

# New Academic Program Approval

# CBHE Statutory Authority

- 173.005.2
  - (1) the CBHE “shall have approval of proposed new degree programs” offered by state institutions of higher education;
  - (2) the CBHE “may promote and encourage . . . cooperative agreements” between IHEs that offer graduate degrees and those that do not. . . . Any diploma awarded for graduate degrees under such a cooperative agreement shall include the names of both institutions inscribed thereon. . . .
- 173.020.
  - (3) the CBHE shall develop “arrangements for more effective and more economical specialization among institutions in types of education programs offered and students served, and for more effective coordination and mutual support among institutions in the utilization of facilities, faculty and other resources”

# Program Approval

- [6 CSR10-4.010](#) Academic Program Approval
  - Review and approve public IHEs
  - Review and comment for private IHEs
  - follow the format outlined by CBHE staff
- Objectives
  - orderly, timely, and equitable review process
  - mission alignment;
  - avoidance of unnecessary duplication of programs
  - increased collaboration; and
  - balanced, high-quality, cost-effective system.

# Review Process

- Proposals for new programs and off-site delivery of existing programs are posted online for public comment the 15<sup>th</sup> of July, October, December, February, and April.
- During the 20 business-day public comment period is over, MDHE staff begins a review of the program proposal.
- Questions are formulated and sent to the appropriate institutional contact (usually CAO).
- After all questions are answered satisfactorily, the program is recommended for provisional approval by the CBHE.
- Following the CBHE meeting, the Commissioner signs the approval letter which is sent via email to the institutional president and other designees as appropriate.
- After receiving CBHE provisional approval, the new program is added to our online program inventory.

# New Program/Off-Site Delivery Proposal Criteria

- Need
  - A. Student Demand
  - B. Market Demand
  - C. Societal Need
- Duplication and Collaboration
- Program Structure
- Financial Projections (public only)
- Program Characteristics/Performance Goals
- Quality Assurance for Off-Site Programs
- Other Relevant Information

# Independent Institutions

- [6 CSR10-4.010](#) Academic Program Approval
  - The CBHE will review the programs and make pertinent, non-binding recommendations.
  - submission of the proposals is required:
    - to address the issues of duplication and access
    - compliance a condition for participation in the Missouri student grant program
  - Not provide financial information