

Bachelors' Degree Exceptions to 120 Credit Hour Requirement Review

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Regulation 8.014

Exceptions to 120 Credit Hours



Additional courses required for accreditation standards

Additional courses required for professional licensing

✓ Allows an institution to request a bachelor's degree program to exceed 120 credit hours to degree

Qualifying Criteria

- Degree program offers a unique & innovative learning experience



Top Discipline Areas with Exceptions

Engineering (CIPs 14 & 15)

Education (CIP 13)

Visual & Performing Arts (CIP 50)

Health Professions (CIP 51)



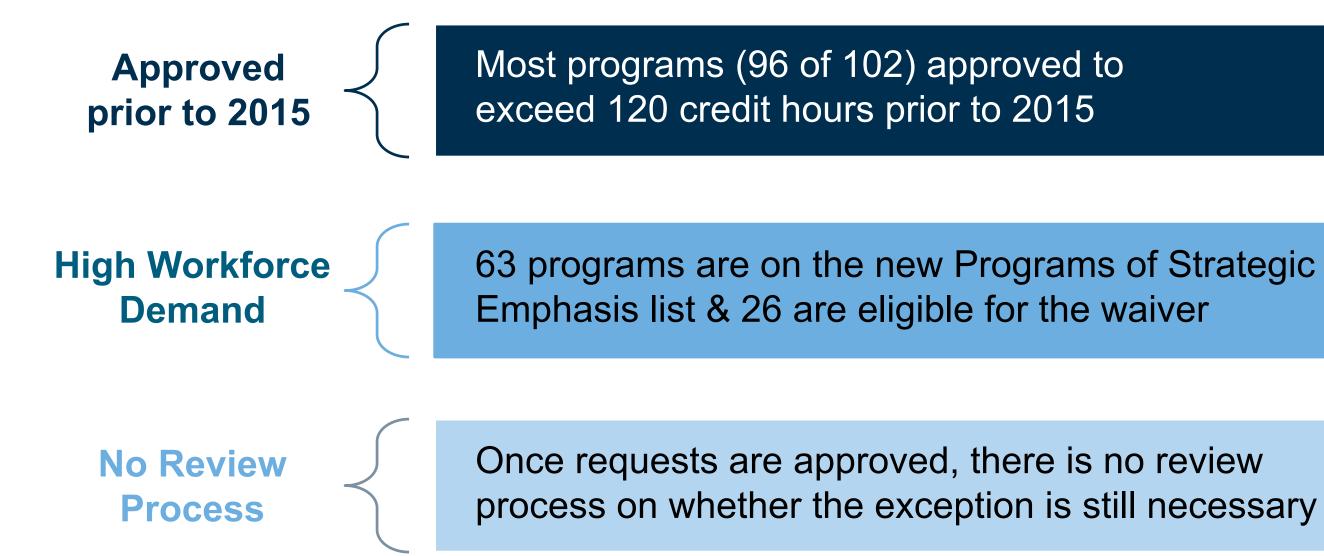
of Programs
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Sample Programs	with	Majority	of v	Univer	sities	Requ
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Discipline	# of Institutions With Program at 120 Hrs.	# of Institutions With Program at > 120 Hrs.	
Special Education (CIP 13.1001)	8	1	
Elementary Teacher Education (CIP 13.1202)	8	2	
Dramatic Arts (CIP 50.0501)	5	4	
Studio/Fine Art (CIP 50.0702)	6	1	
Music Performance (CIP 50.0903)	5	1	
Nursing/Registered Nurse (CIP 51.3801)	6	4	



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Reverting Back to 120 Credits

- Board Regulation 8.014 allows universities to revert programs back to 120 credit hours at their discretion
- Process was streamlined in 2023
- Since 2020, universities have reverted 19 programs back to 120 credit hours
- Universities indicated more could be reverted during this review



Recommendations



- Institutions review the rationale for programs exceeding 120 credit hours & determine if programs should continue with the status
- If status is necessary, institutions submit new requests to exceed the 120 credit hour requirement for Board approval







