

LOUISIANA'S COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

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The Program Health Index assesses program performance in terms of alignment with regional and state-wide workforce demands while recognizing the need for programmatic performance and fiscal sustainability. This assessment will support decisions related to program continuation; expansion; resource allocation; and / or program discontinuation. This policy sets forth due process guidelines for conducting the analysis.

Scope

This policy applies to all academic, career and technical instructional credit programs (programs, hereafter) at all colleges.

Objectives

To assess the relevancy, sustainability, effectiveness, and efficiency of program offerings, the program health index will:

1. Assess program alignment with high-demand, high-wage jobs;
2. Assess programmatic performance; and
3. Assess program fiscal health.

Procedure

All programs will be assessed at least once every three years. Institutions will develop a cycle of review in consultation with the System President. The attached templates will be used as the reporting instruments, the format of which can be adjusted by the System President as appropriate. Upon receipt of a completed report, the System President will assess the program's health. The System President may make recommendations to the college's Chancellor or Director and / or the Board of Supervisors based on analyses conducted under the guidance of this policy.