

BOARD OF REGENTS
BRIEFING PAPER
Handbook Revision, Reporting Approved Certificates

BACKGROUND & POLICY CONTEXT OF ISSUE:

With the adoption of a new funding formula, performance pool, and Complete College America goals, which certificates will be included, protecting and ensuring the public perception of the validity of these awards is critical. Under established procedures, certificates of at least 30 credit hours and certificates of less than 30 credit hours that provide preparation necessary to take state, national and/or industry recognized certification or licensing examination (also known as "skills certificates" or "workforce certificates") require approval of the Academic Affairs Council, but not the Board of Regents. Chapter 6, Section 10 of the Procedures and Guidelines Manual. Continuation of this approval process can be expedited but thorough review of proposed certificates is necessary to provide institutions the flexibility to respond to student needs. The Board of Academic Affairs Committee on an annual basis as part of the Committee's review of new and existing programs. The attached list of certificates of at least 30 credit hours and certificates of less than 30 hours approved to date 11.04.00 11.04.12 415.440

are attached.

POLICY PROPOSAL

NSHE CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS – 30 CREDITS OR MORE

The following certificates were approved previously by the Academic Affairs Committee as required pursuant to Chapter 6, Section 13 of the *Procedures and Guidelines Manual*. These certificates of 30 credit hours or more are reported to IPEDS and are counted currently for the purposes of Accountability Metrics, the NSHE Performance Pool and the Complete College America goals.

IPEDS is the data source for these purposes.

COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN NEVADA (*continued*)

Equipment Operator
Fire Science Technology

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WESTERN NEVADA COLLEGE

American Sign Language
Automotive Mechanics

NSHE CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS UNDER 30 CREDITS

The following certificates were approved by the Academic Affairs Committee pursuant to Chapter 6, Section 13 of the Procedures and Guidelines Manual as certificates of less than 30 credit hours that provide preparation necessary to take state, national and/or industry recognized certification or licensing examinations.

Going forward, these certificates will be included for Accountability Metrics and Complete College America goals starting in 2012-13. These certificates may also be included within the NSHE Performance Pool when the targets are re-established in the next Performance Pool cycle.

COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN NEVADA

Certificate Program	State or National Industry Credential, License or Exam
Bricklayer - Certificate of Journeyman Status	So Nevada Brick, Tile, Marble & Stone Local 13



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