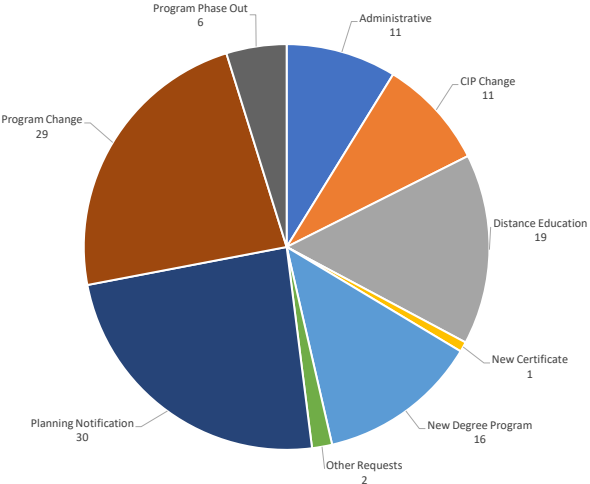
- Timeline for launching the remaining forms in the new portal
- Developing a dashboard for the academic certificate inventory to provide institutions.
- Completing additional FAQs and guidance for new forms and processes.

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## Approved and Pending Academic and Workforce Requests

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# Academic Programs Approved Since Last Board Meeting



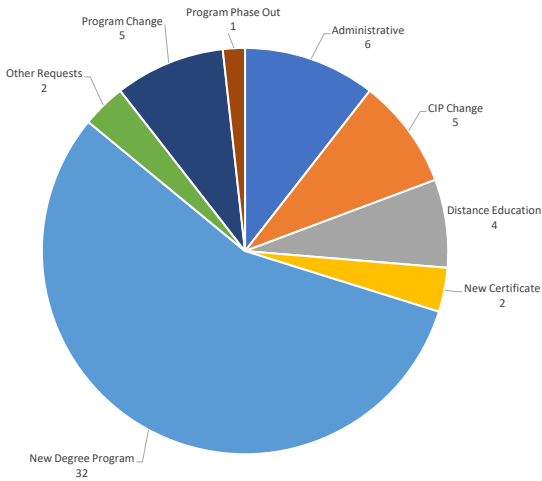
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## Approved Programs by Content Area

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SCIENCES AND SUPPORT SERVICES        | 1         |
| AGRICULTURE, AGRICULTURE OPERATIONS, AND RELATED SCIENCES     | 1         |
| EDUCATION   | 1         |
| ENGINEERING   | 1         |
| ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGIES/TECHNICIANS                          | 1         |
| BIOLOGICAL AND BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES                            | 1         |
| MULTI/INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES                               | 1         |
| SECURITY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES                              | 2         |
| TRANSPORTATION AND MATERIALS MOVING                           | 1         |
| HEALTH PROFESSIONS AND RELATED CLINICAL SCIENCES              | 5         |
| BUSINESS, MANAGEMENT, MARKETING, AND RELATED SUPPORT SERVICES | 1         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>16</b> |

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# Pending Academic Program Requests



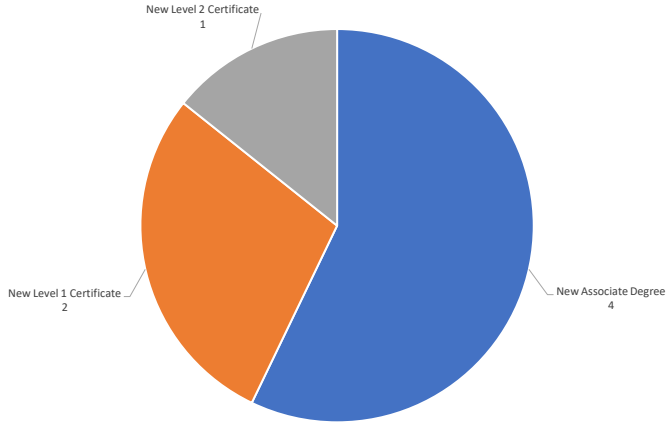
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## Pending Programs by Content Area

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| AGRICULTURE, AGRICULTURE OPERATIONS, AND RELATED SCIENCES     | 1         |
| COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGIES/TECHNICIANS AND SUPPORT SERVICES  | 2         |
| COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SCIENCES AND SUPPORT SERVICES        | 2         |
| EDUCATION   | 1         |
| ENGINEERING   | 4         |
| ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGIES/TECHNICIANS                          | 2         |
| BIOLOGICAL AND BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES                            | 2         |
| MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS                                    | 1         |
| MULTI/INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES                               | 2         |
| PARKS, RECREATION, LEISURE, AND FITNESS STUDIES               | 1         |
| PHYSICAL SCIENCES   | 1         |
| PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND SOCIAL SERVICE PROFESSIONS          | 1         |
| HEALTH PROFESSIONS AND RELATED CLINICAL SCIENCES              | 7         |
| BUSINESS, MANAGEMENT, MARKETING, AND RELATED SUPPORT SERVICES | 5         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>32</b> |

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# Workforce Programs Approved Since Last Board Meeting



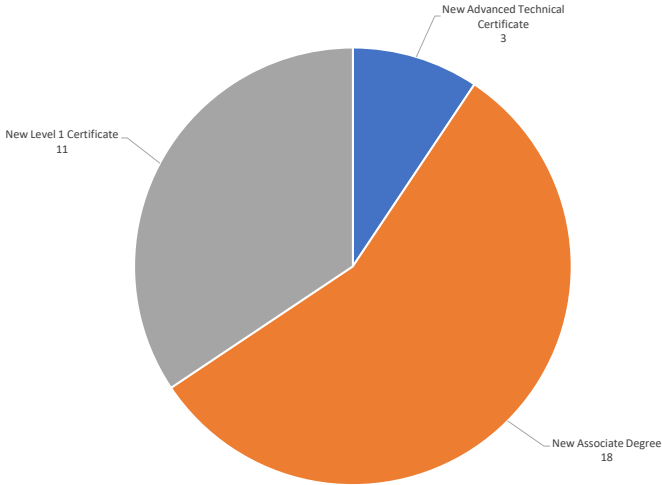
Approved Programs by Content Area

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGIES/TECHNICIANS AND SUPPORT SERVICES  | 1        |
| COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SCIENCES AND SUPPORT SERVICES        | 3        |
| VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS                                    | 2        |
| BUSINESS, MANAGEMENT, MARKETING, AND RELATED SUPPORT SERVICES | 1        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>7</b> |

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# Pending Workforce Program Requests



Pending Programs by Content Area

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| ARCHITECTURE AND RELATED SERVICES                             | 1         |
| COMMUNICATION, JOURNALISM, AND RELATED PROGRAMS               | 1         |
| COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGIES/TECHNICIANS AND SUPPORT SERVICES  | 1         |
| COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SCIENCES AND SUPPORT SERVICES        | 5         |
| PERSONAL AND CULINARY SERVICES                                | 1         |
| ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGIES/TECHNICIANS                          | 5         |
| CONSTRUCTION TRADES   | 3         |
| MECHANIC AND REPAIR TECHNOLOGIES/TECHNICIANS                  | 2         |
| VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS                                    | 2         |
| HEALTH PROFESSIONS AND RELATED CLINICAL SCIENCES              | 8         |
| BUSINESS, MANAGEMENT, MARKETING, AND RELATED SUPPORT SERVICES | 3         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>32</b> |

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# Questions