

## Council on Postsecondary Education

### POLICY RELATING TO APPROVING PROPOSALS FOR NEW BACCALAUREATE DEGREES WITH AN APPLIED FOCUS

Reference(s): *The Colleges Act*  
*Council on Post-Secondary Education Act* Section 14

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#### I. Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this document is to describe the process used by COPSE to review proposals from community colleges and École Technique et Professionnelle relating to proposed baccalaureate degrees with an applied focus.

#### II. General

##### A. About Degrees with an Applied Focus

A1. Degree programs offered at community colleges are intended to focus on providing technical vocational training. Baccalaureate degrees with an applied focus (college degrees) include such elements as the integral linkage between such programming and the demonstrated industry need for advanced credentials; the strong role of industry participation in the development and evaluation of college degree curriculum; and the intensive focus on practical experience for all college degree program students.

A2. The College Degree Program Submission Form is intended to apply exclusively to college degree program proposals.

##### B. Authority of COPSE

B1. COPSE has the authority to regulate programming in the post-secondary system as identified in Section 14 of *The Council on Post-Secondary Education Act*.

##### **Power to regulate programs — definition**

14(1) In this section, "**program of study**" means a group of credit courses that leads to the granting of a degree, diploma or certificate by a university or college.

##### **Regulating programs**

14(2) A university or college that wishes to establish, make significant modifications to, or cease to provide a program of study, service or facility involving money at the disposal of the council shall first obtain the council's written approval.

### **Terms and conditions**

14(3) After advising the minister, the council may grant an approval under subsection (2) for a limited period or may impose other terms and conditions on an approval, and a university or college shall comply with any terms and conditions that are imposed.

### **III. Policy**

The College Degree Program Submission Form shall guide COPSE in responding to a proposal for a new college degree. Available @

[http://www.copse.mb.ca/pdf/approval\\_forms/college\\_degree\\_prog\\_sub\\_form.pdf](http://www.copse.mb.ca/pdf/approval_forms/college_degree_prog_sub_form.pdf).

### **IV History**

COPSE originally established a Program Approval Process in 1998. This process applied to all program proposals forwarded to COPSE from community colleges and universities. The advent of the college degree necessitated a differentiation of COPSE's program approval policies.

### **Attachment**

College Degree Program Submission Form