

~~Practical Masters Graduate Professional Certificate Program under certain circumstances; defining certain terms requiring the President of an institution of higher education to notify the institution's governing board and the Maryland Higher Education Commission of the institution's intent to establish a Graduate Professional Certificate Program; requiring the Program to be approved and implemented consistent with certain provisions; defining a certain term; making this Act contingent on the taking effect of another Act; and generally relating to the establishment of a Practical Masters Program within the University System of Maryland Graduate Professional Certificate Program for institutions of higher education.~~

BY adding to

Article - Education

Section 11-206.2

Annotated Code of Maryland

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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Education

11-206.2.

(A) (1) ~~IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.~~

(2) ~~"EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS" MEANS THE PREREQUISITE COURSE OF STUDY, ACADEMIC CREDIT HOURS, AND FORMAL DEGREE AWARDS NECESSARY TO SATISFY THE MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR LICENSURE OR CERTIFICATION IN A PROFESSION OR AN OCCUPATION ESTABLISHED BY A LICENSING OR CERTIFYING ENTITY UNDER THE BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS ARTICLE.~~

(3) ~~"PRACTICAL MASTERS PROGRAM" MEANS A PROGRAM THAT OFFERS GRADUATE LEVEL COURSES TO SATISFY THE EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS BEYOND THE BACCALAUREATE LEVEL TO QUALIFY FOR LICENSURE OR CERTIFICATION IN A PROFESSION OR AN OCCUPATION.~~

(B) ~~SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE INSTITUTION'S GOVERNING BOARD AS PROVIDED IN § 11-206.1(B) OF THIS SUBTITLE, A CONSTITUENT INSTITUTION OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND THAT OFFERS A COURSE OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDY IN A DEGREE PROGRAM THAT SATISFIES THE EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS UP TO THE BACCALAUREATE LEVEL OF A PROFESSION OR OCCUPATION, MAY ESTABLISH A PRACTICAL MASTERS PROGRAM.~~

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "GRADUATE PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE PROGRAM" MEANS A PROGRAM THAT:

(1) OFFERS AND AWARDS A GRADUATE CERTIFICATE FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE NUMBER OF COURSES REQUIRED BY THE APPROPRIATE