



Academic Program Approval

Review of Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) - Proposals & Programs

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The 2006 session of the Kentucky General Assembly addressed educational leadership programs in House Joint Resolution 14 (HJR 14), requiring an interagency task force to collaborate with colleges and universities to redesign administrator preparation programs and professional development programs. Subsequently, on July 16, 2007, the Council approved criteria for the proposal and review of education doctorate programs. As a result, doctorates in educational leadership at the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville were reviewed and new doctorates in educational leadership were approved and subsequently reviewed at Eastern Kentucky University, Northern Kentucky University, and Western Kentucky University.

On September 22, 2011, the Council approved policies for the approval of all new academic programs and the review of existing programs. These policies contain language which can effectively accommodate a thorough and rigorous review of education doctoral programs, thereby eliminating the need for the program-specific policies. Furthermore, given the coordination among state and institutional practices and an improved connection between academic program approval and review of existing programs, the Council staff has worked with institutional representatives who agree that the best practice for proposal of new education doctorates and the review of existing education doctorates should be to follow existing procedures for other doctoral programs.

Therefore, the Council approved that the policies specifically addressing the approval of new education doctoral programs and the review of existing education doctoral programs be repealed. Such programs shall now be approved and reviewed through processes outlined in existing Council-approved policies that generally apply to all academic programs.

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