

BP 4021 Educational Program Discontinuance

Reference:

Education Code Section 78016;
Title 5 Section 51022 and 55130;
ACCJC Accreditation Standard II.A.15

- 1.0 The District shall review its credit and non-credit educational programs on a regular basis for institutional effectiveness and compliance with state and federal requirements. In response to realignment of educational or strategic objectives, decline in program quality or demand, resource availability, budget constraints, external factors, etc., the Board of Trustees may approve the discontinuance of an educational program identified as no longer appropriate to the mission and/or goals of the District in accord with Administrative Procedure 4021, Educational Program Discontinuance.
- 2.0 For purposes of this policy, an “educational program” is defined as an organized sequence of courses consisting of applicable coursework leading to a degree or certificate approved by the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office.
- 3.0 The discontinuance of an educational program means that the sequence of courses will no longer be offered in a form that will lead to the approved degree or certificate, although all or part of the curriculum may be retained.
- 4.0 The District endorses the principle of collegial consultation with the Academic Senates regarding the establishment of a process for educational program discontinuance, which shall be consistent with the provisions of Education Code Section 78016 and the authority of the Board of Trustees to initiate and approve the discontinuance of the District’s educational programs in accord with BP 2510, Participation in Local Decision-Making.
- 5.0 The discontinuance of any educational program under its charge is subject to approval by the Board of Trustees.

See Administrative Procedure 4021, Educational Program Discontinuance; Board Policy 4020, Program and Curriculum Development; and Administrative Procedure 4020, Program and Curriculum Development.

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