

Nashua Community College

Academic Program Review – Self Study Guide

Academic Department Chairs

April 2017

Purpose

The Academic Program Review is an essential component of the College's Learning Assessment Process. While a large part of the Learning Assessment Process focuses on the pedagogic aspects of the program, the Academic Program Review provides an opportunity for the Program Coordinator and the Academic Department Chairs to evaluate the program's relevancy and achievement in addressing the needs of the students, the College and the community.

Goals

The primary goals of program review are to:

Identify program goals and relate them to the College's mission and the community's needs.

Ensure that the program still offers the skills needed to compete in its field of specialization and is relevant to current and future job markets and/or four-year college aspirations.

Evaluate the performance of the program in regards to student success, i.e., persistence, completion, transfer, gainful employment and licensure passage rates.

Document the quality and adequacy of program staffing, including the Program Advisory Committee.

Analyze the availability and utilization of educational resources, including technology, software and support services.

Evaluate the overall strengths, weaknesses and needs of the program and describe goals for the future.

Procedure

Any active academic program (associate degree or certificate) will be reviewed by the Academic

review the report and schedule a meeting within two weeks in which the Program Coordinator will be invited to provide an oral summary of the program, followed by comments and questions

Program Strengths, Weaknesses and Needs

Program Review Schedule

Academic Year 2017-2018 Deadlines

Program Review document submitted to Academic Department Chairs - March 31, 2018