



# COLLEGE OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC

## OPERATIONAL POLICY

### TOPIC: APPLIED DEGREE PROGRAM APPROVAL

<b>Procedure No.</b>	AC-121	<b>Division</b>	Academics
<b>Related Procedure</b>	AC-121-PR	<b>Board Policy Ref.</b>	GP-RR-904
<b>Related Policies</b>	AC-100 AC-101 AC-104 AC-109	<b>Effective Date</b>	December 20, 2022 (R1)

#### 1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to provide a framework for the development and approval of applied degree programs.

#### 2. POLICY

2.1 It is the policy of the College of the North Atlantic (CNA) that the Academic Council and the Board of Governors must approve the implementation of all new programs where an applied degree will be awarded. Applied degrees offered at a college campus within the province of Newfoundland and Labrador will also require the approval of the Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour.

Recommendations for new programs will be supported by a comprehensive proposal developed per guidelines established for Academic Council.

2.2. It is also the policy of CNA that an approved applied degree program must include the following key components:

- A minimum of 120 Carnegie unit (CU) credits.
- An approved area of applied practice which must include a minimum 84 CUC.

- An approved occupational experience.
- An approved capstone project that will not exceed 6 CU credit hours, and must include an approved internal oral defense evaluation.

**3. PROCEDURE**

The Vice President, Academics and Applied Research shall ensure that procedures are developed and implemented per this policy.

Approval History	
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