

New AOP Guidelines

If a department is interested in developing an Accelerated Online Program, the following guidelines are required:

Essential structure

1. Students are able to finish the program in less than 2 years
2. Five entry points throughout the year
3. Online courses, which are mostly in an 8-week format

Demand

1. Toulouse Graduate School (TGS) staff will work with departments to assess the need and market for the degree. Job outlook can be assessed through such vehicles as the Occupational Outlook Handbook: <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/>).
2. TGS staff will help identify other university competition from the list of online programs at other public universities.
 - a. Is the program or a similar program online at another university?
 - b. Is the program at a Texas university?
 - c. Is the program in the DFW area?
 - d. Is the program accelerated?
3. TGS staff will help determine if the degree program is available at a private college in Texas or the North Texas area.

Considerations

1. Programs must have potential for a large number of newly enrolled students without shifting students in a currently successful traditional program to the online format.
2. Programs must be able to generate revenue and produce a high ROI.
3. Programs must have the resources to convert courses and teach in an online format.
4. Programs must go through CLEAR to convert courses to an online format.

Evaluation

1. Programs will be evaluated by Vice Provost of TGS, Provost, VP for Academic Resources, and the Vice Provost for Finance and Administration annually regarding enrollments and revenue.

Funding model

1. The AOP funding model will distribute a percentage of tuition revenue (after 25 percent share among six administrative units) to the college/department.
2. This model will be evaluated annually and modified as needed.