

**DATE:** July 17, 2003

**SUBJECT:** Annual Post Approval Monitoring Reports

**ACTION RECOMMENDED:** Information

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** In accordance with the academic standards adopted by the Commission on November 14, 2002 new academic programs approved by the Commission must be monitored following their initial approval. Programs at the baccalaureate level and above must be monitored for five years following approval and pre-baccalaureate programs must be monitored for three years following approval. The following programs were approved between 1997 and 2002 are scheduled for post approval review this year:

- Doctoral Programs – 9 programs
- Educational Specialist – 3 programs
- Master’s – 13 programs
- Baccalaureate – 18 programs
- Associate – 21 programs
- Certificate – 21 programs
- Regents On-Line Degree Program (RODP) – 5 programs\*

Annual performance reviews of new programs are conducted based on goals established in each approved program proposal. At the end of the monitoring period, campus, governing board, and Commission staff perform summative evaluations. The goals include, but are not be limited to, enrollment and graduation numbers, program cost, progress toward accreditation, library acquisitions, student performance, and other goals set by institutions and agreed to by governing board and Commission staff.

As a result of post approval reviews, programs found to be deficient or low producing, may be recommended for consolidation or termination. Programs that do not meet projections based on goals established in approved proposals will be closely scrutinized. Additional information will be required to justify exceptions to determine if extenuating circumstances have resulted in failure to reach goals. Copies of such recommendations will be forwarded to the Education Committees of the General Assembly. The Commission also may choose to extend this period if additional time is requested by the governing boards.

\*All reports indicate that the Regents On-line Programs exceed projections. Detailed data will be available during the Commission meeting, upon request.

Doctoral Programs

- Table 1 denotes the nine doctoral programs that were approved by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission from January 1997 – January 2002.
- Four of the nine doctoral programs have awarded degrees since the programs were implemented:
  - >Environmental Sciences at Tennessee Technological University (2)
  - >Exceptional Learning at Tennessee Technological University (5)
  - >Audiology at University of Tennessee, Knoxville (15)
  - >Nursing Science at UT Memphis Health Sciences Center (38).

**Table 1: Doctoral Programs**

Institution	Doctoral Program	THEC Approval	Enrollment Projections Met?					Average
			Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	
TSU	Biological Sciences	1997	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	5
TSU	Computer & Info Systems Engineering	2000	No	No				3
TTU	Environmental Sciences	1997	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	10
TTU	Exceptional Learning	2000	No	No	No			20
UoM	English: Writing & Language Studies	1999	Yes	Yes	Yes			10
UoM	Audiology	2000	Yes					7
UTK	Audiology	2002	Yes					31
UTK	Natural Resources	2002	Yes					18
UTMHSC	Nursing Science	1998	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	21

Educational Specialist Programs

- Table 2 denotes the three Educational Specialist programs that were approved by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission from 1998-1999.
- The Educational Specialist degree program is offered for students who wish to pursue course work beyond the Master’s degree.
- The School Psychology program at Tennessee State University did not meet the minimum requirements of awarding five degrees annually.

**Table 2: Educational Specialist Programs**

Institution	Specialist Program	THEC Approval	Degrees Awarded Projections Met?					Average
			Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	
TSU	Educational Administration	1998	--	No	No	Yes	Yes	20
TSU	School Psychology	1999	--	--	No	No		2
UTC	Advanced Educational Practice	1998	--	--	No	No	No	14

Master's Programs

- Table 3 denotes 13 Master's programs approved by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission from January 1997 – January 2001.
- Four of these new programs were Physical Therapy programs at East Tennessee State University, Tennessee State University, UT Chattanooga, and UT Memphis Health Sciences Center. Since that time, the physical therapy programs at UT Chattanooga and UT Memphis Health Sciences Center have been upgraded to doctoral level to fulfill the accreditation requirements. The physical therapy program at East Tennessee State University is on the July 17, 2003 agenda for approval.
- Five of the 13 Master's programs implemented have achieved less than the minimum of five graduates per year.

**Table 3: Master's Programs**

Institution	Masters Program	THEC Approval	Degrees Awarded Projections Met?					Average
			Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	
ETSU	Liberal Studies	1997			Yes	Yes	Yes	10
ETSU	Physical Therapy	1998	--	Yes	Yes	Yes		16
ETSU	Professional Communications	1999	--	Yes	Yes			3
TSU	Speech and Hearing	1997	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	25
TSU	Physical Therapy	1998	--					0
UoM	Liberal Studies	1997			Yes	Yes		10
UoM	Electronic Commerce	2000	Yes					5
UTC	Health & Human Performance	1997			No	No	No	12
UTC	Physical Therapy	1998	Master's program upgraded to Doctor of Physical Therapy (THEC Meeting April 2003)					
UTM	Agricultural Operations Management	2001	--	No				0
UTMHSC	Epidemiology	1997	--	Yes	No			3
UTMHSC	Clinical Laboratory Sciences	1998	--	--	No	No	No	2
UTMHSC	Physical Therapy	1998	Master's program upgraded to Doctor of Physical Therapy (THEC Meeting April 2003)					

Baccalaureate Programs

- Table 4 denotes the 18 baccalaureate programs that were approved by the Commission from January 1997 – January 2002.
- Five of the 18 programs approved have awarded on average the minimum 10 graduates.

**Table 4: Baccalaureate Programs**

Institution	Baccalaureate Program	THEC Approval	Degrees Awarded Projections Met?					Average
			Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	
APSU	Spanish	1998	--	No	No	No	No	1
ETSU	Surveying & Mapping Science	1997	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	11
ETSU	Allied Health	1999	--	--				0
ETSU	Dental Hygiene	2000	--	--				0
ETSU	Applied Science	2001	--	--				0
MTSU	Athletic Training	1997	No	No	No			6
MTSU	Organizational Communication	1999	--	--	No	No		6
MTSU	Entrepreneurship	2000	--	No	No			3
TTU	World Culture & Business	--	Yes	Yes	No	No		7
TTU	Computer Engineering	1998	No	No	No	No	No	6
UoM	Microbiology & Molecular Cell Studies	1997	--	Yes	No	No	No	3
UoM	Hospitality and Resort Management	1999	--	--	--	--		0
UoM	Integrative Studies	1999	No	No	No			51
UoM	Computer Engineering	1999	--	Yes	Yes			3
UoM	Physical Education Teacher Education	2000	Yes					12
UoM	African & African American Studies	2000	--					1
UTC	Occupational Therapy	1997	--	--	--	--	--	16
UTK	Computer Engineering	2000	--	Yes	Yes			15

## Associate Programs

- Table 5 denotes a listing of the 21 Associate degree programs that were approved by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission from 1997 – 2001.
- The Physical Therapy Assisting program at Dyersburg State Community College was approved by THEC in July 1997 but was not implemented. The program was not implemented due to higher than anticipated program costs as a result of changes in accreditation requirements.
- Southwest Tennessee Community College has submitted a proposal to the Tennessee Board of Regents requesting that the Geographic Information Systems program be terminated effective fall 2003.
- Fourteen of the 20 Associate programs implemented have achieved less than the minimum of 10 graduates per year.

**Table 5: Associate Programs**

Institution	Associate Program	THEC Approval	Degrees Awarded Projections Met?			
			Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Avg.
Chattanooga	Industrial Maintenance Technology	1997			No	0
Cleveland	Occupational Therapy Assistant	1998			Yes	13
Dyersburg	Computer & Information Tech	2000	Yes	No	No	21
Dyersburg	Physical Therapy Assisting	1997	Program not implemented			
Jackson	Graphics Design Technology	1998	Yes	Yes	No	6
Jackson	Industrial Technology	2001		No		0
Nashville	Early Childhood Education	1999			Yes	6
Nashville	Sign Language Interpreting	2000		No	No	6
Northeast	Cardiovascular Technology	1998	Yes	No	No	14
Northeast	Medical Assisting	1999	Yes	Yes		6
Pellissippi	Geographic Information Systems	1999		No		0
Pellissippi	Hospitality	1997			No	1
Roane	Geographic Information Systems	1999		No	No	2
Southwest	Geographic Information Systems	1997			No	2
Southwest	Landscape & Turfgrass Management	1999		No	No	1
Volunteer	Respiratory Care Technology	2001	Yes	Yes		17
Volunteer	Fire Science Technology	1999	No	No	No	14
Volunteer	Ophthalmic Medical Assistant	1997			No	0
Walters	Paramedic Technology	2000	No	No	No	2
Walters	Health Information Technology	1999	No	No	No	0
Walters	Respiratory Care Technology	2000	Yes	No	Yes	22

Certificate Programs

- Table 6 denotes the 21 academic and technical certificate programs that were approved by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission from January 1997 – January 2001.
- The Emergency Medical Technician program at Dyersburg State Community College has not been implemented. The implementation of the Surgical Technology program at Dyersburg was delayed until January 2003 when funding became available through Delta Regional Authority.
- The Workforce Preparedness program at Jackson State Community College and the Multi-Skilled Medical Assistant program at Southwest Tennessee Community College have been terminated.
- Five of the 21 certificate programs have awarded on average the minimum of 10 graduates per year.

**Table 6: Certificate Programs**

Institution	Certificate Program	THEC Approval	Degrees Awarded Projections Met?			
			Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Avg.
Chattanooga	Pharmacy Technology	1997	Yes	No	Yes	19
Chattanooga	Chemical Process Operations	2001	No	No		0
Dyersburg	Early Childhood Education	1998	--	No	No	2
Dyersburg	Emergency Medical Technician	1998	Program not implemented			
Dyersburg	Medical Coding	2000	--	Yes	Yes	9
Dyersburg	Surgical Technology	1997	Program not implemented until Jan 2003			
Jackson	Workforce Preparedness	1997	Program phased out in 2001			
Jackson	Horticulture	2000	No	No	No	0
Motlow	Production Maintenance	1998	Program phased out.			
Nashville	Arts and Science	2000	No	No	No	3
Nashville	Music Technology	1999	No	No	No	8
Nashville	Horticulture & Landscape Gardening	2000	No	No	No	0
Northeast	Surgical Technology	1998	Yes	No	No	10
Roane	Polysomnography Technology	1997	No	No	No	9
Roane	Geographic Information Systems	1997	See associate program			
Southwest	Arts and Science	2001	Yes	No		1
Southwest	Pharmacy Technology	1997			No	9
Southwest	Multi-Skilled Medical Assistant	1998	Program phased out in December 2000.			
Volunteer	Diagnostic Medical Sonography	1998	No	No	No	6
Volunteer	Warehouse Management & Logistics	2000	Yes	No	No	1
Walters	Information Technology	1999	Yes	Yes	Yes	7