



PA State System of Higher Education Board of Governors

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Policy 1984-10: State System of Higher Education Mission

See Also:

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Amended:

1. To strengthen the Commonwealth through its ongoing commitment to excellence in education at the lowest possible cost to students in a broad range of baccalaureate and selected graduate programs consistent with student aspirations and regional, state, national, and international needs.
2. To provide undergraduate and graduate instruction for students to and beyond the master's degree in liberal arts, sciences, the professions, and other applied fields including the teaching profession, with opportunities for research, artistic effort, and scholarly achievement and personal growth consistent with the legislated mission of the State System, and graduate instruction at the doctoral level as provided by Act 188 of 1982.
3. To provide upper division opportunities for students who obtain the first two years of postsecondary education at other institutions.
4. To provide associate degree programs, including pre-professional transfer preparation, essential to serve unmet educational needs in particular geographical areas.
5. To provide continuing education and community and public services in accord with the needs and aspirations of citizens and the social, cultural, economic, and technical needs of the Commonwealth.
6. To meet specialized statewide educational needs and provide public services to the Commonwealth, responding as a system or in cooperation with other Pennsylvania colleges and universities.
7. To serve as regional social, intellectual, and cultural centers.
8. To participate in and help provide leadership for the economic revitalization and development of the Commonwealth.