

Texas Higher
Education
COORDINATING BOARD

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

- ✓ Planning Notification form launched June 1, as scheduled (short, fully online form)
- ✓ Delivery of labor market information after submission of planning notification in effect
- ✓ Statewide lunch & learns to assist with implementation are scheduled for July 31, August 22, and September 26
- ✓ Testing of remaining forms began July 24

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Example of Online Form

Texas Higher Education COORDINATING BOARD Planning Notification - Institution Submission

Institution Planning Notification

ID: ABIOUSDJ Request Type: Planning Notification

Institution *

Proposed CIP Code * CIP Code Name

Degree Level * Proposed Degree Designation (e.g. M.A.) *

Proposed Degree Program Title (e.g. Psychology) *
Select a title using the drop down menu or type in a unique degree title.

Anticipated Date of Full Proposal Submission *

Certification of Approval

I certify that this planning notification has been approved by the Chief Academic Officer or designee.

Submitter Name * Submitter Email *

Proposal Contact Name *
Proposal contact will receive labor market information when sent by THECB staff. Proposal Contact Email *

Submit Save as Draft

Date Range (new form effective June 1)	Planning Notifications Processed	Average Number of Days in Review
Jan 26 to April 18	6	28
April 26 to July 18	69	9

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Current Implementation Priorities

- Technical development of remaining online forms (in progress)
- Communication via lunch & learns and development of new process documentation
- New forms scheduled to launch September 1

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Revised Board Agenda Item New Degree Program Template

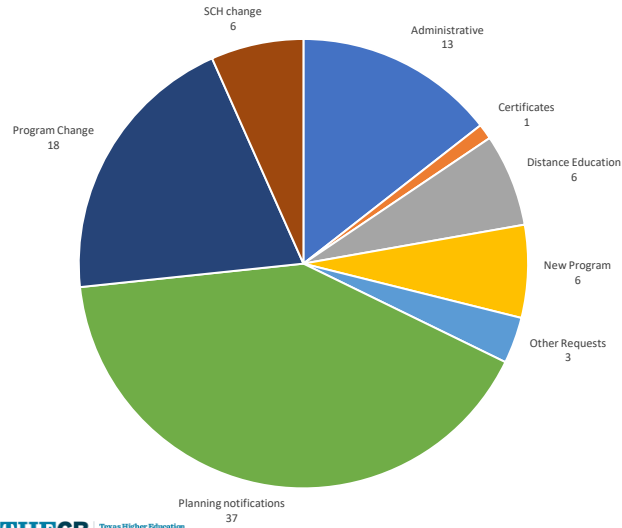
- Designed to streamline information provided to Board members and align content with new proposal forms.
- Increased focus on cost to students and labor market outcomes.

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Approved and Pending Academic Programs

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Academic Programs Approved Since Last Board Meeting

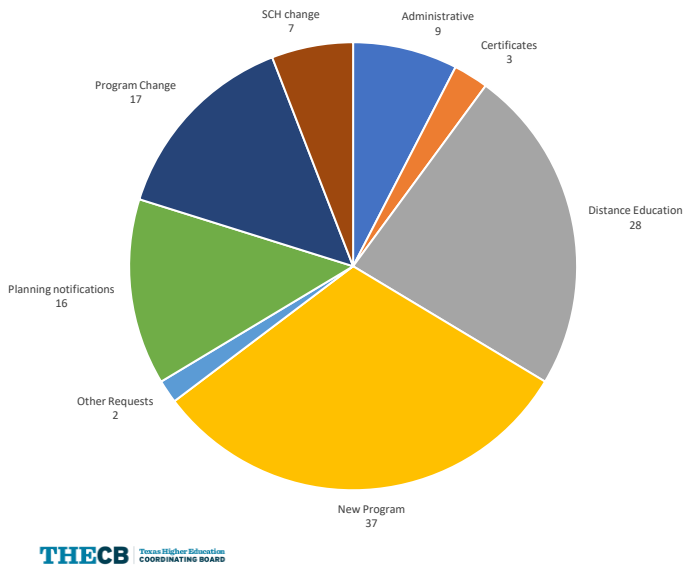


Approved Programs by Content Area

ENGINEERING	2
PHYSICAL SCIENCES	1
ARCHITECTURE & RELATED SERVICES	1
MULTI/INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES	1
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION & SOCIAL SERVICE PROFESSIONS	1
Total	6

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Pending Academic Program Requests



Pending Programs by Content Area

AGRICULTURE, AGRICULTURE OPERATIONS, AND RELATED SCIENCES	1
COMMUNICATION, JOURNALISM, AND RELATED PROGRAMS	1
NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION	1
COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SCIENCES AND SUPPORT SERVICES	2
EDUCATION	4
ENGINEERING	2
BIOLOGICAL AND BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES	1
MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS	2
MULTI/INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES	4
PHYSICAL SCIENCES	2
PSYCHOLOGY	1
TRANSPORTATION AND MATERIALS MOVING	1
VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS	3
HEALTH PROFESSIONS AND RELATED CLINICAL SCIENCES	10
BUSINESS, MANAGEMENT, MARKETING, AND RELATED SUPPORT SERVICES	2
Total	37

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Questions