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Formative and Summative Review

Quality Assurance (QA) Policy VPA-1

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PROCEDURE

The following steps outline the procedure for Summative and Formative program reviews. Differentiation as to formative/summative is noted specifically.

1. Program Review Lead (PRL) identified by the Program Dean
2. PRL organizes data collection
 - a) Request KPI Data Package from Institutional Research
 - 5 year summary
 - Program Enrolment Report
 - Internal Results Reports
 - Summary of Grades by Program
 - b) Previous Program Reviews and Executive Summary (Summative and Formative) from program files
 - c) Program Reports
 - COMMS
 - Vocational Learning Outcomes (VLOs)
 - Program Overview (course outlines)
 - Essential Employability Skills (EES)
 - General Education Offerings
 - Program Evaluation Summary
 - Program Synopsis
 - Ministry VLOs including any updates to VLOs and Standards reviews
 - Pre-Requisites/Co-Requisites
 - Admission Requirements (Summative Review only)
 - Program relevance to the strategic plan (Summative Review only)
 - Specific departmental policies that apply to this program (Summative Review only)
 - Equipment requirements and capital investments review (Summative Review only)
 - d) Marketing Materials
 - Website / Viewbook
 - Ontariocolleges.com
 - Relevant social media

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- e) Manuals
 - Program / Placement / Safety
- f) Program Pathways
 - Articulation Agreements
 - Prior Learning Assessment & Recognition (PLAR)
 - Bridging Programs
- g) Faculty Meeting Minutes
- h) Program Advisory Committee (PAC)
 - Members
 - Minutes
- i) Other Program-Specific Reports (Summative Review only)
 - Local/Regional market analysis
 - Literature review
 - Governing body requirements
- j) Student Work Samples (Summative Review only)
 - Identify “Core” Courses
 - Samples of below average, average, above average work

3. Stakeholders/Team is identified and apprised of data collection

4. Feedback gathered through focus groups (see Standardized focus group questions posted on the [QA internal website](#))

- Faculty Focus Group Questions
- Student Focus Group Questions (current and graduates) (Summative Review only)
- Employer Focus Group Questions (Summative Review only)
- PAC (Summative Review only)

5. Analysis

- Qualitative and Quantitative results are analyzed
- Program Dean to provide analysis utilizing both quantitative and qualitative methods to assess data. (See [Executive Summary Template](#) for analysis questions)
- Results are compiled
- Findings are presented at a Faculty Review meeting
- Recommendations are drafted
- Internal/External Stakeholder Review of the findings and recommendations is circulated, as required
- Executive Summary is compiled and submitted to the VPA office

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