**Program Approval Sequence** (2017)

*A living document, subject to change*

After GBC programs are approved by C&A, Faculty Senate and PC, they follow the subsequent NSHE path of approval:

Skills Certificates → AAC

Certificates of Achievement → AAC → NWCCU → DOE (for Fin Aid eligibility)

AAS → AAC → ARSA → NWCCU

BAS emphasis → AAC → ARSA → NWCCU

BA, BS, or other B’s → AAC → ARSA → NWCCU

AAS or CA emphasis → GBC only

Pattern of Study for an AA or AS → GBC only

* AAC items are generally submitted at least 2 weeks before quarterly meetings for the agenda.
* ARSA items must be submitted at least 6 weeks before quarterly meetings for the agenda.
* NWCCU needs to receive the approved program for NWCCU approval with NSHE/ARSA minutes showing approval, and these are generally not approved by NSHE until one quarterly meeting after approval.
* Deactivating or terminating programs generally follows the same pathways. Deactivation has five years to return or die. Reactivation requires the same approval process again.

AAC = Academic Affairs Council (NSHE academic officers)

ARSA = Academic, Research and Student Affairs Committee (NSHE Regents)

DOE = Department of Education

NWCCU = Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities

CA = Certificate of Achievement