

Update on Program Approval

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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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Update on Rule Implementation

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Project Review

- Academic & Health Affairs and Workforce Education have collectively repealed and rewritten nearly all program approval rules, resulting in 15 new TAC subchapters consolidated into Chapter 2.
- Completed an overhaul of program approval forms and processes to streamline the work as much as possible.
- Developed and launched 4 online program approval forms in the new portal.
- Identified in initial data to track for evaluating the effect of the online form implementation.

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Next Steps

- Finalize and launch the university and health-related institution administrative and program changes form (date TBD). This is the *last form* needed to fully transition out of the old approval system.
- Finalize and publish updates required for the community and technical college degree and certificate form based on rule changes effective Fall 2024.
- Prioritize backlog of updates and changes requested for forms previously launched.

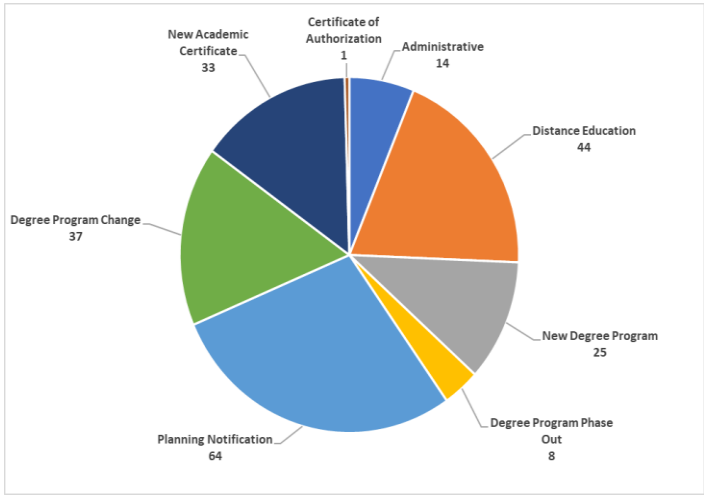
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Approved and Pending Academic and Workforce Requests

October 11, 2024 – January 7, 2025

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Academic & Workforce Requests – Approved



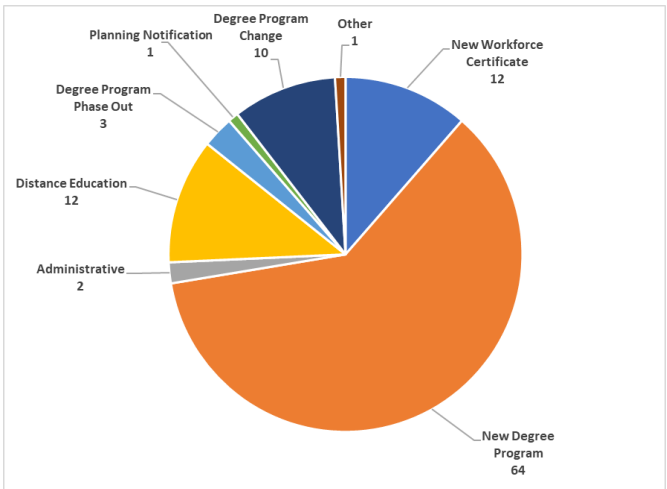
Approved Degrees by Content Area

COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SCIENCES AND SUPPORT SERVICES.	2
ENGINEERING.	8
ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE/LETTERS.	1
MULTI/INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES.	3
PSYCHOLOGY.	1
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.	4
BUSINESS, MANAGEMENT, MARKETING, AND RELATED SUPPORT SERVICES.	2
TOTAL	25

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Academic & Workforce Requests - Pending

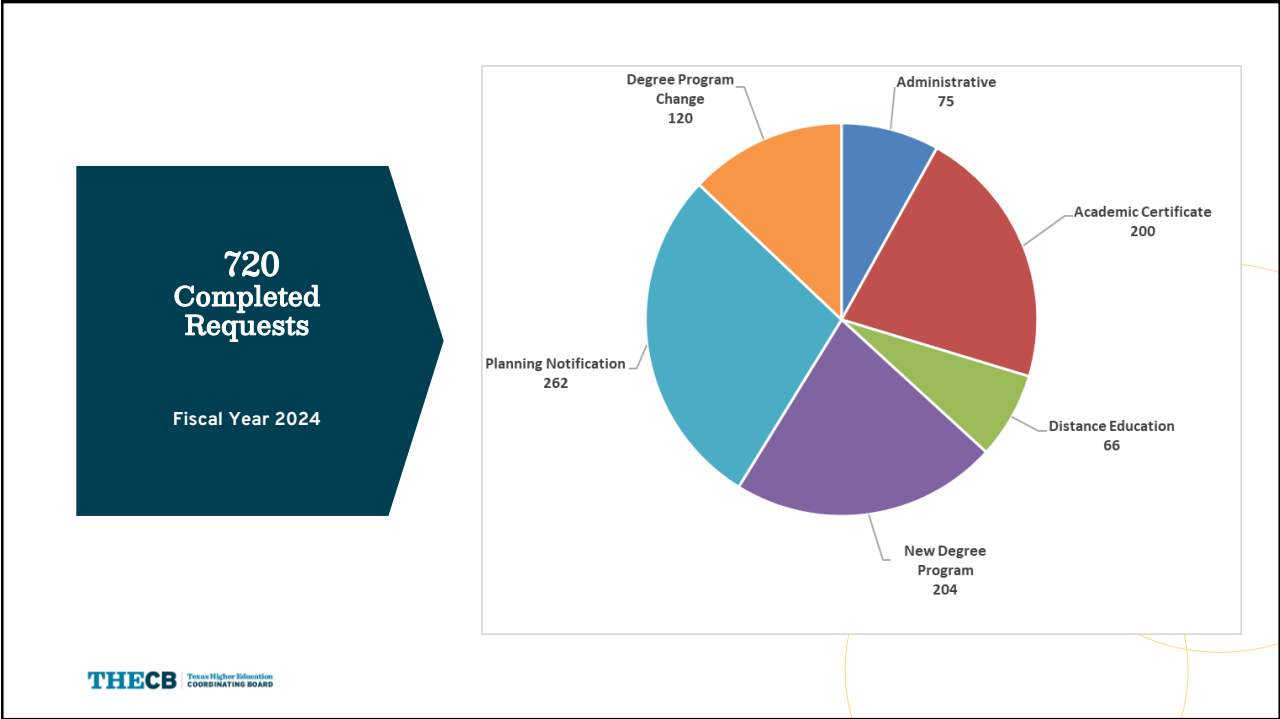


Pending Degrees by Content Area

AGRICULTURAL/ANIMAL/PLANT/VETERINARY SCIENCE AND RELATED FIELDS.	2
COMMUNICATION, JOURNALISM, AND RELATED PROGRAMS.	5
COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SCIENCES AND SUPPORT SERVICES.	5
CULINARY, ENTERTAINMENT, AND PERSONAL SERVICES.	1
EDUCATION.	6
ENGINEERING.	1
ENGINEERING/ENGINEERING-RELATED TECHNOLOGIES/TECHNICIANS.	1
ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE/LETTERS.	2
MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS.	1
MULTI/INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES.	5
PARKS, RECREATION, LEISURE, FITNESS, AND KINESIOLOGY.	1
PSYCHOLOGY.	4
HOMELAND SECURITY, LAW ENFORCEMENT, FIREFIGHTING AND RELATED PROTECTIVE SERVICES.	1
SOCIAL SCIENCES.	1
CONSTRUCTION TRADES.	1
MECHANIC AND REPAIR TECHNOLOGIES/TECHNICIANS.	1
PRECISION PRODUCTION.	1
TRANSPORTATION AND MATERIALS MOVING.	1
VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS.	2
HEALTH PROFESSIONS AND RELATED PROGRAMS.	15
BUSINESS, MANAGEMENT, MARKETING, AND RELATED SUPPORT SERVICES.	7
TOTAL	64

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Questions

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