SASKATCHEWAN POLYTECHNIC

POLICY STATEMENT

Policy Name	**Program Implementation**		
Policy #	**120**	Category	**Academic**
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See the related PROCEDURES.

PURPOSE

Saskatchewan Polytechnic provides programs of study to meet the needs of stakeholders. Decisions regarding program implementation follow a defined process to ensure quality and accountability and balance the interests of stakeholders.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all credit programs excluding degrees.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

1. Sask Polytech will provide a variety of program offerings that meet emerging and ongoing industry needs, are developed in a timely manner, and delivered in a sustainable and viable fashion.
2. Program implementation decisions will be made via established standards of evidence and procedures.

POLICY

Sask Polytech follows defined procedures for the implementation of programs based on strategic alignment, evidence of demand, resources required and quality standards. Programs will be developed and approved according to established viability and quality assurance standards internal to Sask Polytech, and external ministry requirements, accreditation standards and degree authorization requirements. Appropriate consultation with all relevant internal stakeholders is critical to the successful development and implementation of programs. Approval levels, as defined in Policy 101 Academic Authorities Grid, ensure institutional resources are used appropriately and risk is mitigated.

Sask Polytech's authority to provide degree programs and grant degrees is governed by the Province's Degree Authorization Act (and the Act's associated Regulations). The Saskatchewan Higher Education Quality Assurance Board (SHEQAB) is responsible for oversight of the review process for institutions looking to implement new degree programs. The process to be followed for the implementation of new degree programs can be found on the SHEQAB website.

For all non-degree credit programs, the Procedures associated with this Policy should be followed during the implementation process.

DEFINITIONS

Program is a defined set of credit courses and other requirements leading to a credential in a specific field of study. Definitions and requirements of credentials are contained in the Credential Qualification Framework.

Implementation is the decision and development process leading to delivery of a new program.

RELATED POLICIES/DOCUMENTS

Academic Authorities Grid 101
Credentials 114

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION OR REGULATIONS
Degree Authorization Act (2012)
Degree Authorization Act Regulations (2012)
Saskatchewan Polytechnic Act (2014)
Saskatchewan Higher Education Quality Assurance Board - Quality Assurance Review Process, Organizational Review Standards and Criteria (2023)