

**POLICY PROPOSAL - HANDBOOK**  
**TITLE 4, CHAPTER 14, SECTIONS 7.6**  
Addition or Change of New Degrees, Majors, Programs,  
Departments, Schools or Colleges

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**Section 7. Addition or Change of New Degrees, Majors, Programs, Departments, Schools or Colleges**

1. It is the policy of the Board of Regents that before any new degree, major, program, department, school, college, center, institute, or other structural organization may be added, such proposal must be approved by the Board of Regents.
2. Each president is responsible for completion of institutional review procedures. Following that, proposals will be forwarded to the Office of Academic Affairs in the Chancellor's Office prior to the Board of Regents' meeting to allow for review by the Academic Affairs Council, which will submit recommendations to the chancellor for action by the Board of Regents.
3. The format for consideration of new programs shall be provided by the vice chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs.
4. Institutional affiliation agreements and other collaborative arrangements with non-NSHE degree-granting higher education institutions shall be submitted to the chancellor and Board of Regents for review and approval at least three months prior to the date of intended implementation, if the agreements involve any of the following:
  - a. Joint offering of academic degree programs;
  - b. A commitment of institutional resources such as personnel, physical space, or finances;  
or
  - c. A physical presence of a non-NSHE higher education institution on the campuses or instructional sites of NSHE universities, the State College, community colleges, or the Desert Research Institute.
5. Articulation or other collaborative academic agreements between two-year and four-year degree granting institutions or between two four-year institutions within the NSHE do not require Board review and approval. Articulation agreements with K-12 that involve dual high school credit do not require Board review and approval.
6. Professional degree programs within the NSHE shall be limited to a single [~~School of Medicine,~~] School of Law and School of Dentistry until 2025.

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