Academic Program Development

North Central conducts regular program reviews in order to assure quality and integrity for both current and future students. An internal program review process is used to analyze program data such as student demographic information, persistence, and completion.

Primary control of course design, expectations, prerequisites and rigor is the purview of the Curriculum Review/ Development and Academic Policy (CRD/AP) committee. The CRD/AP committee is comprised of faculty members from various academic disciplines, the instructional Associate Deans, the Registrar, the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Student Success and the Vice President for Student Affairs. CRD/AP's responsibilities include:

- Review and approve new and revised courses, including choice of prerequisites, if any
- Establish and implement processes for review and approval of new and revise programs, both certificate and degree
- Review and approve new academic policy

Following CRD/AP's and the President's approval of new degree programs, the Curriculum Committee of the Board of Trustees reviews the proposal. The proposal is then voted on at a full Board meeting.

Approvals are sought, as appropriate, from the Higher Learning Commission and the US Department of Education prior to offering new programs.