Policy Name	**Periodic Review of Degree Programs**		
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See the related PROCEDURES

PURPOSE

The purpose of a periodic review of degree programs is to provide evidence related to institutional effectiveness and efficiency. The purpose of this policy is to ensure all degree programs and associated services offered by Saskatchewan Polytechnic (Sask Polytech) as an aggregate meet the highest standards of organizational and program quality. The policy affirms Saskatchewan Polytechnic's commitment to performing periodic institutional reviews of degree programs.

SCOPE

This policy is applicable only to stand-alone degree programs within Sask Polytech.

POLICY

Sask Polytech will undertake periodic reviews of its degree programs. The primary focus of the review will be to ensure all degree programs continue to meet quality standards as well as to more broadly inform the institution about overall performance. The institutional review will examine all degree programs and services associated with offering degree programs. In undertaking periodic reviews of degree programs, Sask Polytech follows the guidance contained within the Saskatchewan Higher Education Quality Assurance Board's (SHEQAB) *Program Review Standards and Criteria* document.

DEFINITIONS

Degree: A credential program designed to provide advanced skills and knowledge at the baccalaureate level. In additional to the applied learning focus, which is a hallmark of all Sask Polytech programs, degrees add higher level critical thinking, inquiry, and problem-solving skills as well as significant depth and breadth to the learning experience at a higher level than the Diploma.

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 credentials are contained in the Credential Qualification Framework.

RELATED POLICIES/DOCUMENTS

Credentials 114
Program Review 115
Conflict of Interest 704
Sask Polytech Credential Framework
Sask Polytech Curriculum Framework
SHEQAB Quality Assurance Review Process – Program Review Standards and Criteria

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION OR REGULATIONS

The Degree Authorization Act
The Degree Authorization Regulations
The Saskatchewan Polytechnic Act