

SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE	INSTRUCTIONAL CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT	Policy 5.01.02
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The College President shall determine the courses and programs of instruction needed to meet the educational needs of the people in the College's service area and shall determine the effectiveness and efficiency of the programs and services in meeting these needs.

All curriculum programs (degree, diploma, and certificate) offered by the College will comply with the general education requirements of the North Carolina Community College System (NCCCS) and the institutional accrediting body.

The primary responsibility for the quality of the College's educational programs resides with the faculty. The Board of Trustees encourages faculty involvement in the planning of course offerings and in the development of new techniques for meeting course objectives.

All new and revised programs of study must be approved by the Board of Trustees and the NCCCS. The College must include the NCCCS required components in the development of a curriculum program of study consistent with the provisions of the State Board Code.

The College Board of Trustees authorizes non-credit Adult Education, Workforce Continuing Education, and Community Service courses when:

- a. there is apparent need for them in the community
- b. the courses are primarily educational
- c. qualified instructors and funds are available and
- d. a sufficient number of students is likely to enroll

Under unusual circumstances, e.g., acute community need or initiation of new programs, some latitude in class size will be allowed. A course may be discontinued when it ceases to meet these criteria.

Any curriculum development, revision of study, and/or addition of study will be included in the College catalog and on the College website. Oversight is maintained by the Executive Vice President for Instruction and Student Services.

The continued operation of any curriculum program depends on adequate state funds and sufficient enrollment in the program.

The President shall develop procedures for the implementation of this Policy.

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