

# How Do We Make This Happen?



Implementing the  
2014 Core Curriculum  
Across the State

# A New Core Curriculum for Each College and University

- ▶ October 27, 2011 → November 30, 2013:  
Each public institution that offers an academic undergraduate degree must design a new core curriculum that accords with the 2014 Texas Core Curriculum.
  - **Faculty** should have responsibility for developing the new curriculum, and for ensuring that each course selected for inclusion will meet the required Foundational Component Area (FCA) criteria, including all Core Objectives for the FCA.

- ▶ On or before November 30, 2013:
  - each institution must submit the new institutional core curriculum to the Coordinating Board for approval. Institutional curricula must be in compliance with the law and rules.
- ▶ On or before February 1, 2014:
  - THECB Staff will evaluate each institutional core curriculum to be sure that there are no problems, and will provide approval and/or constructive feedback if any changes are needed.
- ▶ Statewide implementation = fall 2014 term

# Who is responsible for selecting the courses for the core on our campus?

Each institution determines its own process and procedures for course approval.

Best practices and accreditation guidelines generally place the faculty in a position of responsibility for curricular decisions.



The Chief Academic Officer or Chief Instructional Officer should send courses approved for inclusion in the institution's core curriculum to Coordinating Board staff during fall 2013.

# What will the Coordinating Board want to see?

- ▶ CB staff are currently developing forms that each institution will use to submit their new core curriculum.
- ▶ Staff will ensure the courses meet all requirements (i.e., the content of a course is appropriate to the component area identified, all core objectives for the selected component area are covered in the course, the number of semester credit hours are within prescribed parameters) and give final approval.



At a minimum, institutions should be prepared to include:

- A brief description of the process used to ensure compliance with CB Rules and Texas statutes;
- A list of institutionally-nominated courses for each Foundational Component Area (FCA);
- A list of any courses specified by the institution to fulfill the Component Area Option (CAO), and information about those courses as required in CB Rules;
- Assurances that each course includes content and learning activities that allow students to achieve an institutionally-designated level of attainment for the Core Objectives required.

Forms for institutions to use are currently in development.



# Sample Institutional Timeline

Spring 2012:  
Develop process for  
creating the new Core

Fall 2012:  
Course Submission,  
Review, and Revision

Spring–Summer 2013:  
Continue and finalize  
Course Submissions

Fall 2013: Submission to CB



**For more information and  
an ever-expanding FAQ:**

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