



Degree Productivity Analysis Overview

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Board Regulation 8.004, Academic Program Coordination



**Regulation 8.004
outlines definitions &
the role of universities
in coordination of
academic programs**



**Council of Academic Vice
Presidents Academic
Coordination Group
(CAVP ACG)**

Comprised of representatives from each SUS institution, appointed by their respective Chief Academic Officer

**Quarterly Academic
Program Reviews**

Reviews of pre-proposals for new academic degree programs under consideration by SUS institutions

**Degree Productivity
Analysis**

A comprehensive review of all academic program offerings at least once every 3 years

2023 Degree Productivity Analysis



Thresholds

CAVP ACG identified the thresholds for degrees awarded in last 5 years

30

Bachelors

20

Masters

10

Specialist & Doctorate



List

Board staff generated a list of programs below the thresholds & shared it with the institutions

145
programs below
thresholds

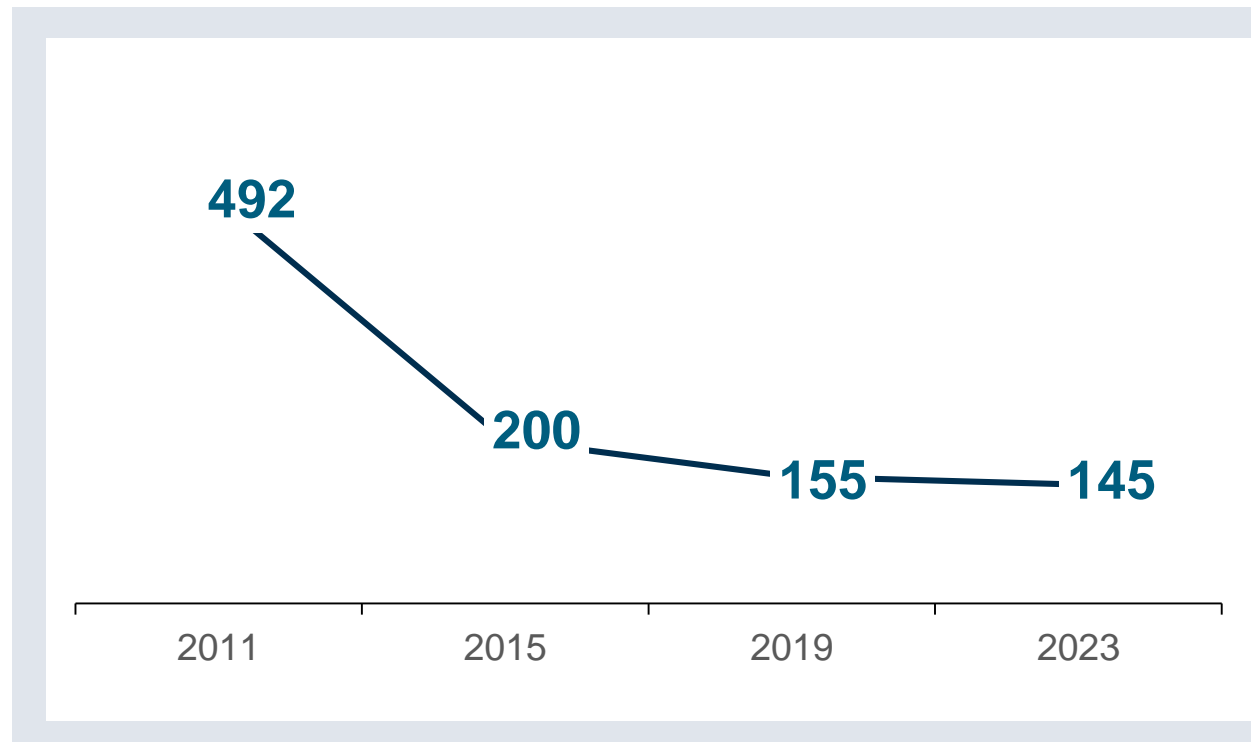


Institution Review

Institutions developed improvement plans or decided to suspend or terminate programs



The 2023 review identified **71%** fewer programs than in 2011

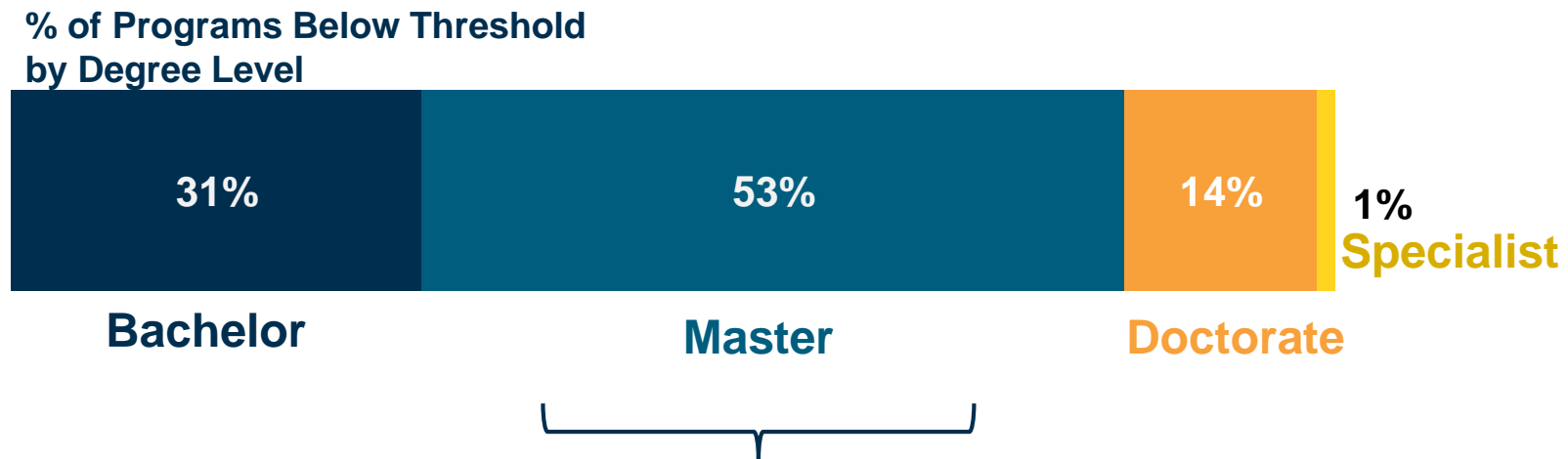


- 4 degree productivity reviews conducted since 2011
- Each review has identified fewer programs

Results of the 2023 Review



145 programs were below the thresholds in the 2023 review



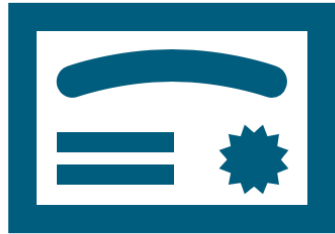
The majority of programs below the threshold were at the Masters' level

Universities plan
to continue
77%
of programs



- Universities plan to continue **111 (77%) programs** with improvement action plans
 - **84 programs** were identified in previous review cycles
 - Plans offer different approaches to address enrollment
- Universities plan to **terminate 23 programs & suspend 4 programs**
- **7 programs** met thresholds using most recent enrollment data

Reasons for Continuation



1 Specialty Program

Program is niche, only 1 offered in the System or an opportunity program



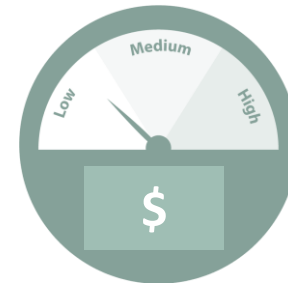
2 Personnel Changes

Program is recovering from a major personnel transition such as faculty & staff attrition



3 Exit Degree Program

Programs that allow students to graduate with a masters if they do not wish to complete the doctoral-level program



4 Low Cost Programs

Program is operating at a low cost for the institution

Improvement Action Plans



Improvement Action Plans to Increase Productivity

**Reducing
Credit Hours**

**Combining
Degree
Programs**

**Obtaining
Master's
en route to PhD**

**Market Degree
& Recruit
Students**

**Expand
Stipend &
Scholarships**



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