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Notes for the July 2026 release:

ESM Chapters

Chapter 2 Program Requirements:

- Focus area guidance issued in June 2026 integrated into new subsection in Chapter 2: Focus Areas.

Chapter 3 Creating a New Program:

- Addition of modernized career cluster and pathway codes and names for FY26-27; previous codes and names designated “legacy”.

Chapter 7 Course Requirements:

- Modification monitoring schedule information updated to current procedure; CCML form will be sent to WTCS colleges. Removed obsolete guidance.
- Third-party guidance issued in April 2026 integrated into new section in Chapter 7: Third-Party Engagement: Instruction, Curriculum and Courses.

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2026 dates for release are:

August 28
September 25
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