

I. RCCD CURRICULUM: INTRODUCTION

Overview

For the purposes of this Handbook, curriculum is the process that faculty engage in to describe what will be taught, how it will be taught, and how it will be evaluated. Curriculum is the foundation for teaching and learning.

Curriculum at the California community colleges is governed by the California Education Code and Title 5, which outlines the regulations, legal processes, and responsibilities regarding curriculum. The State Chancellor's Office and the California State Senate provide a handbook to assist the California community colleges in course and program approval. They have adopted the Program and Course Approval Handbook (PCAH) as the document which offers the California State Senate's interpretation of Title 5, and best practices in all areas of curriculum.

References

- California Education Code <http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov>
- Title 5 Regulations <https://govt.westlaw.com/calregs/Browse/Home/California>
- PCAH 6th edition http://websites.rccd.edu/curriculum/files/2019/08/PCAH_6thEdition_July_FINAL.pdf

RCCD Curriculum Policies and Procedures

While curriculum is governed by Education Code and Title 5 at the State level, the local implementation of those regulations is covered by RCCD Board Policy. All Board Policies (BP) and Administrative Procedures (AP) fall under "academic affairs." Below is the current list of RCCD Board Policies and Administrative Procedures which apply to curriculum.

- 4005 Academic Senates
- 4020 Program, Curriculum, and Course Development
- 4021 Program Discontinuance
- 4022 Course Approval
- 4023 Class Minimum Size
- 4025 Criteria for Associate Degree and General Education
- 4100 Graduation Requirements for Degrees and Certificates
- 4102 Career and Technical Education Programs
- 4103 Work Experience
- 4104 Contract Education
- 4105 Distance Education
- 4222 Basic Skills/Development Education – Remedial Coursework
- 4225 Course Repetition
- 4227 Course Repeatability
- 4228 Course Repetition – Significant Lapse of Time
- 4229 Course Repetition – Variable Units
- 4260 Limitation on Enrollment: Prerequisites, Corequisites, and Advisories

References

- RCCD Board Policies and Administrative Procedures
<https://www.rccd.edu/administration/board/Pages/BoardPolicies.aspx>