6802. VOCATIONAL PROGRAM BIENNIAL REVIEW. In addition to the program review standards, criteria, policies and procedures established pursuant to Board Rule 6801, each college’s vocational or occupational training programs (i.e., degrees or certificates with TOP codes identified as “vocational” in the Chancellor’s Office Taxonomy of Programs) shall be subject to a biennial review. This review of vocational programs shall determine whether the following conditions or criteria are met:

1. The program meets a documented labor market demand;
2. The program does not represent an unnecessary duplication of other vocational or occupational training programs in the area; and
3. The program is of demonstrated effectiveness as measured by the employment and/or completion success of its students.

This review of each of the college’s vocational or occupational training programs shall be scheduled once every two years, and shall include a review and comments from a local Workforce Investment Board. The college shall make written summaries of its biennial review findings available to the public.

Upon completion of the required biennial review of vocational programs, the college’s President and the Academic Senate President shall certify that the vocational programs reviewed meet the criteria listed above and forward this certification to the Chancellor. The Chancellor will then present to the Board of Trustees, as an information item, a list of programs reviewed and certified as meeting the requirements of Education Code section 78016.

If a College President and college Academic Senate determine that a program does not meet the above requirements, the college shall conduct a viability review in accordance with the procedures established under Board Rule 6803. The purpose of a viability review is to determine what measures, if any, should be taken to improve the program. If the program fails to meet the requirements of Education Code section 78016 and this Board Rule, the college shall, in keeping with the provisions of Board Rule 6803.10, consider the program’s termination.

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