

**Tennessee Higher Education Commission
Low-Producing Program Criteria**

1. Programs central to general education are not included in review.
2. New programs created within the previous five year period are not included (these are reviewed annually through Tennessee Higher Education Commission's post-approval monitoring reports until the first cycle has been completed).
3. Programs in phase-out status are not included.
4. Programs classified as areas of critical demand in the next decade are not included.
 5. **Low-producing is defined** as follows:
 - a. Associate degree – avg. <10 graduates per year over the previous 5-year period
 - b. Baccalaureate degree – avg. <10 graduates per year over the previous 5-year period
 - c. Master's degree – avg. <5 graduates per year over the previous 5-year period
 - d. Doctoral degree – avg. <3 graduates per year over the previous 5-year period
 - e. All certificates – avg. <10 graduates per year over the previous 5-year period

Programs not meeting the degree/certificate generation criteria above take on the designation of "Low Producing Program" and are placed on "Monitoring" status.