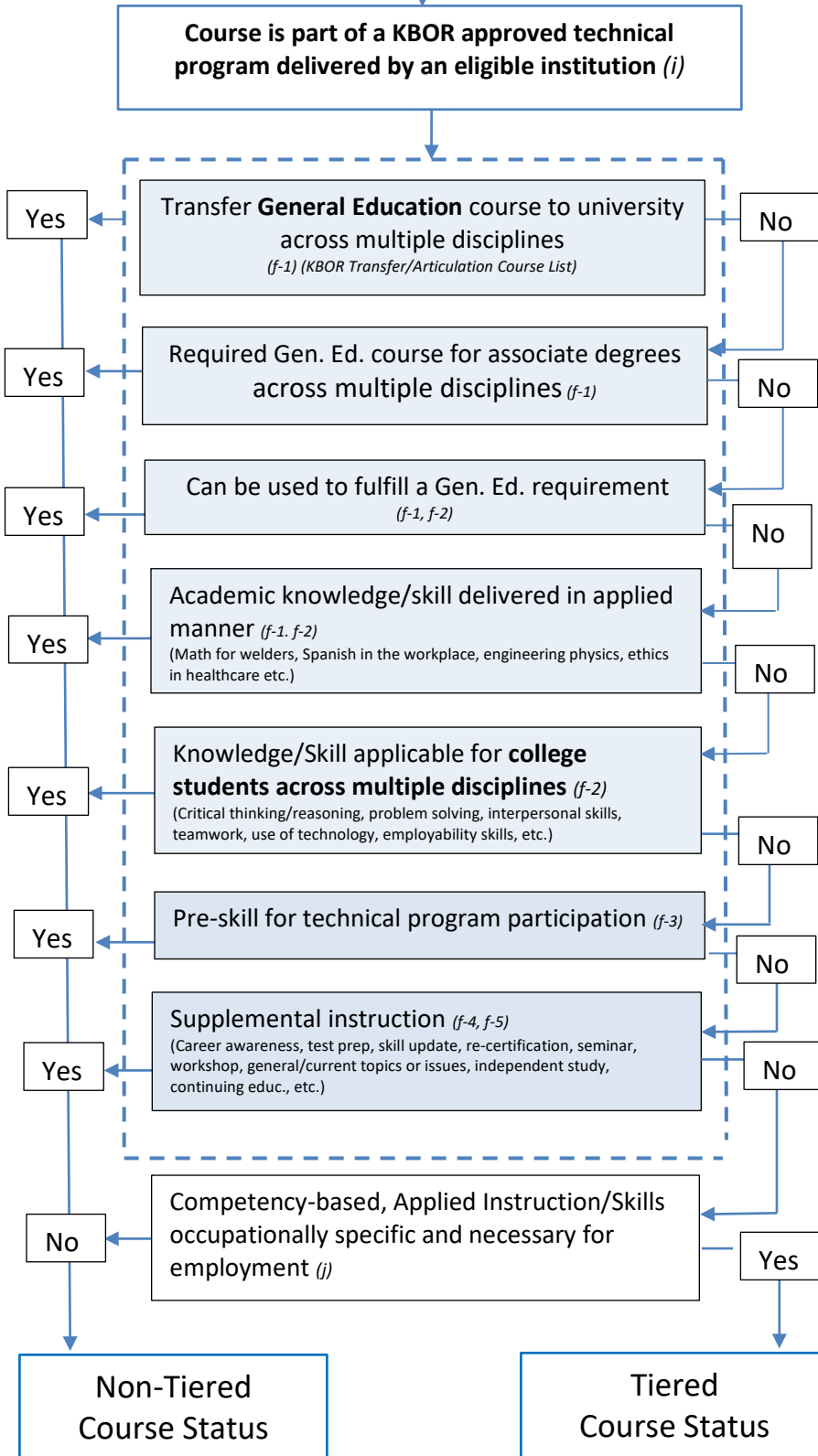


Review Process for Tiered/Non-Tiered Course Status

Process

Statute—K.S.A. 71-1802



(i) **Technical Program:** means any program of study comprised of a sequence of tiered technical courses and non-tiered courses, which program is identified by the state board as a technical program for funding purposes. Technical programs must:

- Be designed to prepare individuals for gainful employment in current or emerging technical occupations requiring other than a baccalaureate or advance degree;
- lead to technical skill proficiency, industry-recognized credential, certificate, or associate degree; and
- Be delivered by an eligible institution.

(f) **Non-Tiered Course:** means any postsecondary credit-bearing course offered by an eligible institution and identified by the state board as not meeting the definition of a tiered technical course. Non-tiered courses include courses that are generally designed to:

1. **Contribute to academic knowledge or skills across multiple disciplines and occupations,** such as communications, writing, mathematics, humanities, social or behavioral science, and natural or physical science, some of which may be considered for transfer as general education credit toward a baccalaureate degree;
2. **contribute to general knowledge or skills** in areas such as critical thinking and reasoning, problem solving, use of technology, and teamwork skills;
3. **provide instruction in basic or foundational skills necessary for individuals to effectively participate in technical programs;**
4. **prepare individuals for certification or licensure exams or re-certifications and skill updates;** or
5. **allow individuals to explore career opportunities.** Seminars, workshops, or other courses that are supplemental to the primary instruction required for the occupationally specific technical program shall be considered non-tiered courses, unless otherwise specified by the state board.

(j) **Tiered Technical Course:** means a postsecondary credit bearing course included in the sequence of courses comprising a technical program, which course is itself designed to provide:

- **Competency-based applied instruction**
- To prepare individuals with **occupationally specific knowledge and skills necessary for employment,** and which the state board has identified as a tiered technical course.