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SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL STANDARDS

9A:1-1.1 Authority

N.J.S.A. 18A:68-3 stipulates that no corporation may offer credit-bearing courses in New Jersey until it files with the Commission on Higher Education a certified copy of its incorporation and obtains from the Commission a license to offer such courses or work under the rules prescribed by the Commission.

9A:1-1.2 Definitions

The following words and terms, as used in this chapter, shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Academic degree" means any associate degree, baccalaureate degree, master's degree, or doctoral degree regardless of the specific discipline in which it was awarded.

"Academic disciplines" means the major areas of study identified in the Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP), that is, the first two digits of the CIP code, developed by the National Center for Education Statistics, 1990, incorporated herein by reference. The CIP may be obtained from the National Center for Education Statistics, 555 New Jersey Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20208-5652.

"Academic department" means a subdivision of an institution of higher education designated as such that is respon-

sible for instruction and/or research in a specific discipline or disciplines.

“Accreditation” means a status attained by an institution through voluntarily meeting standards set by a nongovernmental entity recognized by the U.S. Department of Education or the Council for Higher Education Accreditation.

“Adequate, appropriate, equivalent, significant, suitable, and sufficient” mean adequate, appropriate, equivalent, significant, suitable, and sufficient in the judgment of the Commission in consultation with the Presidents’ Council.

“Branch campus” means a physical facility located at a place other than the institution’s principal campus offering one or more complete programs leading to a degree. A branch campus requires approval by the Commission.

“Changing the programmatic mission” means changing the level of academic degrees authorized for the institution.

“College,” “institution” or “institution of higher education” means a postsecondary educational institution that provides instruction beyond the 12th grade level in programs that satisfy the requirements for a degree at the associate, baccalaureate, or graduate level; with the exception of institutions whose major mission is to prepare individuals for religious vocations, a college offers a range of degree programs. A college has an independent board of trustees. It has a faculty whose duties include some combination of the instruction of students and involvement in scholarship and research. A college has policies and procedures that encourage the academic officers and the faculty to exercise their full responsibility for the academic direction of the institution. One indication of this type of collegiality is a system of tenure or a system of long-term contracts for the full-time faculty. A junior/community college or county college is an institution of higher education that offers the associate degree only. A senior college offers degrees up to the baccalaureate level and/or offers graduate and professional degrees. Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the term “college” as used in these rules refers to higher education institutions generally.

“Commission” means the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education, which is the State-level planning and coordinating agency for higher education in New Jersey.

“Credit-bearing course” is an instructional activity upon a student’s successful completion of which an institution of higher education awards recognition applicable to meeting the requirements for a degree or other formal academic award.

“Distance learning” means a formal educational process in which all or the majority of the instruction occurs when the learner and the instructor are not physically located in the same place at the same time.

“Educational program” means a group of related courses organized for the purpose of attaining specified educational objectives.

“Exceeding the programmatic mission” means offering an academic degree beyond the authorized level for the institution.

“Executive Director” means the Executive Director of the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education.

“Full-time faculty member” is one who is appointed as such and who occupies a full-time faculty position with academic rank and whose primary employment is directly related to teaching, research, and/or other aspects of the educational programs of institutions.

“Full-time student” means one who, in a semester, carries at least 12 semester credit hours as an undergraduate or nine semester credit hours as a graduate student or the equivalent in quarter hours, courses, or other methods of measurement used by the institution.

“General education” means instruction that presents forms of expression, fields of knowledge, and methods of inquiry fundamental to intellectual growth and to a mature understanding of the world and the human condition, distinguished from “specialized education,” which prepares individuals for particular occupations or specific professional responsibilities.

“Letters” means the designated abbreviations used to refer to an academic degree.

“Middle States Association” means the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Higher Education, which is the regional accrediting body for degree-granting institutions in New Jersey.

“Out-of-State institution” means an institution whose principal campus is located within the United States or its possessions but not within the State of New Jersey and whose accreditation status in New Jersey is based upon that enjoyed by the principal campus located outside the State, as well as an institution located outside of the U.S. or its possessions that is recognized by the appropriate body in the particular country if the institution’s requirements for awarding degrees are generally equivalent to those accepted in the U.S. by an accrediting body recognized by the U.S. Department of Education or the Council on Higher Education Accreditation.

“Part-time faculty member” means one whose employment is related to teaching, research, and/or other aspects of the educational programs of the institution but whose assigned responsibilities do not constitute full-time work.