STEP 7: Ohio Board of Regents Approval

The Ohio Board of Regents (OBOR) Office of Program Development and Approval reviews and makes recommendation to the Chancellor regarding the approval of the following:

- New associate degree and one-year certificate programs
- **New undergraduate degree programs** proposed by Ohio’s public universities
- New and continuing educator licensure and endorsement programs proposed by Ohio public, private, and out-of-state institutions
- In addition, the Regents’ Advisory Committee of Graduate Study (RACGS) reviews all **graduate degree programs** proposed by Ohio’s public universities

If an institution seeks to do any of the following, an initial inquiry should be submitted to OBOR.

- Seek the Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents’ (OBR) approval for a new program
- Make changes to a previously approved program
- Seek continuing approval for educator preparation licensure/endorsement program

### Standards and Procedures for Academic Program Approval

The standards and procedures for academic program approval are pursuant to Chapter 1713 of the Ohio Revised Code and Chapters 333-1.04 (associate degrees), 333-1.05 (bachelor’s degrees), 333-1-07 (graduate programs) of the Ohio Administrative Code.

A program approval manual, *Ohio Board of Regents’ Guidelines and Procedures for Academic Program Review*, and more information about procedures is available at the OBOR website: [https://www.ohiohighered.org/academic-program-approval](https://www.ohiohighered.org/academic-program-approval)


### Ohio University Processes

**UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS:** The academic program/unit is responsible for preparing and submitting required documentation to the OBOR for program notification/approval, per guidelines.

**GRADUATE PROGRAMS:** The academic program/unit should contact the graduate college during planning for more info about the procedures and documents required by OBR. Contact, Associate Dean of Graduate College.

A sample of the proposal submitted to OBOR by the BSTOM follows on page 77.