

# Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges

## Academics

**POLICY NAME:** Institutional and Program Accreditation

**POLICY NUMBER:** 4620

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### **A. PURPOSE**

To establish the requirement for the Nebraska State Colleges to maintain institutional accreditation by the Higher Learning Commission and criteria for programmatic accreditation.

### **B. DEFINITIONS**

None

### **C. POLICY**

#### **1. Accreditation Policies**

- 1.1. The Colleges of the Nebraska State College System must maintain institutional accreditation by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC).
- 1.2. Institutions may apply, following formal approval of the Chancellor, for accreditation of academic programs by agencies recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA).

#### **2. Accreditation Procedures**

- 2.1. A copy of any accreditation self-study report in connection with an accreditation visit shall be provided to the Vice Chancellor for Academic Planning and Partnerships.
- 2.2. The Vice Chancellor for Academic Planning and Partnerships shall be notified by the Vice President for Academic Affairs of all site visits by accreditation agencies once dates are established for the visit.
- 2.3. For HLC accreditation visits the Chancellor or designee shall be given the opportunity to meet with the accreditation committee and/or participate in the exit conference as permitted by HLC.
- 2.4. A copy of the culminating site visit report, accreditation report and/or accreditation status letter received from the accrediting agency shall be

provided to the Vice Chancellor for Academic Planning and Partnerships to be shared with the Chancellor and filed within the System Office.

- 2.5. The Chancellor shall maintain a report on the status of accreditation visits or changes in accreditation status.

## **FORMS/APPENDICES**

None

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### **SOURCE:**

**Policy Adopted:** June 1993

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