

4.81-B Community College Approval Sequence for Curricular Credentials *(updated 10/13/2020)***New Programs**

Approval Body	Applied Associate Degree/Major	Associate Degree/ Major	Certificate	Concentration
CC Department Faculty ¹	X	X	X	X
CC Department Head	X	X	X	X
CC College Curriculum Committee	X	X	X	X
CC Academic Dean or Division Head	X	X	X	X
CC Academic VP	X	X	X	X
CC President ²	X	X	X	X
CC Academic Vice Presidents Committee (CAVP)	X	X	X	X
University Program Academic Committee (UPAC)		X		
NM Higher Education Dept. (NMHED)	X	X	X	
Higher Learning Commission (HLC)	X	X	X	

Curriculum Changes

Approval Body	Applied Associate Degree/Major	Associate Degree/ Major	Certificate	Concentration
CC Department Faculty ¹	X	X	X	X
CC Department Head	X	X	X	X
CC College Curriculum Committee	X	X	X	X
CC Academic Dean or Division Head	X	X	X	X
CC Academic VP	X	X	X	X
CC President ²				
CC Academic Vice Presidents Committee (CAVP)	X	X	X	X
University Program Academic Committee (UPAC)				
NM Higher Education Dept. (NMHED)	If needed	If needed	If needed	
Higher Learning Commission (HLC)	If needed	If needed	If needed	

¹ Depending on campus approval structure. On some campuses, the College Curriculum Committee represents the faculty.

² In light of administrative changes implemented in August of 2020, this approval level refers to the DACC President for programs at DACC or to the Branch Executive Director for programs at the Alamogordo, Carlsbad or Grants campuses.