



MEMORANDUM

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TO: Chief Executive Officers
Chief Instructional Officers
Curriculum Chairs
Academic Senate Presidents

FROM: Dr. Candice E. Brooks, Dean, Educational Services and Support

RE: Baccalaureate Degree Program Interest Survey and Application

On October 6, 2021, California Governor Gavin Newsom signed AB 927 (Medina) authorizing the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges (CCC) to extend the operation of the statewide baccalaureate degree pilot program indefinitely.

The purpose of this memorandum is provide the California Community Colleges with an opportunity to indicate their interest in applying to the Baccalaureate Degree Program (BDP) and provide information about how and when to submit an application to be considered for the first application cycle in 2022.

BDP Interest Survey and Application

All California Community Colleges interested in submitting a BDP application in 2022 or future years are invited to fill out an interest survey and/or submit an application to be reviewed in the first application cycle of 2022. The survey and application are accessible at the following links: [Baccalaureate Degree Program Interest Survey](#) and [Baccalaureate Degree Program Application](#). Your response to this survey will help the CCC Chancellor's Office anticipate the number of BDP applications that will be received during the first and future application cycles, and in turn, effectively design a review and approval process that supports careful consideration of each application. The BDP interest survey and all applications submitted for the 2022 first application cycle will be due January 15, 2022 by 11:59 pm (Pacific Standard Time).

Key Dates

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| BDP Interest Survey Submission Deadline | January 15, 2022 |
| 2022 BDP Application Cycle #1 Submission Deadline | January 15, 2022 |
| 2022 BDP Application Cycle #2 Available to CCCs | April 15, 2022 |
| 2022 BDP Application Cycle #1 Notification of Selected Colleges/Districts | May 31, 2022 |
| 2022 BDP Application Cycle #2 Submission Deadline | August 15, 2022 |
| 2023 BDP Application Cycle #1 Available to CCCs | September 15, 2022 |
| 2022 BDP Application Cycle #2 Notification of Selected Colleges/Districts | December 31, 2022 |

As a reference, below is a copy of Education Code section 78042 (f) (1-6):

A governing board of a district seeking authorization to offer a baccalaureate degree program shall submit all of the following for review by the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges and approval by the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges:

(1) Documentation of the district's written policy required by subdivision (c) which reads:

As a condition of eligibility for consideration to participate in the statewide baccalaureate degree program, a district shall have a written policy that requires all potential students who wish to apply for a Board of Governors Fee Waiver pursuant to Section 76300 to complete and submit either a Free Application for Federal Student Aid or a California Dream Act application in lieu of completing the Board of Governors Fee Waiver application.

(2) The administrative plan for the baccalaureate degree program, including, but not limited to, the governing board of the district's funding plan for its specific district.

(3) A description of the baccalaureate degree program's curriculum, faculty, and facilities.

(4) The enrollment projections for the baccalaureate degree program.

(5) Documentation regarding unmet workforce needs specifically related to the proposed baccalaureate degree program, and a written statement supporting the necessity of a four-year degree for that program. The documentation regarding unmet workforce needs shall include all of the following:

(A) Evidence that the district consulted with regional employers and regional workforce development boards.

(B) Statewide and regional workforce data relevant to the proposed baccalaureate degree program.

(C) Evidence that the baccalaureate degree to be offered will help address unmet workforce needs. The evidence may include, but is not limited to, information showing the following:

- (i) Employers are having difficulty filling positions that require a baccalaureate degree.
- (ii) Employers are willing to pay baccalaureate degree holders more than those with a related associate degree or no postsecondary degree.
- (iii) Employers have a preference for candidates with the proposed baccalaureate degree.

(6) Documentation of consultation with the California State University and the University of California regarding collaborative approaches to meeting regional workforce needs.

AB 927 (Medina) can be found [here](#).

Summary

The Chancellor's Office is committed to providing additional guidance to support the districts and colleges in their ongoing efforts to introduce new baccalaureate degree programs to the California Community Colleges. Please direct questions regarding this memorandum to Dean Dr. Candice E. Brooks and Specialist Kimberly Cortijo at BDP@cccco.edu.

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