

COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA-FSM

BOARD POLICY No. 2004

Enabling Law

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The Seventh Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia through Public Law No. 7-79 established the College of Micronesia-FSM as a public corporation and as the postsecondary educational entity within the Federated States of Micronesia to serve the varied postsecondary and adult educational needs of the nation. As such, the college is mandated to:

1. Provide for such services as postsecondary instruction, teacher training, continuing education, cultural education, adult basic education, vocational education, extension services, post-high school college preparatory instruction and assistance, administration of postsecondary education financial assistance programs for students attending COM-FSM, monitoring COM-FSM student performance, and other postsecondary education related functions;
2. Maintain accreditation by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and other appropriate accreditation institutions;
3. Develop and offer certificate and degree programs in fields that will meet the development and manpower needs of the states and the nation;
4. Assist, when requested, in any training and education programs and services currently being provided to adults and out-of-school youths by various public and private agencies and organizations;
5. Develop and conduct outreach programs where there is an established need and available funding;
6. Serve as an instruction, research and extension site for Land Grant programs for COM and/or COM-FSM, be eligible to receive funding, endowments and interest available to Land Grant institutions, and provide instruction, training, coordination, assistance and financial and other support for Land Grant programs;
7. Coordinate with other educational institutions in the Micronesian region and other locations, for such matters as the transfer of credits and programs, reciprocal treatment of students for immigration, work-study, and other purposes, coordination of exchange programs, joint and cooperative research or educational programs, and such other matters that deal with the cooperative interactions between COM-FSM and other educational institutions;
8. Coordinate and cooperate with the respective education departments in each of the states and with the national government department of human resources, division of education, for the effective shared use of resources, including, but not limited to, facilities, equipment, personnel, technical assistance, funding, and educational support services;

9. Conduct and support research relevant to the needs of the states and the national government of the Federated States of Micronesia to the degree funding is available particularly as relevant to assessing ongoing training, educational, and technological needs;
10. Administer, coordinate, and provide services related to postsecondary student financial assistance provided by governmental and other sources for students attending COM-FSM and other affiliated programs;
11. Serve as a postsecondary education testing center;
12. Support and fund continuing education centers and/or other affiliated programs in the states;
13. Upon specific request, serve as an assisting and coordinating agency for all postsecondary education activities conducted within the Federated States of Micronesia when requested by other agencies and organizations; and
14. Provide other postsecondary and adult education related activities as determined by the board and as financially feasible.