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DATE: July 22, 2021

SUBJECT: Academic Program Review

ACTION RECOMMENDED: Information

The Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) is charged with the continuous monitoring of the state's academic program inventory (API) at Tennessee's public postsecondary institutions including degree production. THEC works with governing boards and institutions to assess the health of academic offerings, make necessary adjustments to academic program policy, and ensure all programs are fully aligned to student success. To this end, THEC periodically conducts an Academic Program Review comprised of two components:

- Post Approval Monitoring: An annual report that evaluates new academic program's institutionally articulated enrollment and graduation projections, program costs, and other goals reflected in the new academic program proposal along with THEC minimum standards for degree productivity.
- Program Productivity: A report produced every three years that reviews all mature programs against nationally recognized productivity benchmarks.

The following Academic Program Review overview report is organized in two sections corresponding to each component of the review. The first section provides an overview of the annual post-approval monitoring (PAM) report by degree level and sector of the state's newly approved academic programs. The second section provides an overview of the program productivity of existing, mature programs at the state's public postsecondary institutions.

Detailed Post-Approval Monitoring and Program Productivity reports featuring information organized by institution, sector, and degree levels are located on the THEC Academic Affairs and Student Success website.

Post-Approval Monitoring

Post-Approval Monitoring: Overview

<u>THEC Academic Policy A.1.0 - New Academic Programs Approval Process</u> requires that the performance of new academic programs, based on goals established in the documentation submitted at the time of approval, will be evaluated by THEC via post-approval monitoring (PAM). PAM is initiated when a new program receives approval by the Commission or the Tennessee Board of Regents.

The post-approval monitoring period is three years for pre-baccalaureate programs, five years for bachelor's and master's programs, and seven years for doctoral programs. Upon completion of PAM, academic programs will be evaluated via Quality Assurance Funding (QAF) – a statewide supplemental funding incentive to encourage continuous improvement of programs.

THEC staff may choose to extend the monitoring period if additional time is needed for the program to demonstrate success on program benchmarks. Annually, the Commission will review and be presented post-approval monitoring reports. If an academic program is deemed deficient, the Commission may recommend to the President or Chancellor that the program be terminated. Copies of such recommendations will be forwarded to the Education Committees of the Tennessee General Assembly.

Accordingly, THEC uses two primary benchmarks for evaluation – attaining at least 80 percent of institutionally articulated enrollment and graduation projections; and meeting the minimum enrollment and graduation productivity thresholds that are specific to each degree level as outlined below:

- Pre-Baccalaureate: 10 graduates per year at the end of the initial three-year monitoring period
- Bachelor: 10 graduates per year at the end of the initial five-year monitoring period
- Master: Five graduates per year at the end of the initial five-year monitoring period
- **Doctoral**: Three graduates per year at the end of the initial seven-year monitoring period

The detailed PAM report featuring institutional narratives of their respective programs can be found on the THFC Academic Affairs and Student Success website.

Post-Approval Monitoring: Degree-Level Report

In 2020-21, a total of 85 programs were included in Post-Approval Monitoring (PAM). Table 1 displays a breakdown by system and degree level.

Table 1: Programs in Post-Approval Monitoring, 2020-21

| | Pre- Baccalaureate | Bachelor's | Master's | Doctoral | Total |
|------------------------|-----------------------|------------|----------|----------|-------|
| LGI Universities | - | 13 | 14 | 10 | 37 |
| UT System | - | 5 | 7 | 3 | 15 |
| TBR Community Colleges | 33 | - | - | - | 33 |
| Total Programs in PAM | 33 | 18 | 21 | 13 | 85 |

Overall, 39 percent of programs in PAM were at the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) community colleges. The University of Tennessee System (UT) accounted for 18 percent of programs, and the Locally Governed Institutions (LGI) accounted for 43 percent of programs. In 2020-21, five programs exited Post-Approval Monitoring and will enter annual monitoring through the Quality Assurance Funding (QAF) program (see Table 2).

Table 2: Programs Exiting Post-Approval Monitoring After Their Initial Cycle, 2020-21

| | Institution | Program | Degree Level | Year Implemented | PAM Status | Enrollment Benchmarks Achieved | Graduation Benchmarks Achieved |
|----|------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. | Jackson | Health Sciences | Associate | 2018 | Exiting | Yes | Yes |
| 2. | East Tennessee | Human Services | Master | 2016 | Exiting | Yes | Yes |
| 3. | East Tennessee | Sport Science and Coaching | Master | 2016 | Exiting | Yes | Yes |
| 4. | Middle Tennessee | Library Science | Master | 2016 | Exiting | Yes | Yes |
| 5. | UT Chattanooga | Social Work | Master | 2016 | Exiting | Yes | Yes |

In 2020-21, five programs were initially eligible to exit Post-Approval Monitoring but will have their monitoring extended due to unmet enrollment and graduation benchmarks (See Table 3). These five programs completed and submitted Program Productivity Plans that addressed programmatic deficiencies and provided specific plans for corrective actions. The Fire Science associates degree program will be suspended and made inactive. Additionally, the faculty in UTK'S College of Law has recommended the United States Business Law, master's program to be terminated.

Table 3: Programs Not Exiting Post-Approval Monitoring After Their Initial Cycle, 2020-21

| | Institution | Program | Degree Level | Year Implemented | PAM Status | Enrollment Benchmarks Achieved | Graduation Benchmarks Achieved |
|----|------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. | Jackson | Fire Science | Associate | 2018 | Extended | No | No |
| 2. | Jackson | Respiratory Care | Associate | 2018 | Extended | Yes | Yes |
| 3. | Volunteer | Professional Music | Associate | 2018 | Extended | No | No |
| 4. | ETSU & TTU Joint | Engineering | Bachelor | 2016 | Extended | Yes | No |
| 5. | UT Knoxville | United States Business Law | Master | 2016 | Extended | No | No |

In 2020-21, 18 programs – 17 pre-baccalaureate and one master's – had extended monitoring cycles due to not achieving enrollment and graduation benchmarks after the original PAM cycle (see Table 4). One program – the Associate of Fine Arts program at Nashville State Community College – will exit PAM. The remaining programs will remain in PAM for the next monitoring cycle. If programs in extended monitoring continue to not meet enrollment and graduation benchmarks during subsequent PAM cycles, THEC may request new productivity plans from the institution.

Table 4: Programs in Extended Post-Approval Monitoring, 2020-21

| | Institution | Program | Degree Level | Year Implemented | PAM Status | Enrollment Benchmarks Achieved | Graduation Benchmarks Achieved |
|-----|-------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. | Chattanooga | Paramedic | Associate | 2016 | Extended | No | No |
| 2. | Chattanooga | Nuclear Medicine Technology | Associate | 2017 | Extended | Yes | No |
| 3. | Cleveland | Fine Arts | Associate | 2013 | Extended | Yes | No |
| 4. | Cleveland | Medical Informatics | Associate | 2014 | Extended | No | No |
| 5. | Cleveland | Paramedic | Associate | 2015 | Extended | No | No |
| 6. | Cleveland | Law Enforcement | Associate | 2017 | Extended | No | No |
| 7. | Columbia | Anesthesia Technology | Associate | 2017 | Extended | No | No |
| 8. | Dyersburg | Health Sciences | Associate | 2017 | Extended | Yes | No |
| 9. | Motlow | Paramedic | Associate | 2014 | Extended | Yes | No |
| 10. | Motlow | Medical Laboratory Technology | Associate | 2017 | Extended | Yes | No |
| 11. | Motlow | Fine Arts | Associate | 2017 | Extended | Yes | No |
| 12. | Nashville | Hospitality Management | Associate | 2017 | Extended | Yes | No |
| 13. | Nashville | Retail Management | Certificate | 2017 | Extended | Yes | No |
| 14. | Nashville | Fine Arts ¹ | Associate | 2012 | Exiting | Yes | No |
| 15. | Roane | Financial Services | Associate | 2014 | Extended | Yes | No |
| 16. | Roane | Medical | Associate | 2015 | Extended | No | No |

| | Institution | Program | Degree Level | Year Implemented | PAM Status | Enrollment Benchmarks Achieved | Graduation Benchmarks Achieved |
|-----|-------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | | Informatics | | | | | |
| 17. | Southwest | Allied Health Science | Associate | 2015 | Extended | Yes | No |
| 18. | Tennessee Tech | Professional Science Master's | Master | 2013 | Extended | Yes | No |

Note:

Pre-Baccalaureate Programs

For three years, pre-bachelor's academic programs undergo post-approval monitoring (see Table 5). A total of 31 associate and two certificate programs participated in PAM in 2020-21. Two programs completed and exited PAM during the 2020-21 cycle.

Table 5: Post-Approval Monitoring: Pre-Baccalaureate's Programs, 2020-21

| | Institution | Program | Degree Level | Year Implemented | Year in PAM | Enrollment Benchmarks Achieved | Graduation Benchmarks Achieved |
|-----|-------------|---|-----------------|---------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. | Chattanooga | Paramedic | Associate | 2016 | 5 | No | No |
| 2. | Chattanooga | Nuclear Medicine Technology | Associate | 2017 | 4 | Yes | No |
| 3. | Cleveland | Fine Arts | Associate | 2013 | 8 | Yes | No |
| 4. | Cleveland | Medical Informatics | Associate | 2014 | 7 | No | No |
| 5. | Cleveland | Paramedic | Associate | 2015 | 6 | No | No |
| 6. | Cleveland | Law Enforcement | Associate | 2017 | 4 | No | No |
| 7. | Columbia | Anesthesia Technology | Associate | 2017 | 4 | No | No |
| 8. | Columbia | Fire Science | Associate | 2019 | 2 | No | No |
| 9. | Columbia | Civil and Construction Engineering Technology | Associate | 2020 | 1 | | |
| 10. | Dyersburg | Health Sciences | Associate | 2017 | 4 | Yes | No |
| 11. | Jackson | Fire Science | Associate | 2018 | 3 | No | No |
| 12. | Jackson | Respiratory Care | Associate | 2018 | 3 | No | No |
| 13. | Jackson | Health Sciences ¹ | Associate | 2018 | 3 | Yes | Yes |
| 14. | Motlow | Paramedic | Associate | 2014 | 7 | Yes | No |
| 15. | Motlow | Medical Laboratory Technology | Associate | 2017 | 4 | Yes | No |
| 16. | Motlow | Fine Arts | Associate | 2017 | 4 | Yes | No |
| 17. | Motlow | Entrepreneurship | Associate | 2020 | 1 | Yes | |
| 18. | Nashville | Hospitality Management | Associate | 2017 | 4 | Yes | No |
| 19. | Nashville | Retail | Certificate | 2017 | 4 | Yes | No |

¹ Programs are exiting PAM.

| | Institution | Program | Degree Level | Year Implemented | Year in PAM | Enrollment Benchmarks Achieved | Graduation Benchmarks Achieved |
|-----|-------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | | Management | | | | | |
| 20. | Nashville | Fine Arts ¹ | Associate | 2012 | 9 | No | Yes |
| 21. | Nashville | Paralegal Studies | Certificate | 2020 | 1 | No | No |
| 22. | Pellissippi | Water Quality Technology | Associate | 2019 | 2 | Yes | No |
| 23. | Pellissippi | Architectural Design Technology | Associate | 2020 | 1 | Yes | Yes |
| 24. | Roane | Financial Services | Associate | 2014 | 7 | Yes | No |
| 25. | Roane | Medical Informatics | Associate | 2015 | 6 | No | No |
| 26. | Roane | Chemical Engineering Technology | Associate | 2019 | 2 | Yes | Yes |
| 27. | Roane | Medical Laboratory Technology | Associate | 2020 | 1 | | |
| 28. | Southwest | Allied Health Science | Associate | 2015 | 6 | Yes | No |
| 29. | Southwest | Funeral Services Education | Associate | 2019 | 2 | Yes | No |
| 30. | Southwest | Fine Arts | Associate | 2019 | 2 | No | |
| 31. | Volunteer | Professional Music | Associate | 2018 | 3 | Yes | No |
| 32. | Volunteer | Nursing | Associate | 2019 | 2 | Yes | |
| 33. | Volunteer | Medical Assisting | Associate | 2020 | 1 | | |

Note:

Bachelor's Programs

Bachelor's academic programs are monitored for five years during Post-Approval Monitoring (see Table 6). A total of 18 bachelor's programs participated in PAM in 2020-21, 13 at Locally Governed Institutions, and five at UT institutions. Only one program – the Joint Engineering program at ETSU and TTU – was in the final year of initial monitoring but has yet to achieve graduation benchmarks and will enter extended post-approval monitoring. Approved programs that are not planned to be implemented until future monitoring cycles are required to submit an implementation status report to monitor progress towards a successful implementation.

¹ Programs are exiting PAM.

Table 6: Post-Approval Monitoring: Bachelor's Programs, 2020-21

| | Institution | Program | Degree Level | Year Implemented | Year in PAM | Enrollment Benchmarks Achieved | Graduation Benchmarks Achieved |
|-----|-----------------------------|--|-----------------|---------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. | Austin Peay | Engineering Physics | Bachelor | 2017 | 4 | No | No |
| 2. | Austin Peay | Aviation Science | Bachelor | 2018 | 3 | Yes | No |
| 3. | ETSU & TTU | Joint Engineering | Bachelor | 2016 | 5 | Yes | No |
| 4. | East Tennessee | Rehabilitative Health Sciences | Bachelor | 2018 | 3 | Yes | Yes |
| 5. | Middle Tennessee | Africana Studies | Bachelor | 2017 | 4 | No | Yes |
| 6. | Middle Tennessee | Fermentation Science | Bachelor | 2017 | 4 | No | Yes |
| 7. | Middle Tennessee | Religious Studies | Bachelor | 2017 | 4 | Yes | Yes |
| 8. | Middle Tennessee | Dance | Bachelor | 2017 | 4 | No | Yes |
| 9. | Middle Tennessee | Tourism and Hospitality Management | Bachelor | 2019 | 2 | Yes | Yes |
| 10. | Middle Tennessee | Data Science | Bachelor | 2020 | 1 | Yes | |
| 11. | Middle Tennessee | Art Therapy | Bachelor | 2022 | Status | | |
| 12. | Univ of Memphis | Commercial Aviation | Bachelor | 2018 | 3 | No | Yes |
| 13. | Univ of Memphis | Public Health | Bachelor | 2021 | 1 | | |
| 14. | UT Chattanooga | Mechatronics Engineering | Bachelor | 2018 | 3 | Yes | Yes |
| 15. | UT Health Science Center | Pharmaceutical Sciences | Bachelor | 2020 | 1 | Yes | Yes |
| 16. | UT Knoxville | Information Sciences | Bachelor | 2019 | 2 | Yes | Yes |
| 17. | UT Knoxville | Deaf Studies | Bachelor | 2020 | 1 | Yes | Yes |
| 18. | UT Knoxville | Education | Bachelor | 2022 | Status | | |

Master's Programs

Master's level degree programs are monitored for five years during Post-Approval Monitoring (see Table 7). A total of 21 master's programs participated in PAM in 2020-21, 14 at Locally Governed Institutions and seven at UT institutions. Three programs completed PAM in 2020-21.

Table 7: Post-Approval Monitoring: Master's Programs, 2020-21

| | Institution | Program | Degree Level | Year Implemented | Year in PAM | Enrollment Benchmarks Achieved | Graduation Benchmarks Achieved |
|-----|------------------|---|-----------------|---------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. | Austin Peay | Speech-Language Pathology | Master | 2022 | Status | | |
| 2. | Austin Peay | Criminal Justice | Master | 2021 | Status | | |
| 3. | East Tennessee | Human Services ¹ | Master | 2016 | Exiting | Yes | Yes |
| 4. | East Tennessee | Sport Science and Coach Education ¹ | Master | 2016 | Exiting | No | No |
| 5. | Middle Tennessee | Library Science ¹ | Master | 2016 | Exiting | Yes | Yes |
| 6. | Middle Tennessee | Art Therapy | Master | 2022 | Status | | |
| 7. | Middle Tennessee | Physician Assistant Studies | Master | 2022 | Status | | |
| 8. | Tennessee State | Environmental Science | Master | 2020 | 1 | Yes | Yes |
| 9. | Tennessee Tech | Professional Science Master's | Master | 2013 | 8 | Yes | No |
| 10. | Tennessee Tech | Engineering Management | Master | 2020 | 1 | Yes | No |
| 11. | Tennessee Tech | Community Health and Nutrition | Master | 2021 | Status | | |
| 12. | Univ of Memphis | Engineering Management | Master | 2020 | 1 | No | |
| 13. | Univ of Memphis | Biostatistics | Master | 2019 | 2 | No | Yes |
| 14. | Univ of Memphis | Data Science | Master | 2020 | 1 | No | |
| 15. | UT Chattanooga | Social Work | Master | 2016 | 5 | Yes | Yes |
| 16. | UT Chattanooga | Data Analytics | Master | 2019 | 2 | Yes | Yes |
| 17. | UT Chattanooga | Chronic Disease and Prevention | Master | 2018 | 3 | Yes | No |
| 18. | UT Knoxville | United States Business Law ² | Master | 2016 | 5 | No | No |
| 19. | UT Knoxville | Supply Chain Management | Master | 2017 | 4 | Yes | No |
| 20. | UT Knoxville | Legal Studies | Master | 2021 | Status | | |
| 21. | UT Martin | Strategic Communication | Master | 2017 | 4 | Yes | No |

Note:

¹ Programs are exiting PAM. ² Program is existing PAM.

Doctoral Programs

Doctoral academic programs are monitored for seven years during Post-Approval Monitoring (see Table 8). A total of 13 programs participated in PAM in 2020-21, 10 at Locally Governed Institutions and three at UT institutions. No programs completed PAM in 2020-21.

Table 8: Post-Approval Monitoring: Doctoral Programs, 2020-21

| | Institution | Program | Degree Level | Year Implemented | Year in PAM | Enrollment Benchmarks Achieved | Graduation Benchmarks Achieved |
|-----|-----------------|---|-----------------|---------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. | Austin Peay | Education Leadership | Doctoral | 2018 | 3 | Yes | No |
| 2. | Austin Peay | Counseling Psychology | Doctoral | 2020 | 1 | Yes | |
| 3. | East Tennessee | Global Sport Leadership | Doctoral | 2015 | 6 | Yes | Yes |
| 4. | ETSU & TTU | TN Joint Doctor of Nursing Practice | Doctoral | 2017 | 4 | Yes | No |
| 5. | Tennessee Tech | Counseling and Supervision | Doctoral | 2019 | 2 | Yes | |
| 6. | Univ of Memphis | Liberal Studies | Doctoral | 2018 | 3 | Yes | |
| 7. | Univ of Memphis | Social Work | Doctoral | 2020 | 1 | No | |
| 8. | Univ of Memphis | Nursing | Doctoral | 2018 | 3 | Yes | |
| 9. | Univ of Memphis | Applied Physics | Doctoral | 2020 | 1 | Yes | |
| 10. | Univ of Memphis | Urban Affairs | Doctoral | 2021 | Status | | |
| 11. | UT Knoxville | Entomology, Plant Pathology, and Nematology | Doctoral | 2015 | 6 | Yes | No |
| 12. | UT Knoxville | Data Science Engineering | Doctoral | 2017 | 4 | No | Yes |
| 13. | UT Knoxville | Public Health Sciences | Doctoral | 2020 | 1 | Yes | No |

Once a program successfully completes PAM, it is considered a mature program and enters annual monitoring through Quality Assurance Funding. Every three years, the production of all mature academic programs is analyzed and reported to the Commission as a part of the Program Productivity Report. The following section provides an overview of the 2018-2020 Program Productivity report.

Program Productivity

Program Productivity Report: Overview

THEC staff collects data on productivity of academic programs and reports to the Commission every three years. This review provides monitoring of mature academic programs and the overall academic profile of the institution. Mature programs are those that have completed THEC's Post-Approval Monitoring (PAM) requirements and have been included in Quality Assurance Funding for accountability purposes. THEC staff determine productivity benchmarks based on the number of graduates for each program as listed below.

- **Pre-baccalaureate**: average of 10 graduates a year over a three-year period.
- **Baccalaureate**: average of 10 graduates a year over a five-year period.
- **Master's**: average of five graduates a year over a five-year period.
- **Education Specialist**: average of five graduates a year over a five-year period.
- **Doctoral**: average of three graduates a year over a five-year period.

Programs that fall below these benchmarks are considered low producing. In order to determine productivity, institutions and governing boards provided THEC staff with information regarding program viability and fit within the institutions' missions. An academic program identified as low producing does not always indicate a problem; it is a starting point for data sharing and conversations. For example, undergraduate academic programs integral to the general education core are included in the list of low producing programs but do not necessarily require corrective action as these programs are foundational to the institution's mission. Of particular concern are programs that are not part of the general education core and have not met the predetermined benchmarks over multiple reviews.

Based on productivity benchmarks, 80 academic programs are identified as low producing, 17 of which are part of the university general education core. It should be highlighted that four institutions' program inventory have met or exceeded the predetermined benchmarks for all programs. These four institutions include three community colleges (Dyersburg, Jackson, and Northeast) and Middle Tennessee State University. Also, of note, UT Chattanooga met graduation benchmarks for all programs except three programs that support the general education curriculum. The full Program Productivity report can be found on the THEC Academic Affairs and Student Success Bureau's website.

Table 9 highlights the total Academic Program Inventory by sector. A total of 80 mature programs were considered low producing. THEC staff have worked with institutions and governing board staff to develop corrective action plans for low producing programs including:

- Curriculum Revisions: Institutions are continuously working to ensure the curriculum aligns
 with best practices and workforce needs. Updates ensure graduates are prepared for
 employment or further study.
- **Delivery Mode:** Institutions are looking into ways to make programs more accessible to students through lessons learned during the COVID-19 pandemic.

• **Recruitment:** Institutions have increased recruitment and outreach to other higher education institutions and local high schools. Institutions are working to increase awareness of programs through increased dual enrollment options and community outreach.

Table 9: Academic Program Inventory by Sector, 2021

| | New Academic Programs | Mature: Low Producing | Mature | Total |
|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------|-------|
| TBR Community Colleges | 33 | 22 | 495 | 550 |
| LGI Universities | 37 | 30 | 577 | 644 |
| UT System | 15 | 28 | 364 | 407 |
| Total Programs | 85 | 80 | 1436 | 1601 |

Three tables are provided below that highlight the total Academic Program Inventory by sector (Table 10), low producing programs and benchmark targets at the community colleges (Table 11), and low producing programs and benchmark targets at the universities (Table 12).

Table 10: Academic Program Inventory by Sector: New, Mature and Low Producing Programs

| Low Producing Programs by Sector | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--------|--------------|
| Sector | Degree | New Academic Programs | Mature: Low Producing | Mature | Mature Total |
| TBR | Technical Certificates | 2 | 6 | 277 | 283 |
| | Academic Certificates | | | 6 | 6 |
| | Associates | 31 | 16 | 212 | 228 |
| TBR Total | | 33 | 22 | 495 | 517 |
| LGI | Associates | | | 4 | 4 |
| | Bachelors | 13 | 18 | 311 | 329 |
| | Masters | 14 | 9 | 181 | 190 |
| | Education Specialist | | 2 | 8 | 10 |
| | Professional | | | 8 | 8 |
| | Doctoral | 10 | 1 | 65 | 66 |
| | LGI Total | 37 | 30 | 577 | 607 |
| UT | Bachelors | 5 | 12 | 156 | 168 |
| | Masters | 7 | 3 | 126 | 129 |
| | Education Specialist | | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| | Professional | | | 3 | 3 |
| | Doctoral | 3 | 12 | 76 | 88 |
| | UT Total | 15 | 28 | 364 | 392 |
| 4-Year Total | | 52 | 58 | 941 | 999 |
| Overall To | otal | 85 | 80 | 1,436 | 1,516 |

Table 11: Low Producing Programs: Community Colleges, 2018-20

| Low Producing Programs: Community Colleges | | | | |
|--|--|-----------------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| Institution | Academic Program | Degree Designation | 3 Yr. Avg | % Benchmark Target |
| Chattanasa | 1. Cardiovascular Sonography | Certificate | 8 | 80% |
| | 2. Computed Tomography ¹ | Certificate | 2 | 20% |
| Chattanooga | 3. Criminal Justice | Associate | 2 | 17% |
| | 4. Fine Arts ¹ | Associate | 6 | 63% |
| | 5. Mammography | Certificate | 4 | 40% |
| Cleveland | 6. Welding Basic Entry Level | Certificate | 7 | 73% |
| Columbia | 7. Criminal Justice | Associate | 8 | 77% |
| Columbia | 8. Medical Informatics | Associate | 7 | 70% |
| Motlow | 9. Computer Information Tech ¹ | Associate | 5 | 47% |
| IVIOLIOW | 10. Early Childhood Education ¹ | Certificate | 3 | 27% |
| Nashville | 11. Teaching ¹ | Associate | 9 | 87% |
| Pellissippi | 12. Criminal Justice | Associate | 5 | 47% |
| Roane | 13. Advanced Pharmacy Tech ¹ | Certificate | 6 | 57% |
| Roalle | 14. Surgical Technology | Associate | 7 | 70% |
| | 15. Hospitality Management | Associate | 8 | 80% |
| Southwest | 16. Middle Management ¹ | Associate | 1 | 13% |
| Southwest | 17. Teaching ¹ | Associate | 2 | 20% |
| | 18. Biotechnology | Associate | 6 | 80% |
| Volunteer | 19. Ophthalmic Technology | Associate | 9 | 93% |
| Walters | 20. Criminal Justice | Associate | 2 | 17% |
| | 21. Fire Science | Associate | 4 | 40% |
| | 22. Production Horticulture ¹ | Associate | 7 | 15% |

¹ Programs also noted as low producing in 2018.

Table 12: Low Producing Programs: Universities, 2018-20

| Low Producing Programs: Universities | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|-------------|-------|-------------|
| Institution | | Degree | 5 Yr. | % Benchmark |
| institution | Academic Program | Designation | Avg | Target |
| APSU | 1. Music ² | BA/BS | 6 | 60% |
| | 2. Philosophy and Religion ^{1 & 2} | BA/BS | 3 | 30% |
| | 3. Physics ² | BS | 8 | 80% |
| | 4. Theater/Dance | BA/BFA | 8 | 80% |
| ETSU | 5. Applied Science | BAS | 9 | 90% |
| | 6. Environmental Health ¹ | BSEH | 8 | 80% |
| | 7. Philosophy ^{1 & 2} | BA/BS | 7 | 70% |
| | 8. Physics ^{1 & 2} | BS | 6 | 60% |
| | 9. Surveying & Mapping Science | BS | 8 | 80% |
| | 10. Allied Health | MSAH | 4 | 80% |
| | 11. Appalachian Studies | MA | 3 | 60% |
| | 12. Liberal Studies | MALS | 4 | 80% |
| | 13. Studio Art | MFA | 4 | 80% |
| | 14. Educational Leadership ¹ | EDS | 3 | 60% |
| TSU | 15. Architectural Engineering ¹ | BS | 6 | 60% |
| | 16. History ^{1& 2} | BA/BS | 5 | 50% |
| | 17. Mathematical Sciences ^{1 & 2} | BS | 6 | 60% |
| | 18. Urban Studies ¹ | BS | 7 | 70% |
| | 19. Professional School Counseling | MS | 3 | 60% |
| | 20. Special Education | MEd | 3 | 60% |
| | 21. Instructional Leadership | EDS | 3 | 60% |
| TTU | 22. Foreign Languages ² | BA | 9 | 90% |
| | 23. Physics ^{1 & 2} | BS | 2 | 20% |
| | 24. English ¹ | MA | 4 | 80% |
| UOM | 25. African And African American Studies | BA | 9 | 90% |
| | 26. Interior Architecture | BFA | 7 | 70% |
| | 27. Physics ² | BS | 5 | 50% |
| | 28. Educational Psychology & Research | MS | 2 | 40% |
| | 29. Engineering Technology | MS | 3 | 60% |
| | 30. Social and Behavioral Sciences | PhD | 2 | 67% |
| UTC | 31. Philosophy & Religion ^{1 & 2} | BA | 9 | 90% |
| | 32. Physics ^{1 & 2} | BS | 4 | 40% |
| | 33. Theater ^{1 & 2} | BA | 9 | 90% |
| UTHSC | 34. Health Outcomes & Policy Research | PhD | 1 | 33% |
| | 35. Nursing Science | PhD | 2 | 67% |
| | 36. Speech and Hearing Science ¹ | PhD | 1 | 33% |
| UTK | 37. Art History | BA | 6 | 60% |
| | 38. Natural Resources & Environmental | | | |
| | Economics ¹ | BSARE | 5 | 50% |
| | 39. Public Administration ¹ | BSBA | 9 | 90% |

| Low Producing Programs: Universities | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| Institution | Academic Program | Degree Designation | 5 Yr. Avg | % Benchmark Target |
| | 40. Biosystems Engineering | MS | 3 | 60% |
| | 41. Environment and Soil Science | MS | 2 | 40% |
| | 42. Forestry ¹ | MS | 3 | 60% |
| | 43. Teacher Education | EdS | 2 | 40% |
| UTK | 44. Aerospace Engineering ¹ | PhD | 2 | 67% |
| OIK | 45. Animal Science ¹ | PhD | 2 | 67% |
| | 46. Biosystems Engineering ¹ | PhD | 1 | 33% |
| | 47. Child and Family Studies | PhD | 2 | 67% |
| | 48. Engineering Science | PhD | 0 | 0% |
| | 49. Food Science | PhD | 2 | 67% |
| | 50. Management Science ¹ | PhD | 1 | 33% |
| | 51. Nutritional Sciences | PhD | 2 | 67% |
| | 52. Philosophy | PhD | 2 | 67% |
| UTM | 53. Chemistry ² | BS/BSCH | 8 | 80% |
| | 54. Economics ² | BSBA | 7 | 70% |
| | 55. Geoscience | BS | 9 | 90% |
| | 56. International Studies | BA | 4 | 40% |
| | 57. Philosophy ² | BA | 3 | 30% |
| | 58. Spanish ² | BA | 5 | 50% |

¹ Programs also noted as low producing in 2018. ² Program are part of the general education core.