

POLICY: 5.1.6

Structure of Associate Degree, Diploma, and Technical Certificate of Credit Programs

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Encouraging students to achieve their potential in programs awarding credentials below the baccalaureate degree is fundamental to the mission of the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG). The structure of associate degrees, diplomas, and technical certificates of credit programs, offered at Georgia's Technical Colleges shall conform to standards set by the State Board and shall be subject to periodic program evaluation.

Individual Technical Colleges shall determine the appropriate credential required based on the needs of business and industry, as well as those of the students. Programs must conform to the standards outlined in this procedure as well as the processes for the submission, review, and approval of new program requests and those for the periodic review and evaluation of existing programs. The technical colleges shall notify the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) of any type of changes including program structural changes in accordance with the Commission's substantive change policy and, when required, will seek approval prior to the initiation of changes.

RELATED AUTHORITY:

O.C.G.A. § 20-4-11 – Powers of Board

O.C.G.A. § 20-4-14 – TCSG Established; Powers and Duties

TCSG State Board Policy 5.1.2 – General Program and Program Specific Standards