

1 AN ACT relating to comprehensive universities.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 164.295 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) The six (6) state comprehensive universities:
- 5 (a) Shall provide, upon approval of the Council on Postsecondary Education,  
6 associate and baccalaureate programs of instruction;
- 7 (b) Shall provide, upon approval of the Council on Postsecondary Education,  
8 graduate programs of instruction at the master's-degree level in education,  
9 business, and the arts and sciences, specialist degrees, and programs beyond  
10 the master's-degree level to meet the requirements for teachers, school  
11 leaders, and other certified personnel; and
- 12 (c) Shall provide research and service programs directly related to the needs of  
13 their primary geographical areas.
- 14 (2) A comprehensive university may provide:
- 15 (a) Programs of a community college nature in their own community comparable  
16 to those listed for the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, as  
17 provided in KRS 164.580;
- 18 (b) Upon approval of the Council on Postsecondary Education, an advanced  
19 practice doctoral program in nursing in compliance with KRS 314.111 and  
20 314.131;~~and~~
- 21 (c) Upon approval of the Council on Postsecondary Education, one (1) or more  
22 additional advanced practice doctoral programs; ***and***
- 23 ***(d) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (6)(b) of this section, upon***  
24 ***fulfilling the requirements promulgated by the Council on Postsecondary***  
25 ***Education in accordance with subsection (7)(a) of this section, no more***  
26 ***than five (5) research doctoral degree programs, including but not limited to***  
27 ***Doctor of Philosophy degree programs, in areas that the council determines***

1                   *directly affect the workforce and economy of Kentucky.*

2       (3) The Council on Postsecondary Education, in consultation with the Advisory  
3       Conference of Presidents pursuant to KRS 164.021, shall develop criteria and  
4       conditions upon which an advanced practice doctoral degree program may be  
5       approved. The criteria shall include but not be limited to a determination of the  
6       academic and workforce needs for a program, consideration of whether the program  
7       can be effectively delivered through a collaborative effort with an existing program  
8       at another public university within the Commonwealth, and the capacity of a  
9       university to effectively offer the program. A university requesting approval of an  
10      advanced practice doctoral program shall be required to provide assurance that  
11      funding for the program will not impair funding of any existing program at any  
12      other public university.

13      (4) The council shall promulgate administrative regulations setting forth the agreed-on  
14      criteria and conditions identified under subsection (3) of this section.

15      (5) The council shall review advanced practice doctorates consistent with its review  
16      schedule for all other academic programs.

17      (6) A comprehensive university shall not:

18      (a) Offer the terminal *degree*~~[degrees]~~ of ~~[Doctor of Philosophy or ]~~Doctor of  
19      Musical Arts; doctor's degrees required for professional practice and licensure  
20      in medicine, veterinary medicine, chiropractic, dentistry, pharmacy, law, or  
21      optometry; or the primary degree required for professional practice and  
22      licensure in architecture. The existing school of law at Northern Kentucky  
23      University is exempted from the requirements of this paragraph; or

24      (b) Describe itself in official publications or in marketing materials as a research  
25      university or research institution *until the comprehensive university fulfills*  
26      *the requirements promulgated by the Council on Postsecondary Education*  
27      *in accordance with subsection (7)(b) of this section.* Nothing in this

1 paragraph shall be construed as precluding a comprehensive university from  
2 conducting basic, applied, or translational research.

3 (7) The Council on Postsecondary Education shall promulgate administrative  
4 regulations in accordance with KRS Chapter 13A to establish requirements for a  
5 comprehensive university to be eligible to:

6 (a) Offer research doctoral degree programs, including but not limited to  
7 Doctor of Philosophy degree programs; or

8 (b) Describe itself in official publications or in marketing materials as a  
9 research university or research institution.