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## Certificates and Certificate Programs

Campuses are delegated the authority to establish certificates and certificate programs. Please see [Policy 806](#).

There is no required Chancellor's Office notification of certificate implementation, enrollment suspension, or discontinuation.

WSCUC requires campuses to report academic credit bearing certificates. All qualifying certificates in existence prior to July 1, 2016 were grandfathered in. New qualifying certificates must be reported and are subject to varying degrees of review. If the certificate represents a significant departure from the campus' current offerings, it will be subject to substantive change review. Certificates that do not reflect a significant departure must be reported, and WSCUC staff will verify that the new certificate does not represent a significant departure. See the WSCUC guide [Non-degree Programs Process and Procedure](#) for more information.

Since system approval is not required for certificates, until and unless this WSCUC policy is changed there is no need to notify the Chancellor's Office of new certificate programs.

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