

# Guideline for Academic Definitions

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## Program and Related Terms<sup>1</sup>

Term	Definition Components
<b>Academic Content</b>	
<b>Degree Program</b>	Degree programs regularly have special/unique: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Admissions</li> <li>• Content/curriculum</li> <li>• Diploma</li> </ul> 50% difference in curriculum/courses between degree programs  Impact on transcript: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Degree noted on transcript</li> </ul> Impact on diploma: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Degree noted on diploma</li> </ul>
<b>Concentration</b>	Curriculum/content must have at least 20% difference in curriculum/courses between other programs in these areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Courses, practicum, and/or research</li> </ul> Must have enough qualified faculty (according to professional accreditation standards) to teach/guide a concentration  Must have appropriate clinical practice sites, if applicable  Impact on transcript: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concentration may be noted on transcript depending on program's needs</li> </ul> Impact on diploma: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concentration may be noted on diploma depending on program's needs</li> </ul>
<b>Specialization</b>	Adds to the concentration  Impact on transcript: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specialization <i>not</i> noted on transcript</li> </ul> Impact on diploma: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specialization <i>not</i> noted on diploma</li> </ul>

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