



GOODWIN COLLEGE POLICY

TITLE:	New Academic Degree Program Development
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INTRODUCTION STATEMENT:

Goodwin College is committed to developing and offering career-focused degree programs that lead to strong employment outcomes.

POLICY STATEMENT:

Faculty and administration work together to create curricula and to design programs that meet students' needs. Proposals for a new academic program address issues of need, resources, academic quality, and consistency with institutional mission and future directions. Program proposals are completed with assistance from the Office of Institutional Effectiveness and are reviewed by the President's New Program Development Advisory Committee. In addition to approval through the College governance process, all academic programs are licensed and accredited by the State of Connecticut and the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. When applicable, academic programs also seek professional accreditation.

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

- COLLEGE CATALOG
- FACULTY HANDBOOK
- STAFF HANDBOOK
- STUDENT HANDBOOK

EXCLUSIONS:

N/A

DEFINITIONS:

New Program Degree Proposals include an Executive Summary, Part A Preliminary Program Review, Part B Environmental Scan, and Part C Feasibility Study.

New Program Development Advisory Committee is a weekly meeting convened by the President, staffed by the Office of Institutional Effectiveness and attended by the Provost and the Vice Presidents of Economic and Strategic Development, Advancement, Enrollment Services, and Academics involved with new degree program development, The Department Chairs and Program Directors are included during discussions related to their areas.

CONTACTS:

Provost, Vice President of Academic Affairs, VP/AVP Institutional Effectiveness

HISTORY:

The policy and procedures were initially drafted fall 2014.

They were approved by the: New Program Development Advisory Committee 9/23/2015, Academic Affairs Committee

10/9/2015, OIE Review 4/2016.

EFFECTIVE DATE:	Fall 2015
RESPONSIBLE OFFICE:	Office of Institutional Effectiveness
OTHER INTERESTED OFFICE(S):	Academic Affairs
REVIEW DATE:	April 2016

APPENDIX:

Appendix A How an Idea Becomes an Approved Program

Appendix B Program Proposal Blank Form/Template