

1 AN ACT relating to advanced practice doctoral programs at comprehensive  
2 universities.

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

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

5 (1) The six (6) state ***comprehensive*** universities:

6 (a) Shall provide, upon approval of the Council on Postsecondary Education,  
7 associate and baccalaureate programs of instruction;

8 (b) Shall provide, upon approval of the Council on Postsecondary Education,  
9 graduate programs of instruction at the master's-degree level in education,  
10 business, and the arts and sciences, specialist degrees, and programs beyond  
11 the master's-degree level to meet the requirements for teachers, school leaders,  
12 and other certified personnel; and

13 (c) Shall provide research and service programs directly related to the needs of  
14 their primary geographical areas.

15 (2) A comprehensive university may provide:

16 (a) Programs of a community college nature in their own community comparable  
17 to those listed for the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, as  
18 provided in KRS 164.580;

19 (b) Upon approval of the Council on Postsecondary Education, an advanced  
20 practice doctoral program in nursing in compliance with KRS 314.111 and  
21 314.131; and

22 (c) Upon approval of the Council on Postsecondary Education, one (1) or more  
23 additional advanced practice doctoral programs~~—in accordance with~~  
24 ~~subsection (3) of this section.~~

25 ~~(3) A maximum of eighteen (18) advanced practice doctoral programs may be offered~~  
26 ~~by the six (6) comprehensive universities, with each of the comprehensive~~  
27 ~~universities assured an opportunity to offer a minimum of two (2) advanced practice~~

1       ~~doctoral programs. The maximum of eighteen (18) advanced practice doctoral~~  
2       ~~programs shall include programs approved under subsection (2)(b) of this section~~  
3       ~~and Ed.D. programs approved under subsection (1)(b) of this section. Upon~~  
4       ~~approval of the eighteenth advanced practice doctoral program, or the expiration of~~  
5       ~~five (5) years from July 12, 2012, whichever occurs first, the Council on~~  
6       ~~Postsecondary Education, in consultation with the Advisory Conference of~~  
7       ~~Presidents, shall assess the review and approval process required by subsection (4)~~  
8       ~~of this section. As part of this assessment, the council shall determine whether the~~  
9       ~~process is meeting the requirements set forth in administrative regulations required~~  
10       ~~by subsection (5) of this section. Upon completion of the assessment, the council~~  
11       ~~may, with the unanimous consent of the Advisory Conference of Presidents, retain~~  
12       ~~the current maximum or recommend a new maximum for consideration of the~~  
13       ~~General Assembly during a regular session of the legislature].~~

14       (3)~~[(4)]~~     The Council on Postsecondary Education, in consultation with the Advisory  
15       Conference of Presidents pursuant to KRS 164.021, shall develop criteria and  
16       conditions upon which an advanced practice doctoral degree program may be  
17       approved. The criteria shall include but not be limited to a determination of the  
18       academic and workforce needs for a program, consideration of whether the program  
19       can be effectively delivered through a collaborative effort with an existing program  
20       at another public university within the Commonwealth, and the capacity of a  
21       university to effectively offer the program. A university requesting approval of an  
22       advanced practice doctoral program shall be required to provide assurance that  
23       funding for the program will not impair funding of any existing program at any  
24       other public university.~~[The university shall make an annual report to the council~~  
25       ~~identifying the full cost of and all funding sources for each approved doctoral~~  
26       ~~program and the performance of each approved program. Nothing in this subsection~~  
27       ~~shall prohibit the council from approving a doctoral program under consideration at~~

1 ~~a comprehensive university prior to the effective date of the administrative~~  
2 ~~regulations required by subsection (5) of this section, provided that the council~~  
3 ~~determines that the conditions and criteria set out in this subsection have been met.]~~

4 ~~(4)~~~~(5)~~ The council shall promulgate administrative regulations setting forth the  
5 agreed-on criteria and conditions identified under subsection ~~(3)~~~~(4)~~ of this section.

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

8 ~~(6) The council shall submit the approval process to the Interim Joint Committee on~~  
9 ~~Education by October 15, 2011.~~

10 ~~(7) The council shall, with the unanimous consent of the members of the Advisory~~  
11 ~~Conference of Presidents pursuant to KRS 164.021, make a recommendation to the~~  
12 ~~Interim Joint Committee on Education as to whether any portion of subsection (2)~~  
13 ~~or (3) of this section should be amended.~~

14 ~~(8)~~ A comprehensive university shall not:

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

22 (b) Describe itself in official publications or in marketing materials as a research  
23 university or research institution. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed  
24 as precluding a comprehensive university from conducting basic, applied, or  
25 translational research.