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53H-1-101 Title 53H Definitions.

As used in this title:

- (1)
 - (a) "Academic education" means an educational program that:
 - (i) is offered by an institution of higher education described in Subsection 53H-1-102(1)(a); and
 - (ii) leads to academic certificates or associate, bachelor's, graduate, or professional degrees as the board defines.
 - (b) "Academic education" does not include technical education.
- (2) "Board" means the Utah Board of Higher Education described in Section 53H-1-203.
- (3) "Career and technical education" means an educational program that:
 - (a) is designed to meet industry needs;
 - (b) leads to:
 - (i) a certificate offered by an institution described in Subsection 53H-1-102(1)(b) or Section 53H-3-609; or
 - (ii) a degree; and
 - (c) may qualify for funding under the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act of 2006, 20 U.S.C. 2301 et seq.
- (4) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of higher education appointed in accordance with Section 53H-1-302.
- (5) "Degree-granting institution of higher education" or "degree-granting institution" means an institution of higher education described in Subsection 53H-1-102(1)(a).
- (6) "Institution board of trustees" or "board of trustees" means:
 - (a) a degree-granting institution of higher education board of trustees described in Section 53H-3-202; or
 - (b) a technical college board of trustees described in Section 53H-3-205.
- (7) "Institution of higher education" or "institution" means an institution of higher education listed in Subsection 53H-1-102(1)(a) and (b) and includes:
 - (a) a branch or affiliated institution; or
 - (b) a campus or facilities owned, operated, or controlled by the board of trustees of the institution of higher education.
- (8)
 - (a) "Private postsecondary educational institution" means an institution that:
 - (i) does not receive direct funding through state appropriations; and
 - (ii) provides higher education programs.
 - (b) "Private postsecondary educational institution" includes:
 - (i) a private nonprofit college or university; and
 - (ii) a private for-profit college or university.
- (9) "Technical college" means an institution of higher education described in Subsection 53H-1-102(1)(b).
- (10)
 - (a) "Technical education" means an educational program that:
 - (i) is offered by an institution of higher education described in Subsection 53H-1-102(1)(a) and (b), or a degree-granting institution acting in the degree-granting institution's technical education role described in Section 53H-3-609;
 - (ii) prepares students for employment in occupations that do not require a degree; and
 - (iii) meets the needs of Utah's employers for technically skilled workers.
 - (b) "Technical education" does not include general education.

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