

Texas Higher Education
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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 5 online approval forms in the new Data Submission Portal that are live for institutional submissions.
- ✓ Completed revised internal doctoral/professional program approval process and new online form
- ✓ Updated rules regarding self-supporting degree programs for adoption at the October Board meeting.
- ✓ Finalized proposed updates to the community and technical college degree and certificate request form.

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THECB New Program Approval Rules

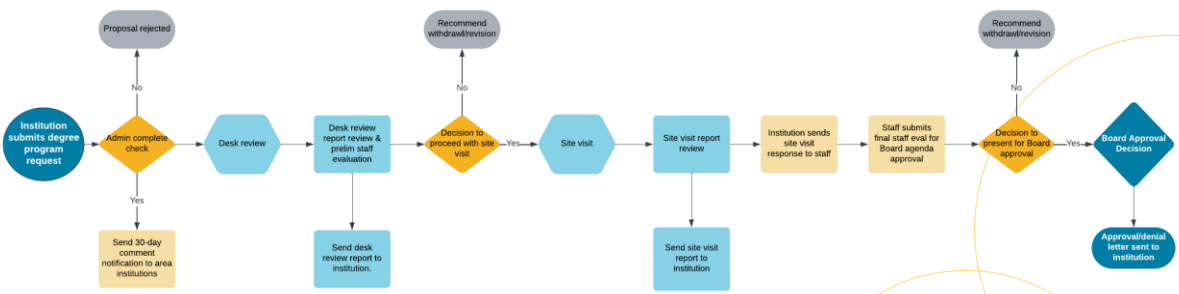
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New Chapter 2

- Subchapter A. General Provisions
- Subchapter B. Approval Process for a Certificate
- Subchapter C. Preliminary Planning Process for New Degree Programs
- Subchapter D. Approval Process for Academic Associate Degrees
- Subchapter E. Approval Process for New Baccalaureate Programs at Public Junior Colleges
- Subchapter F. Approval Process for New Baccalaureate and Master’s Degrees at Public Universities and Public Health-Related Institutions
- Subchapter G. Approval Process for New Doctoral and Professional Degree Programs
- Subchapter H. Phasing Out New Degree Programs
- Subchapter I. Review of Existing Degree Programs
- Subchapter J. Approval of Distance Education for Public Institutions
- Subchapter K. Approval Process for an Applied Associate Degree
- Subchapter L. Approval Process for a Career and Technical Education Certificate
- Subchapter M. Approval Process for Local Needs Courses
- Subchapter N. Career and Technical Education Course Maintenance and Approval
- *Subchapter O. Approval Process and Required Reporting for Self-Supporting Degree Programs (pending adoption)*
- *Subchapter P. Approval Process for Off-Campus Programs (in development)*

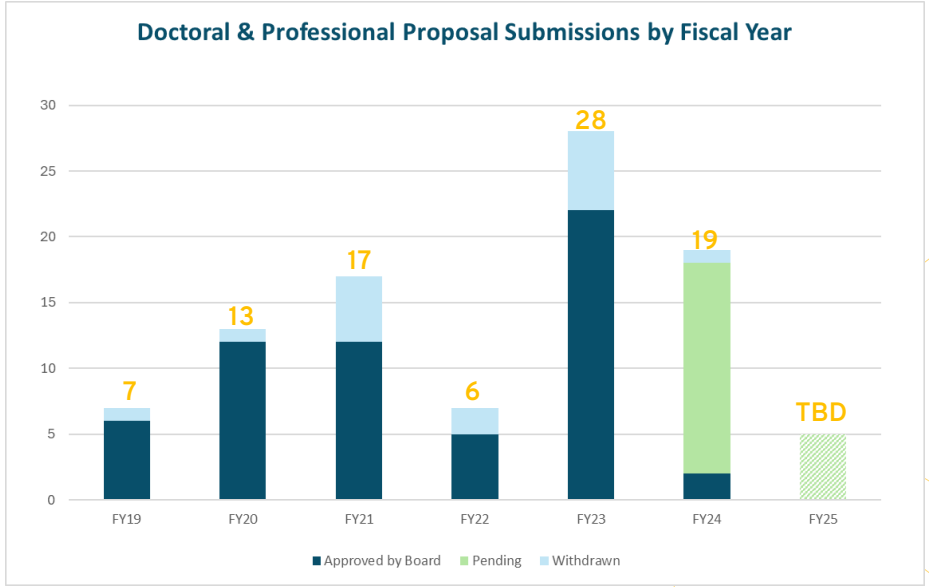
Doctoral & Professional Proposal Process

Approval Process



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Doctoral & Professional Proposal Submissions by Fiscal Year



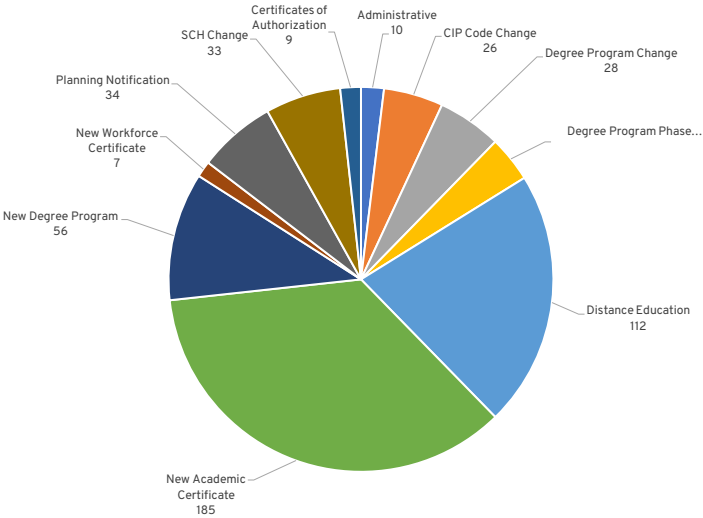
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Approved and Pending Academic and Workforce Requests

July 18 – October 10

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Academic & Workforce Requests – Approved

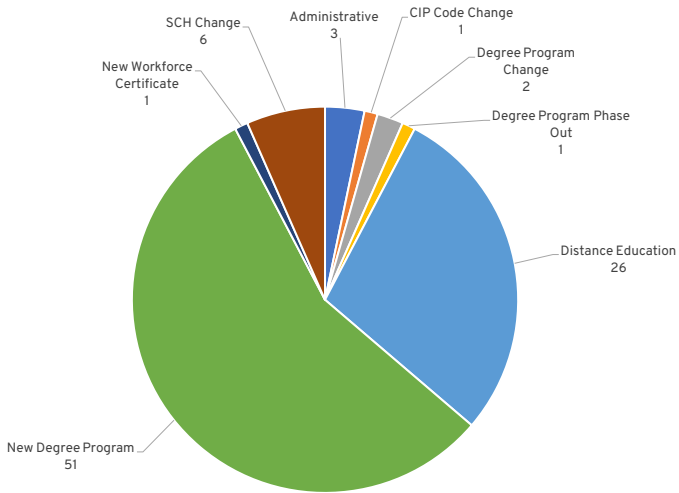


Approved Degrees by Content Area

AGRICULTURAL/ANIMAL/PLANT/VETERINARY SCIENCE	3
NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION	1
COMMUNICATION, JOURNALISM, AND RELATED PROGRAMS	2
COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SCIENCES	5
EDUCATION	5
ENGINEERING	2
ENGINEERING/ENGINEERING-RELATED TECHNOLOGIES/TECHNICIANS	3
FOREIGN LANGUAGES, LITERATURES, AND LINGUISTICS	1
LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES, GENERAL STUDIES AND HUMANITIES	1
BIOLOGICAL AND BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES	2
MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS	2
MULTI/INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES	3
PHYSICAL SCIENCES	2
HOMELAND SECURITY, LAW ENFORCEMENT, FIREFIGHTING AND RELATED PROTECTIVE SERVICES	2
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND SOCIAL SERVICE PROFESSIONS	6
SOCIAL SCIENCES	1
CONSTRUCTION TRADES	1
MECHANIC AND REPAIR TECHNOLOGIES/TECHNICIANS	1
VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS	2
HEALTH PROFESSIONS AND RELATED PROGRAMS	6
BUSINESS, MANAGEMENT & MARKETING	5
TOTAL	56

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Academic & Workforce Requests - Pending



Pending Degrees by Content Area

COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SCIENCES	2
EDUCATION	5
ENGINEERING	10
ENGINEERING/ENGINEERING-RELATED TECHNOLOGIES/TECHNICIANS	1
ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE/LETTERS.	3
MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS.	1
MULTI/INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES.	7
PSYCHOLOGY	3
HOMELAND SECURITY, LAW ENFORCEMENT, FIREFIGHTING AND RELATED PROTECTIVE SERVICES	1
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND SOCIAL SERVICE PROFESSIONS	1
SOCIAL SCIENCES	1
VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS	1
HEALTH PROFESSIONS AND RELATED PROGRAMS	13
BUSINESS, MANAGEMENT & MARKETING	2
TOTAL	51

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SCH – Semester Credit Hour
CIP – Classification of Instructional Programs

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Questions

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