

281—25.11(260I) Oversight. Statewide oversight, evaluation, and reporting efforts for the gap tuition assistance program are coordinated by the department pursuant to the terms of Iowa Code section 260I.10.

25.11(1) A steering committee consisting of the Iowa department of education, the Iowa workforce development department, and community college continuing education deans and directors is established to determine whether the performance measures of the gap tuition assistance program are being met and to correct any deficiencies. The steering committee will meet at least quarterly to evaluate and monitor the performance of the gap tuition assistance program.

25.11(2) A common intake tracking system is established pursuant to Iowa Code section 260I.10(2).

25.11(3) The steering committee will develop the required program criteria for PACE and gap tuition assistance-certified programs to be eligible for tuition assistance and program funding. These criteria will be developed based on best practices in the development and delivery of career pathway programs that provide a clear sequence of education coursework and credentials aligned with regional workforce skill needs; clearly articulate from one level of instruction to the next; combine occupational skills and remedial adult education; lead to the attainment of a credential or degree; assist with job placement; and provide wraparound social and socioeconomic support services with the goal of increasing the individual's skills attainment and employment potential.

25.11(4) To ensure efficient delivery of services, the department, in consultation with the community colleges, may redistribute funds available to the community colleges for purposes of this division.

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