

4.81-B Community College Approval Sequence for Curricular Credentials

Community College Campuses

This chart outlines the approval sequence for various community college credentials.

New Programs

Approval Body	Applied Associate Degree	Associate Degree/ Major	Certificate	Concentration
CC Department Faculty	■	■	■	■
CC Department Head	■	■	■	■
CC College Curriculum Committee	■	■	■	■
CC Academic Dean or Division Head	■	■	■	■
CC Academic VP	■	■	■	■
CC President ¹	■	■	■	■
CC Academic Vice Presidents Committee (CCA VP)	■	■	■	■
University Program Academic Committee (UPAC)	■	■		
NM Higher Education Dept. (NMHED)	■	■	■	
Higher Learning Commission (HLC)	■	■	■	

Curriculum Changes

Approval Body	Applied Associate Degree	Associate Degree/ Major	Certificate	Concentration
CC Department Faculty	■	■	■	■
CC Department Head	■	■	■	■
CC College Curriculum Committee	■	■	■	■
CC Academic Dean or Division Head	■	■	■	■
CC Academic VP	■	■	■	■

¹ In light of administrative changes implemented in August of 2020, this approval level refers to the DACC President for programs at DACC or the Branch Executive Director for programs at the Alamogordo, Carlsbad, or Grants campuses.

CC President				
CC Academic Vice Presidents Committee (CAVP)	■	■	■	■
University Program Academic Committee (UPAC) ¹				
NM Higher Education Dept. (NMHED)	■3	■3	■3	
Higher Learning Commission (HLC)	■	■	■	

1. Informational
2. Depending on campus approval structure. On some campuses, the College Curriculum Committee represents the faculty.
3. If needed.