



# R312, Institutional Roles and Missions



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### R312-1 Purpose

**1.1** To provide general principles for roles for institutions in the Utah System of Higher Education ("USHE"), to establish and define institutional roles, and to provide guidelines for institutional missions.

**1.2** The following principles are essential to USHE and should be reflected in institutional roles:

**1.2.1** Institutional and programmatic excellence;

**1.2.2** Commitment to access and opportunities for all students including underrepresented, underserved, traditional, nontraditional, secondary, and post-secondary students, as well as students from urban and rural areas;

**1.2.3** Efficiency and accountability, including avoiding unnecessary duplication of programs, resources, and effort;

**1.2.4** Meeting the state's workforce needs; and

**1.2.5** Benefit to surrounding communities.

### R-312-2 References

**2.1** [Utah Code Title 53B, Chapter 6](#), State System of Higher Education – Master Planning

**2.2** [Utah Code § 53B-1-101.5](#), Definitions

**2.3** [Utah Code § 53B-20-106](#), Technical Colleges – Duties

**2.4** [Utah Code § 53B-20-202](#), Degree-granting Institutions That Provide Technical Education – Duties – Board Evaluation

**2.5** [Utah Code § 53B-16-101](#), Establishment of Institutional Roles and General Courses of Study

**2.6** [Board Policy R165](#), Concurrent Enrollment

**2.7** [Board Policy R315](#), Designation of Service Regions

**2.8** [Board Policy R401](#), Approval of New Programs, Program Changes, Discontinued Programs, and Program Report

**2.9** [Board Policy R411](#), Cyclical Institutional Program Reviews

### R312-3 Definitions

**3.1** "Academic Program" means an educational program other than technical education offered by a degree-granting institution. Academic programs include academic certificates and associate, bachelor's, graduate, and professional degrees.

**3.2** "Concurrent Enrollment" is defined by [Board Policy R165](#).

**3.3** "Degree-granting Institution" means an institution described in [Utah Code section 53B-1-102\(1\)\(a\)](#).

**3.4** "Flagship" means the first public higher education institution in Utah.

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