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1. **Adequacy of Funding** – The chief executive officer shall sign the following statement:

   *I certify that the institution has adequate funds to cover the costs of the new program. Furthermore, the new program will not reduce the effectiveness or quality of existing programs at the institution.*

   
   [Signature]

   Chief Executive Officer

   4/7/08

   Date

2. **Board of Regents Approval** – A member of the Board of Regents or designee shall sign the following statement:

   *On behalf of the Board of Regents, I certify that the Board of Regents has approved the program.*

   
   [Signature]

   Board of Regents (Designee)

   4/11/08

   Date of Approval

3. **Board of Regents Certification of Criteria for Commission**

   For a program to be approved by the Commissioner or the Board of Regents or designee, a program must meet the criteria under TAC Section 5.50 (b): The criteria stipulate that the new program must:

   1. be within the institution’s current Table of Programs;
   2. have a curriculum, faculty, resources, support service comparable to those of high quality programs in like institutions;
   3. have sufficient clinical or in-service sites, if applicable;
   4. be consistent with the standards of the Commission on Colleges and Schools and, if applicable, with the standards and licensing agencies;
   5. attract students on a long-term basis and produce graduates for smooth progression to graduate employment; or the program is appropriate for the development of baccalaureate degree programs at the institution;
   6. not unnecessarily duplicate existing programs at other institutions;
   7. not be dependent on future Special Item funding;
   8. have new five-year costs that would not exceed $2 million.

   *On behalf of the Board of Regents, I certify that the new program meets the criteria specified under TAC Section 5.50 (b).*

   
   [Signature]

   Board of Regents (Designee)

   6/11/08

   Date