

ACADEMIC PROGRAM RETRENCHMENT

PURPOSE

To establish criteria under which Edison State Community College may discontinue academic programs in alignment with institutional goals, student success, and state requirements.

POLICY STATEMENT

Edison State Community College is committed to offering academic programs that meet state requirements, support student achievement, and align with community and workforce needs. The College reserves the right to discontinue an academic program based on the following conditions:

1. **Non-Compliance with Graduation Requirements**

A program may be discontinued if it does not meet the graduation standards established under the Advanced Ohio Education Act or any subsequent applicable legislative or regulatory requirements.

2. **Lack of Return on Investment**

Programs that do not demonstrate a positive return on investment for the institution, as measured by factors such as enrollment, completion rates, cost-effectiveness, or external funding support, may be subject to discontinuation.

3. **Insufficient Student or Community Benefit**

A program may be discontinued if the College determines that it does not lead to outcomes such as a living-wage career path, does not contribute meaningfully to regional workforce needs, or otherwise lacks sufficient benefit to the community.

4. R.C. 3345.454 Reasons

5. A reduction in student population or overall funding, a change to institutional missions or programs, or other fiscal pressures or emergencies facing the College.

Review and Approval

Decisions to discontinue an academic program, and subsequent personnel actions, will be made following the review and approval process as outlined in Procedure 3358-4-19.

PERSONS AFFECTED

All Edison State Community College faculty and students.