



GOODWIN COLLEGE POLICY

TITLE:	Accreditation Policy
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INTRODUCTION STATEMENT:

Goodwin College maintains regional accreditation from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) Commission on Institutions of Higher Education (CIHE). In addition to institutional accreditation, individual academic programs may obtain specialized programmatic accreditation. Programmatic accreditation assures the community that professionals in a given field who are able to judge a program's educational quality review the program regularly. Goodwin College obtains specialized programmatic accreditation for academic programs when it is required or feasible.

POLICY STATEMENT:

Goodwin College's policy is to attain specialized programmatic accreditation for all academic programs when required. In addition, the college considers voluntary programmatic accreditation as part of the program review process and attains it when appropriate. The College catalog and website provides information to the public about individual academic programs and their accreditation status.

INCLUDE POLICY STATEMENT (CLICK ON BOX NEXT TO OPTION-SELECT ALL THAT APPLY):

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EXCLUSIONS:

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DEFINITIONS:

Regional Accreditation is the recognition that an institution maintains standards requisite for its graduates to gain admission to other reputable institutions of higher learning or to achieve credentials for professional practice. An approved, regional accrediting organization provides this service. The goal of regional accreditation is to ensure that education provided by institutions of higher education meets acceptable levels of quality.

Programmatic Accreditation is generally administered by professional-oriented accrediting bodies and applies to an academic program within the institution. Though programmatic accreditation focuses on a single program, it is just as important and respected as regional accreditation. Programmatic accreditation ensures that students meet professional licensure requirements by reviewing the quality of curriculum and other aspects of the program. Most regionally accredited institutions choose to also accredit their individual academic programs to promote the quality of the educational experience.

CONTACTS:

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HISTORY:

The policy and procedure were initially created in February of 2016, and reviewed by the Department Chairs and Program Directors in the spring of 2016. The Cabinet approved the policy and procedure on 11/8/16.

EFFECTIVE DATE:	July 1, 2016
RESPONSIBLE OFFICE:	Institutional Effectiveness
REVIEW DATE:	June, Annually

APPENDIX: N/A