

Program Approval

KRS 164.020(15) grants CPE the authority to define and approve program offerings at public postsecondary institutions. CPE's program approval policy was updated and approved in September 2020.

KCTCS

New Diploma and Certificate Programs

The KCTCS System Office completes a New Diploma/Certificate Form. Programs are approved by CPE staff upon receipt of the completed form.

New Associate Degree Programs

The KCTCS System Office posts a proposal to the online approval system. Institutions and Council staff have 30 days to respond. If no issues are identified, the program is approved by Council staff and reported at the next Council meeting. If issues are identified, the system office will address those via the online program approval system, and the review period will be extended.

Universities

New Diploma and Certificate Programs*

The institution completes a New Diploma/Certificate Form. Programs are approved by CPE staff upon receipt of the completed form.

**KCTCS Board of Regents must review vocational/technical occupational programs prior to submission.*

All Degree Programs

The institution posts the notification of intent (NOI) to the online system. The notification is shared with the chief academic officers at other public universities.

The institution posts a proposal** to the online approval system. Institutions and Council staff have 30 days to respond. If no issues are identified, the program is reviewed by Council staff and the Academic and Strategic Initiatives (ASI) Committee, and sent to the full Council for approval. If issues are identified, the institution addresses those via the online program approval system, and the review period is extended.

***Vocational/technical associate degree programs move forward after KCTCS analysis.*

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