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Educational Programs: Graduate/Post-Baccalaureate:Post-baccalaureate requirements

The institution defines and publishes requirements for its graduate and post-baccalaureate professional programs. These requirements conform to commonly accepted standards and practices for degree programs.

Judgment

Compliant Non-Compliant Not Applicable

Narrative

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Angelo State University defines and publishes requirements for its graduate and post-baccalaureate professional programs in the ASU Graduate Catalog 2011–2012, starting on p. 50; on the graduate degree program websites (MEd in Coaching, Sport, Recreation and Fitness Administration example) accessed from the ASU website via the College of Graduate Studies home page; and in printed recruitment materials (College of Graduate Studies General Brochure). All ASU graduate programs conform to guidelines established by the SACS Commission on Colleges and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (19 TAC §5.45 and §5.46). Several of the programs also conform to standards established by discipline-specific accrediting bodies at the state and national levels (ASU Program Accreditation web page).

FACULTY RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALIGNMENT WITH STANDARDS

To ensure that degree requirements conform to commonly accepted standards and practices for degree programs, the ASU graduate faculty are responsible for developing, implementing, and assessing the graduate programs in their respective colleges and departments. The graduate faculty monitor program curricula to ensure ongoing compliance with discipline-specific standards, including standards defined by external accrediting bodies, professional organizations, and advisory committees, as applicable. For detailed information regarding faculty responsibility in determining degree requirements, including information about internal and external curricular review processes, please see Core Requirement 2.7.2, Program content; Comprehensive Standards 3.4.1, Academic program approval; and Comprehensive Standard 3.4.10, Responsibility for curriculum).

Graduate faculty are also responsible for determining admission requirements for graduate programs in accordance with commonly accepted standards and practices. Admission requirements are designed to ensure that students who are admitted to graduate study at ASU are prepared to succeed in a rigorous academic environment. Admission requirements are published in the graduate catalog, on the institutional website, and in program brochures. See the ASU Graduate Catalog 2011–2012 (pp. 10–17) for general admission requirements, and consult program listings in the catalog for program-specific admission

requirements. For more information about admission policies, including additional examples of published admission requirements, please see Comprehensive Standard 3.4.3, Admission policies.

DISTANCE EDUCATION

In accordance with ASU OP 04.11, Distance Education, all programs offered via distance education are approved through the usual curriculum approval process, and all policies, standards, and guidelines for on-campus instruction apply to programs delivered via distance education. Degree requirements for online graduate programs are published in the graduate catalog, on the institutional website, and in program brochures. For example, instruction in the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program is conducted mostly online. In the graduate catalog, the MSN program description includes information about online learning and associated technical requirements, followed by degree requirements for each MSN option and corresponding course descriptions (ASU Graduate Catalog 2011–2012, pp. 101–112). This information is also available on the ASU website via the Master of Science in Nursing Programs home page.