

**Instructional Services Administrators  
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**Position Statement  
System-wide Curriculum, Advisory Committees  
and General Education**

In order to maximize our efficiency and effectiveness, WTCS colleges are increasingly engaging in system-wide curriculum identification and development. Content, rigor, trends and sequencing are carefully considered and addressed during these collaborative curriculum and program development processes. These changes are causing us to re-examine the impact of system-wide curriculum on the faculty involved in delivery and our employers and students. Examples of recent system-wide development and implementation include:

Associate Degree Nursing  
Supervisory Management  
Paralegal Associate Degree  
Instructional Assistant

All associate degree and diploma programs have advisory committees which are composed of employers and employees from related business and industry. Primary functions of advisory committees include:

1. Provide a link between the Technical College, the Technical College System, and the businesses we serve.
2. Identify employment needs.
3. Review instructional facilities and equipment.
4. Assist in placement of graduates.
5. Assist in recruitment of students.
6. Recommend qualifications for adjunct and full-time faculty/staff.
7. Arrange, recommend and participate in work based learning experiences.
8. Recommend marketing strategies.
9. Validate program outcomes and summative assessment activities