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**Academic Actions Notification Checklist, Policy A1.5:**

***Establishment of a Concentration within an Academic Program***

In alignment with the statutory responsibility of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) to review and approve new academic programs, THEC staff maintain the API. The API includes a listing of all academic programs by degree designations, associated concentrations, credit hours, off-campus locations, delivery modes, access to Academic Common Market, and other fields. To maintain the accuracy of the API, institutions must notify THEC of academic program actions as specified in THEC Policy A1.5.

In order to submit academic action notifications, all parts of the appropriate checklist (as delineated below) must be submitted through Formstack. Notifications must be submitted no later than dates listed below.

* May 15 for all actions approved between January 1 and April 30
* August 15 for all actions approved between May 1 and July 31
* January 15 for all actions approved between August 1 and December 31

Please note, notifications may be submitted outside of these dates, and completed requests will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

**Academic Action Notification Checklist – Please complete all information requested. This info will be transferred to the THEC Formstack platform when the Notifications are submitted by the Office of the Provost to THEC.**

1. **Name & email of person completing the form if there are questions from the Provost’s Office.**
2. **Programmatic Accreditor (if applicable)**

* If the program is currently accredited or seeking accreditation, please indicate the programmatic accreditor and status.

1. **Date Approved by UUC or UCGS**

* Date must be in the following format: MM/DD/YYYY

1. **Implementation Date – typically for Fall semester, as in 08/15/20xx**

* Date must be in the following format: MM/DD/YYYY

1. **Federal Classification of Instructional Program (CIP) Code, taken from the THEC Academic Program Inventory (API)**

* CIP should appear in six-digit format (XX.XXXX) [API Search - Dashboard (tn.gov)](https://thec.ppr.tn.gov/AcademicProgramInventorySearch)

**Additional requirements by type of Academic Action Notification**

**Establishment of a new concentration within an existing academic program**

* Academic program title
* New concentration title *(if adding multiple NEW concentrations, please list each separated by a semicolon)*
* Degree designation
* Provide information on the new concentration, including:
  + Justification for the new concentration
  + Expectation of demand for the new concentration
  + Explanation of how the concentration contributes to the overall degree program
  + Identify all courses (course number, title, and credit hours) for the new concentration