

# Manual of Policy and Procedures

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## PURPOSE

The overall purpose of the policy is to support the mission of the VSC: for the benefit of Vermont, to provide affordable, high quality, student-centered and accessible education, fully integrating professional, liberal, and career study consistent with student aspirations and local, state, regional, national, and global needs. In addition, the policy:

1. links the development of new programs directly to institutional and system priorities and strategic planning,
2. encourages early program planning collaboration across VSC colleges,
3. requires proposed new programs to identify student learning outcomes and begin to plan for their assessment,
4. maintains flexibility for colleges to respond to market demands, and
5. streamlines and accelerates the program approval process.

The VSC supports the development of new academic programs that meet the changing educational needs of students and the State. This policy affects proposals for new degrees, new majors, and new fully online, distance-delivery, or low-residency programs.

## CRITERIA FOR REVIEW

At a minimum, a new academic program will:

- 1.

## PROPOSAL AND REVIEW PROCESS

