

**DATE:** January 29, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Post-Approval Monitoring Status Report

**ACTION RECOMMENDED:** Information

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** In accordance with the academic standards adopted by the Commission in 2002, new academic programs approved by the Commission must be monitored following their initial approval. Programs remain in the monitoring cycle for five years at the baccalaureate level and above and three years for pre-baccalaureate programs following approval. All programs in this report were approved on or before July 2007.

At the January commission meeting of each year, staff provides the Post Approval Monitoring Reports for programs that are within the three or five year monitoring cycle. The criteria for reviewing programs are based on goals established in the approved program proposal. The goals include, but are not limited to enrollment and graduation ratios, program cost, progress toward accreditation, library acquisitions, and other goals set by the institution and agreed upon by the governing boards and Commission staff. Program enrollment and graduate data are analyzed based on annual figures. Due to the annual cycle, the programs listed in this report may be in the first year through fifth year of implementation.

If deficiencies are noted during the monitoring cycle, THEC requests information to explain the deficiencies and specific plans for corrective action or recommends programs for termination. Staff also may choose to extend the monitoring period, if additional time is needed and requested by the governing board.

There are various reasons why programs may not meet projected benchmarks. The implementation of programs can be delayed due to difficulty of hiring faculty, inadequate recruitment practices, changes in labor market demands, or other issues not within the control of the institution. Institutions are therefore required to submit Program Productivity Plans to indicate the strategies and plans for correcting deficiencies, plans for termination, or to request an extension of time in the monitoring period.

For the 2007-08 Post Approval Monitoring cycle, over 100 programs were reviewed in this cycle. Of the programs reviewed, 58 programs achieved their projected benchmarks (or performed above the low-producing threshold) and 32 academic programs did not meet their projections. Eight programs were delayed for implementation for various reasons. Finally, two certificate programs were terminated by the governing board. Please refer to Attachment A for listing of academic programs in the 2007-08 monitoring cycle by program action.

**Attachment A**  
**Post Approval Monitoring: 2007-08 Cycle**

**Table 1: Programs - Benchmarks Attained**

**Austin Peay State University**

- Criminal Justice, BS
- Management, MS
- Military History, MA
- Teaching, MAT

**East Tennessee State University**

- Anthropology, BA
- Digital Media, BS
- Geology, BS
- Sport and Leisure Management, BS
- Theatre, BA
- Social Work, MSW
- Audiology, AuD
- Clinical Psychology, PhD
- Pharmacy, PharmD
- Physical Therapy, DPT

**Middle Tennessee State University**

- Art History, BA
- Concrete Industry Management, BS
- Construction Management Tech., BS
- Global Studies, BA
- Professional Science, MS
- Recording Arts and Technology, MFA
- Economics, PhD
- English, PhD
- Human Performance, PhD

**Tennessee State University**

- Health Sciences, BS
- Occupational Therapy, MOT
- Physical Therapy, DPT

**Tennessee Technological University**

- Web Design, BS

**University of Memphis**

- Biomedical Engineering, BSBE
- Int'l Masters of Business Admin, IMBA
- Nursing, MSN
- Computer Science, MS and PhD

**Regents Campus Collaborative (Regents Online Degrees Programs: RODP)**

- Advanced Studies in Teaching and Learning, MEd
- Nursing, MSN
- Professional Studies, MPS

**University of Tennessee, Chattanooga**

- Mechanical Engineering, BS
- Computational Engineering, PhD
- Learning and Leadership, EdD
- Physical Therapy, DPT

**University of Tennessee, Knoxville**

- Public Relations, BSC
- Biomedical Engineering, MS and PhD
- Industrial and Information Engineering, PhD

**University of Tennessee, Martin**

- Finance, BSBA

**University of Tennessee, Health Science Center**

- Cytopathology Practice, MS
- Dental Hygiene, MDH
- Health Informatics and Information Management, MS
- Occupational Therapy, MSOT
- Physical Therapy, DPT

**Table 1 (con't): Programs - Benchmarks Attained**

**Chattanooga State Technical Community College**

- Dental Assisting, Technical Certificate
- Cardiovascular Sonography, Technical Certificate

**Columbia State Community College**

- Teaching, AST

**Motlow State Community College**

- Teaching, AST

**Nashville State Technical Community College**

- Industrial Process Control Technology, AAS

**Northeast State Technical Community College**

- Public Safety and Justice Administration, AAS
- Chemical Process Operation, Technical Certificate

**Pellissippi State Technical Community College**

- Media Technologies, AAS
- Teaching, AST

**Roane State Community College**

- *Not available*

**Table 2: Programs - Benchmarks Not Attained**

**East Tennessee State University**

- Women’s Studies, BA
- Allied Health, MSAH
- Environmental Health, PhD
- Nursing Science, DSN
- Public Health, Dr.P.H.

**Middle Tennessee State University**

- Public History, PhD

**Tennessee State University**

- Computer Information and Information Systems Engineering, PhD

**University of Memphis**

- Bioinformatics, MS
- Women’s Studies, MA
- Public Health, MPH

**University of Tennessee, Chattanooga**

- Electrical Engineering, BS

**University of Tennessee, Knoxville**

- Computer Engineering, MS and PhD
- Reliability and Maintainability Engineering, MS

**University of Tennessee Health Science Center**

- Physical Therapy, ScDPT

**Regents Campus Collaborative (Regents Online Degrees Programs: RODP)**

- Web Page Authoring, Technical Certificate
- Web Technology, AAS

**Chattanooga State Technical Community College**

- Teaching, AST
- Veterinary Technology, AAS

**Cleveland State Community College**

- Teaching, AST

**Dyersburg State Community College**

- Teaching, AST
- General Technology, AAS

**Jackson State Community College**

- Teaching, AST

**Nashville State Technical Community College**

- Teaching, AST

**Northeast State Technical Community College**

- Teaching, AST

**Pellissippi State Technical Community College**

- Security Engineering and Administrative Technology, AAS

**Roane State Community College**

- *Not available*

**Southwest Tennessee Community College**

- Teaching, AST
- Biotechnology, AAS

**Volunteer State Community College**

- Teaching, AST

**Walters State Community College**

- Teaching, AST
- Information Technology, AAS
- General Technology, AAS

*\*Program Productivity Plans will be required to indicate strategies and plans for correcting deficiencies related to enrollment and graduation.*

### **Table 3: Programs Delayed Implementation**

#### **Tennessee State University**

- Urban Studies, BS

#### **University of Memphis**

- Architecture, M.Arch.

#### **Regents Campus Collaborative (Regents Online Degrees Programs: RODP)**

- Nursing, AAS (*Projected Implementation in Proposal Spring 2008*)

#### **Columbia State Community College**

- Film Crew Technology, Technical Certificate
- Stage Crew Technology, Technical Certificate

#### **Jackson State Community College**

- Occupational Therapy Assistant, AAS

#### **Motlow State Community College**

- General Technology, AAS

#### **Volunteer State Community College**

- Histotechnology, AAS

### **Table 4: Programs Terminated**

#### **Nashville State Technical Community College**

- Industrial Automation, Technical Certificate
- Web Development, Technical Certificate