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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.

Progress to Date

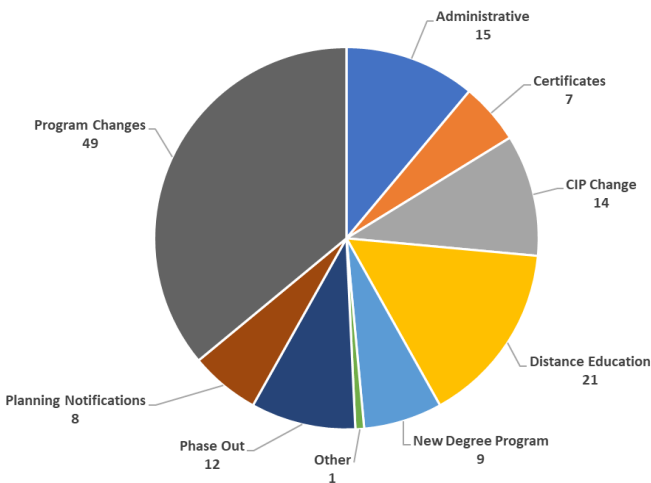
- ✓ Launched 3 online approval forms in the new Data Submission Portal that are live for institutional submissions.
- ✓ Created the online academic certificate form and adding technical elements prior to online portal launch.
- ✓ Working with Workforce Education to determine what online form changes are needed for implementation of revised community and technical college program approval rules.
- ✓ Drafted new rules related to off-campus education and self-supporting courses and programs that will be available for public comment in the coming months.
- ✓ Drafted revisions to academic program approval rules based on feedback/questions from institutions and implementation experience.

Approved and Pending Academic and Workforce Requests

January 4 – April 1, 2024

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Academic Requests – Approved

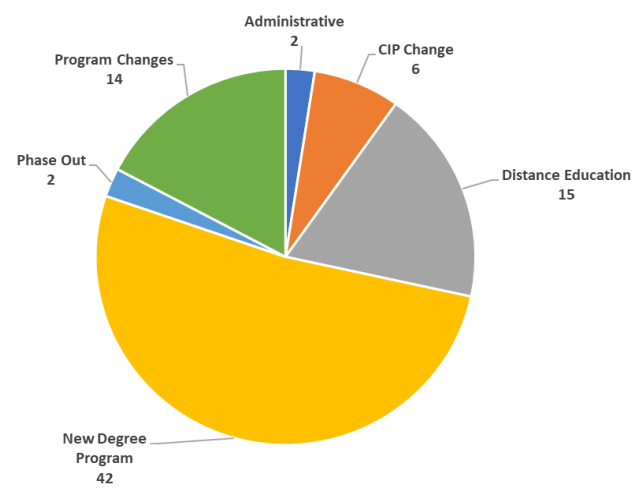


Approved Programs by Content Area

AGRICULTURE, AGRICULTURE OPERATIONS, AND RELATED SCIENCES	1
COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SCIENCES AND SUPPORT SERVICES	2
ENGINEERING	4
PHYSICAL SCIENCES	2
BIOLOGICAL AND BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES	2
HEALTH PROFESSIONS AND RELATED CLINICAL SCIENCES	3
BUSINESS, MANAGEMENT, MARKETING, AND RELATED SUPPORT SERVICES	1
TOTAL	9

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Academic Requests - Pending



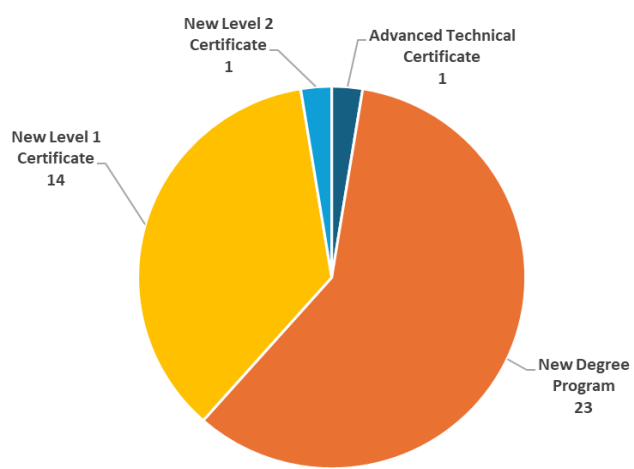
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Pending Programs by Content Area

AGRICULTURE, AGRICULTURE OPERATIONS, AND RELATED SCIENCES	1
COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGIES/TECHNICIANS AND SUPPORT SERVICES	2
ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE/LETTERS	2
EDUCATION	1
ENGINEERING	5
ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGIES/TECHNICIANS	2
BIOLOGICAL AND BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES	2
MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS	2
MULTI/INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES	3
PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES	1
PSYCHOLOGY	1
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND SOCIAL SERVICE PROFESSIONS	2
SOCIAL SCIENCES	1
HEALTH PROFESSIONS AND RELATED CLINICAL SCIENCES	7
VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS	4
BUSINESS, MANAGEMENT, MARKETING, AND RELATED SUPPORT SERVICES	6
TOTAL	42

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Workforce Programs - Approved



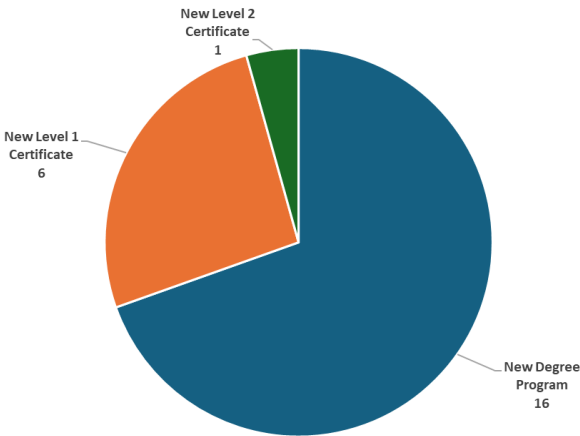
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Approved Programs by Content Area

ARCHITECTURE & RELATED SERVICES	1
COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGIES/TECHNICIANS AND SUPPORT SERVICES	1
COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SCIENCES AND SUPPORT SERVICES	3
ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGIES/TECHNICIANS	5
CONSTRUCTION TRADES	1
MECHANIC AND REPAIR TECHNOLOGIES	1
VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS	3
HEALTH PROFESSIONS AND RELATED CLINICAL SCIENCES	5
BUSINESS, MANAGEMENT, MARKETING, AND RELATED SUPPORT SERVICES	3
TOTAL	23

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Workforce Programs – Pending



Pending Programs by Content Area

COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SCIENCES AND SUPPORT SERVICES	1
PERSONAL AND CULINARY SERVICES	1
EDUCATION	2
ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGIES/TECHNICIANS	4
PSYCHOLOGY	1
SECURITY & PROTECTIVE SERVICES	3
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND SOCIAL SERVICE PROFESSIONS	1
SOCIAL SCIENCES	2
CONSTRUCTION TRADES	1
MECHANIC AND REPAIR TECHNOLOGIES/TECHNICIANS	2
PRECISION PRODUCTION	1
TRANSPORTATION AND MATERIALS MOVING	1
HEALTH PROFESSIONS AND RELATED CLINICAL SCIENCES	3
TOTAL	23

Questions