

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 ***Upon approval of the Council on Postsecondary Education, research***
24 ***doctoral degree programs, including but not limited to Doctor of***
25 ***Philosophy, in areas that the Council on Postsecondary Education***
26 ***determines will directly affect the workforce and economy of Kentucky.***
- 27 (3) The Council on Postsecondary Education, in consultation with the Advisory

1 Conference of Presidents pursuant to KRS 164.021, shall develop criteria and
2 conditions upon which an advanced practice doctoral degree program **and research**
3 **doctoral degree programs** may be approved. The criteria shall include but not be
4 limited to a determination of the academic and workforce needs for a program,
5 consideration of whether the program can be effectively delivered through a
6 collaborative effort with an existing program at another public university within the
7 Commonwealth, and the capacity of a university to effectively offer the program. A
8 university requesting approval of an advanced practice doctoral program **or**
9 **research doctoral degree** shall be required to provide assurance that funding for the
10 program will not impair funding of any existing program at any other public
11 university. **The Council on Postsecondary Education shall not approve a request**
12 **for an advanced practice doctoral degree program or research doctoral degree**
13 **program at a comprehensive university that would interfere with the**
14 **comprehensive university's fulfillment of its mission.**

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

17 (5) The council shall review advanced practice doctorates **and research doctorates**
18 consistent with its review schedule for all other academic programs.

19 (6) A comprehensive university shall not~~;~~

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

26 ~~(b)] describe itself in official publications or in marketing materials as a research~~
27 ~~university or research institution **unless designated as such by a nationally-**~~

1 *recognized authority for the classification of research universities*. Nothing
2 in this *subsection*~~[paragraph]~~ shall be construed as precluding a
3 comprehensive university from conducting basic, applied, or translational
4 research.