



POLICY STATEMENT

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See the related [PROCEDURES](#).

PURPOSE

The purpose of the policy is to outline the goals and processes of program review to ensure that Saskatchewan Polytechnic programs reflect quality and current and emerging practices in business and industry.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all credit programs.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

1. The program review process examines the quality, sustainability and currency of programs in fostering the skills, knowledge, and practices to meet the needs of business and industry and the provincial economy. Program review provides a consistent, comprehensive process for program enhancement, planning and renewal across Saskatchewan.
2. The goals of program review are to strengthen the program to meet labour market requirements, provide an opportunity to examine strengths and weaknesses, and promote excellence in program fundamentals and the student learning experience.
3. The results of program review help inform Saskatchewan Polytechnic strategic directions and confirm the alignment of programs in advancing the institute's mission, mandate and academic quality.
4. The program review process is a continuous and iterative process that will:
 - a) be fair, transparent and non-arbitrary;
 - b) provide evidence-based recommendations;
 - c) provide direction to serve the interests of employers and the needs of students in developing skills and knowledge;
 - d) integrate input that reflects the broad needs and interests of students and the labour market that the program serves;

- e) complement accreditation review requirements and/or standards or other requirements of provincial or national bodies and regulatory bodies;
- f) involve consultation with a wide variety of stakeholders including employees, students, and employer and community representatives; and
- g) result in the highest standards of quality assurance being reached.

POLICY

1. All Saskatchewan Polytechnic programs will undergo regular reviews that include program statistical information, external review and self study. Programs will be reviewed annually (annual/formative review), and every five-six years (comprehensive/summative review).
2. All Saskatchewan Polytechnic programs shall seek the highest level of accreditation or program approval available. Accreditation reviews will be undertaken by all eligible programs as required by accrediting bodies.

DEFINITIONS

Program: A 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 program credentials are contained in the Credential Qualification Framework available in the Saskatchewan Polytechnic Program Operating Procedures manual.

RELATED POLICIES/DOCUMENTS

Policy 101 Academic Authorities Grid
Policy 107 External Review of Degree Programs
Policy 112 Program Advisory Committees