

## POLICY STATEMENT

Policy Category:	<i>Post-Secondary Learning Act</i>
Policy Title:	Funding of Degree Programs
Effective Date:	July 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2007

**Whereas** the Post-Secondary Learning Act enables college-platform institutions to seek full-baccalaureate degree status for individual programs;

**Whereas** the Campus Alberta Quality Council and its' extensive program review processes exist to ensure that degree programs administered by colleges meet quality standards<sup>1</sup>, and that all students receive quality education regardless of the type of institution they attend;

**Whereas** colleges are able to create Alternative Academic Councils to provide a university-like academic environment;

**Whereas** the Government of Alberta, through the above measures, and through the approval of college degree programs, has made the commitment to allow full-baccalaureate degrees to be administered by colleges;

**Whereas** institutions who will be offering university-level degrees require additional funding to support the development of these degrees, their implementation, and ongoing delivery, as well as additional academic resources such as library holdings, research equipment, and faculty with PhD credentials;

**Whereas** the Post-Secondary Learning Act does not require the Government of Alberta to offer funding equivalent to university-level access funding for degree programs offered at colleges;

**BIRT** the Government of Alberta provide access funding to colleges commensurate with programs instead of institution type;

**BIFRT** the Government of Alberta provide adequate funding to institutions which it has permitted to offer degree programs, so that they may offer said degrees in a university-like environment, including the provision of academic resources at least of the same levels as the minimum requirements for universities;

**BIFRT** all funding for these programs and associated resources be offered to colleges on an ongoing basis.

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.caqc.gov.ab.ca/PSSstandard/pdfs/Quality\\_assessment\\_standards\\_program\\_revised.pdf](http://www.caqc.gov.ab.ca/PSSstandard/pdfs/Quality_assessment_standards_program_revised.pdf)