

Academic Programs, Labor Market Needs, and Duplication



STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER
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Several SCHEV duties come before institutional boards...

- **Academic Programs**
- **Mission statement changes**
- **Instructional sites**
- **Enrollment projections**

New academic degree programs

SCHEV requires:

- that new degree programs be approved by institutional governing boards
- that specific information be presented to institutional governing boards before their approval is conferred:
 - *Duplication*
 - *Labor market information*

Employment Demand Information

- **Labor Market Information:**
 - Bureau of Labor Statistics
 - Virginia Employment Commission
- **Position Announcements**

Information must document clearly that there is demand in Virginia for graduates with the degree—by discipline and level—proposed.

If duplication is a factor, the demand must be greater than can be satisfied by the existing degree programs

Certification statements required by SCHEV

- 1. A request of any kind will be submitted to the Virginia General Assembly for funds to initiate and/or maintain the proposed degree program.**
- 2. The proposed degree program is included in the institution's most recent six-year plan.**
- 3. The institution's governing board has been provided information regarding duplication (if applicable) and labor market projections as part of its approval action.**

Why?

- *To ensure a thorough justification in terms of state needs.*
- **SCHEV wants to know that each Board has :**
 - approved the proposed program,
 - with knowledge of the true employment demand for graduates of the specific degree program being proposed,
 - and with awareness of the extent of duplication with already existent programs at public institutions.